



August 2, 2020



What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and what does it have to do with you?

The RCIA is a journey — a process of conversion both for a person who is interested in becoming Catholic and those who already are.

Most Catholics experienced the process of becoming Catholic in a gradual way: Baptized as an infant, we grew up in Catholic homes, with a Catholic education, and came to share in the Sacramental life of the Church as we grew up. The RCIA becomes an opportunity to ask ourselves what the real meaning of our faith is — and how we share that faith with others.

Others come to the Catholic Church as adults. Some are already Baptized Catholic, but without religious formation; some Baptized in another faith tradition; and some having never been Baptized.

Adults interested in the Catholic Church come to us because they were invited by a spouse, a fiancée, friend, neighbor or parishioner. Some are reluctant to take the first step — to approach the priest, or deacon, or call the rectory. But often they do come when someone is willing to take the risk and INVITE them.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Matthew 14:19

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Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00 am in Church

Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:30 pm in Church

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This & That by Deacon Skip

I had an interesting zoological kind of day this past week. On the way out my door for one of my walks, I saw an actual bumble bee working on my butterfly bush. I have not seen a bee of any size, shape, or description in a long time. In fact, scientists are worried that there is a shortage of bees in general and what effect that shortage will have on growing crops.

It wasn't always this way, I remember as a kid on summer vacation we would routinely catch bees in Mason Jars, punch holes in the lid, and keep them. I have no idea why we did that. Eventually one mother or another would tell us we had to release the bees. This was back in the days when any parent on the block had authority to give directions to any kid on the block.

Not only did I see a bee, I saw a garter snake. I stumbled on one before while walking the trail along Tonquish Creek, but this time I saw one moving across someone's lawn. It was probably a young adult; it was about 12 to 15 inches long. There is a kind of sinister quality ascribed to snakes, but garter snakes are actually good citizens. They eat bugs and mice.

The Festival folks are close to declaring a garage sale in the early fall. Please do not drop off anything at the parish until they give us the high sign. There is literally no room for anything at this time and there is still a fair amount of concern about which direction Covid-19 will take. In anticipation of a sale these are the things WE CANNOT TAKE.

Clothes. Period. No Clothes. None. No clothes.

Computers

Did I mention Clothes?

Encyclopedias. Actually books in general; they don't move, but definitely no encyclopedias.

Clothes. Not even if Giorgio Armani sewed that little something himself on a Singer Portable on his dining room table.

Furniture

If anyone is trying to clear out a deceased loved one's house, please take a moment to go through those boxes retrieved from the attic and check them for appropriateness for a church garage sale. Every year we receive something that would put us on the evening news if we sold it. The example that comes to mind is the time we received a Nazi flag. I'm sure that Grandpa did not run a secret cell; the flag was probably a battlefield souvenir. At the same time, this church, or any church, could not put it up for sale. We had to toss it in the nearest available dumpster.

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 2, 2020

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Monday, August 3, 2020

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102;
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18,
19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint
Mary Major**

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday, August 7, 2020

**Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest**

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12,
13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



GARAGE SALE NEWS

Hey! We're having a parish Garage Sale! This Garage Sale will be like no other we've ever had! We will be practicing social distancing, wearing masks & gloves, taking temperatures, and having one-way aisles for our guests to search through the treasures that have been donated.

Not having our parish Festival has caused a financial burden on our parish. The Festival committee has decided to take a few of the highlighted areas of our Festival and have them as individual events. We have no idea how this will turn out but we have to try. As you already know, we are having our Festival Raffle. Now we are having our Festival Garage Sale. The Garage Sale will be Sept. 17, 18, & 19th. We will



be accepting donations to the parish garage beginning August 7th. Our Garage Sale chair people Deacon Skip and Dolly Morrow have made a list of "what not to donate". Please read Deacon's article for details on that. By the way... **NO CLOTHES.** When the

treasures start coming in, we will be asking for help to sort and set up the Garage Sale. Let's stick together and continue to be the strong, hardworking parish that we always have been! God Bless!

Jill Kolpacke & Tom Pociask

BOTTLE DRIVE
FUNDRAISING





We are no longer collecting bottles and cans for the pantry.
Thank you for all of your support!

Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771



The Ministries Building will be open EVERY Thursday from 10am-1pm to drop off donations for the pantry. Cash or check offerings for the pantry should be clearly marked as such. Please enter using the side doors facing the

parking lot across from the Parish Office Building. At this time, we are in great need of items to help the hungry in our community. Items needed are Kleenex, spaghetti noodles, mustard and ketchup, Bush's baked beans, jam/jelly, peanut butter, hamburger helper, Rice-A-Roni, instant potatoes, cereal, and **SMALL** bottles of laundry soap and dish soap. It is very important that you donate the **SMALL** bottles and not the large ones because the items are weighed with the food and the large bottles are very heavy, therefore people are unable to take food items they might need. Many of these items can be purchased at your local Dollar Store. These times are only for dropping off donations. Anyone wanting to receive items from the pantry needs to call to schedule an appointment at (734) 425-9771.

First Saturday Memorial Association 2020-2021

The St. Thomas the Apostle First Saturday Memorial Association is a special offering made by the parishioners celebrated on the first Saturday of every month at the 4:30 PM Mass throughout the year.

These intentions will be published weekly in our bulletin. New membership will begin July 2020 and run through June 2021. Cost is \$75.00 for the year.

Please fill out the information below and return it in an envelope with your payment through the collection basket, mail or dropped it off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

INTENTION: _____

Please PRINT clearly ONLY ONE LINE PER INTENTION.

Worship Schedule		August 8 & 9, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	PHIL BUSTOS	DAVID ANDERSON	ASHLEY ASENCIO
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	DEBBIE FULAN DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	IRENE PATTOCK	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+ALBERT BATCHIK +RUTH DAY	+BRUCE CHERWINSKI	+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOLESKI FAMILY +MARGE BROTHERS

Węzkday Massęs

August 3-7, 2020

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+JULIE PAULUS

+BRUCE CHERWINSKI

Thursday, August 6

+BERNARD A. FOX

Friday, August 7

+GENEVIEVE MICHALOWSKI

Węzkend Collection

July 25 & 26, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$6,430.00

Loose contributions: 371.01

Total Sunday Offertory \$ 6,801.01

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00

Below the budgeted amount **-3,602.99**

Total # of envelopes 152

Average envelope contribution \$44.75

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Utility \$105.00

Holy Day \$ 15.00

TOTAL \$ 120.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish.

Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Cunningham, John	Levoir, Lorraine	Pastula, Shirley	Tomasi, Jack
Ainsworth, Ron	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Persondek, Cristin	Vaughn, Kelly
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Woodward, Todd
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Sam	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Wysocki, Ken
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen	Zonca, Barbara
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Mathison, Bonnie	(Maggie)	Ziolkowski, Norm
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Mathison, Jackie	Rawlings, Therese	
Asini, Margaret	Gau, Sandy	Mayfield, Sally	Robertson, Michael	
Bargardi, Carl	Gorsuch, Eric	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Bargardi, Frances	Hamm, Jo	Merritt, Dan	Romanowski, Ronald	
Bartlett, Carol	Hayes, Jacqueline	Miklousich, Lena	Saenz, Carlos	
Boyak, Carolyn	Henry, Bernadine	Mirabitor, Timmy	Sanregret, Anna	
Bufalini, Rose	Herlihy, Patrick	Mocadlo, Audrey	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Skorupa, Peter	
Burke, Larry	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Stacherski, Ann	
Burrell, Fred	Jones, Marie	Murray, Colleen	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris, Nikita	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Sulkowski, Karen	
Burris Family	Kleczynski, Richard	Needham, Jim	Summet, Fred	
Chicila, Pam	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Szura, Samantha	
	Kusluski, Walter	Niemczewski, Gordon	Tetreau, Audrey	
	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Thomas, Michael	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
Special Intention of DAK	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Kapanke-Omilian Families	
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan	
Angel Danny P. Pepera	
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera	
In loving memory of Joseph Potter	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	Yount, Alex
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



Missy Taylor
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION
 2020-2021 REGISTRATION**

We will now be accepting registrations for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Forms will be mailed to our existing families who had students enrolled in the program this year. The forms are also available on our website, and in the Gathering Space of the Church. I can always send them by email to those interested as well. Our date to return is Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Although we completed the year in a strong online program, we hope to resume our "normal" style of learning. Please remember it is NEVER too late to sign children up for this program. We have catch-up classes for those who have not had previous catechesis. We look at each case on an individual basis. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

**WE HOPE
 YOU CAN JOIN US!!!**



**CLASSES BEGIN
 SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!!



Mathieu Vermette graduated from Livonia Franklin High School. At Franklin, he studied drama and appeared in several plays there. He auditioned for and became a member of "Bell Canto Choir," where his peers voted him most likely to be on SNL. After earning his Associates Degree from Schoolcraft College, he will attend University of Detroit—Mercy to study theater. Congratulations Mathieu and may God bless you as you continue your studies!

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATE OF 2020, we would love to hear from you!

Please let your parish family honor you for your accomplishments. Please send me a photo of you (either a senior photo or one in cap and gown) along with information as to what school you graduated from, any honors you received along the way, and future plans. I will spotlight a new graduate each week in the bulletin and post all graduates to our social media pages as I receive them and leave them up on our pages throughout the summer.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and may God bless you and watch over you as you enter into this new phase of your journey!

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