

One of the great heroes of the early days of our country was John Paul Jones. He was a naval officer and to him went the honor of displaying on his ship, for the first time, the national flag of the United States.

"The Star-Spangled Banner," composed four stanzas for what became our national anthem. The last stanza is as follows:

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved home and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven rescued land,
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto—"In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

The national anthem in totality may be found in Hugh Graham's Great American Stories, Poems and Essays, 1987.

WHY HAVE FLAG DAY

A nation's flag is much more than a piece of cloth with a "trademark" or "logo." We set aside a day honoring our nation's symbol because the flag is an emblem of the nation behind it. As Francis Bellamy stated, "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the government, the principles, the truths, the history which belong to the nation."

DID YOU KNOW... IN 2020

- Cedar Point is celebrating its 150th Anniversary
- Detroit Radio WWJ (950 AM) is celebrating its 100th Anniversary
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) 2019-2020 season celebrates Orchestra Hall's 100th Anniversary

Temporary Mass Times

(beginning May 26, 2020)

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

In the past I've written of my attempts to find an easier way to enter the Holliday nature preserve other than my usual vaulting over the guard rail on Wayne Road. I am pleased to announce that I have found three entries, one off Ann Arbor Trail, one at the end of Farmington road, and one off Central City Parkway. I can't claim much of a victory. All three entrances are just under 1.5 miles one way. There is a fourth, closer entry off Joy Road, but that entry is totally undeveloped, so not much of an entry.

Somehow I stumbled on Kathy's pedometer she won when she was a member of T.O.P.S. I reset the stride length to mine and can say that I've been walking 6 to 7 miles per day routinely. I've also seen deer twice and think I heard a deer snorting the last time I was in there, so I may have gotten close to where one had bedded down for the day.

Last week in his article, Fr. Larry mentioned our plans to move ahead with the Parish Festival. I'm pleased to report that many of you are reading the bulletin, since I've gotten a number of questions about when will we start accepting material for the garage sale. The answer is I don't know. For starts, the food pantry has been conducting a drive to collect empty deposit bottles and cans. The garage is literally full from top to bottom, front to back. I can truly say that some members of the parish drink a lot of beer.

The other issue at hand is that the Archdiocese has been conspicuously quiet about the issue. We're definitely not the only parish who runs a festival. I would hate to start collecting things, only to see a directive banning all festivals. So, we'll wait, partly because we have no room, partly because we have to hear the other shoe drop. Stay tuned. My guess is, that if we're go for festivals, we'll start taking things toward the end of July, the beginning of August. Please, please, please do not bring anything until official word goes out.

Ministries Center (734) 425-9771

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for all of your wonderful donations. Because of your generosity, the pantry is filled to capacity. Please check back for future needs. As of right now we still can use a few Dollar Store items such as hamburger patties, turkey lunch meat, pot pies 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. 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. 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.

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 14, 2020

Sunday, June 14, 2020 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday, June 15, 2020

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 19, 2020 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, June 1, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



We are collecting cans and bottles for the pantry.
Please put your bottles and cans in the trailer on the north side of the ministry building.



May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.... Psalm 15:15

Hello all, I would like to share with you, that we have recently have had elections of new officers in our Knights of Columbus Council #4513, Immaculate Conception. I will no longer be Grand Knight effective July 1st. Phil Bustos will now be the Grand Knight. And, by the way, Phil with his wife Karen, runs the pop and chip booth at our festival. Phil is a great guy and will be a good leader. John Galdes, will be our Deputy Grand Knight. John and his family always serve at our masses as a family. Please, congratulate them both.

I want to thank all of you for participating in our events, while I have been the Grand Knight. And, I want to thank my wife Pam for her patience and support while I have been in office. My wife Pam and I ask that God bless you and let his favor be with you. To pray, asking God to bless someone is powerful. We are God's children, his handiwork. We honor the maker of heaven and earth when we know ourselves as beloved and pass that on to another.

My love and prayers for you all! Vivat Jesus!

Dennis Karczynski 734-425-1807 Grand Knight



We are in need of a volunteer to set tables for funeral luncheons. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533.

Thank you!



The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will resume in the Fall. Date to be announced.

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.

First Saturday Memorial Association 2020-2021

The opportunity to renew/join our First Saturday Memorial Association is now through June 28.

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 <u>your payment</u> 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 INT	ENTION

Worship Schedule		Jung 20 & 21, 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	MACKENZIE JORDAN	CATIE KELLY	RON BERGER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT	GAIL COZZAGLIO TEDDY LUTHER	DENICE BIELSKI DAVID MESZAROS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	DEB SMITT	TOM WILHELM	ANN STACHERSKI
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	IRENE PATTOCK	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+MICHELE GENTILE +JOSEPH OLKOWSKI +JESSIE GUGALA +AUDREY MAJESTIC +VICTOR BIANCHI	+ADOLPH KARWAN +BILL ROSE JR. +JIM WALKER +WALTER POCIASK	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Weekday Masses

June 15-June 19. 2020

Tuesday, June 16
8:30 am.....CHURCH
+EILEEN JUDGE

Thursday, June 18 +BERNARD A. FOX

Friday, June 19
8:30 am CHURCH
+DON BERRY

Weekend Collection June 6-7, 2020

Total Sunday OffertoryBudgeted per week
Below the budgeted amt
\$ 6,946.00
\$10,404.00

-3,458.00

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 Ainsworth, Ron Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike Altizer, Brynn Arsenault, Cathy Arsenault, Fran Asini, Eloho Asini, Margaret Baraardi, Carl Bargardi, Frances Bartlett, Carol Boyak, Carolyn Bufalini, Rose Burdis, Cathy Burke, Larry Burrell, Fred

Burris, Nikita

Burris Family

Chicila, Pam

Cunningham, John Daughtery, Jeff DeGrande, Colleen DeGrande, Sam DiVitto, Rita Esson, Pat Farr, Viola Gau, Sandy Gorsuch, Eric Hamm, Jo Hayes, Jacqueline

Henry, Bernadine Herlihy, Patrick Hrlic, Betty Irwin, Mary Jones, Marie Kietur, Deanna Kleczynski, Richard Koslosky, Alphonse Kusluski, Walter Larry, Bruce

Levoir, Lorraine Luther, Brian Malish, Rosemary Malone, Della Marchand, Susan Mathison, Bonnie Mathison, Jackie Mayfield, Sally McGrath, Jim Merritt, Dan

Miklousich, Lena Mirabitur, Timmy Mocadlo, Audrey Mocadlo, Jim, Sr. Mocadlo, Jimmy Murray, Colleen Nantz, Janice Needham, Jim Newman, Theresa Niemczewski, Gordon

Parker, Sharon

Pastula, Shirley Persondek, Cristin Pietszak, Carol Pryce, Mary Ann Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)

Rawlings, Therese Robertson, Michael Rodgers, Hiedi Rollins, Joan Romanowski, Ronald

Saenz, Carlos Sanregret, Anna Severin, Judith Shankin, JoAnne Skorupa, Peter Staudacher, Jason Sulkowski, Karen Summet, Fred Szura, Samantha Tetreau, Audrey

Thomas, Michael Tomasi, Jack Vaughn, Kelly Wysocki, Ken Zonca, Barbara Ziolkowski, Norm

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019-June 30, 2020

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder family In loving memory of Charles Batherson In loving memory of Thomas Bencic Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess

Dec.& Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family

Loving memory of coach Dave Cain

In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza

Liv & Dec friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum In loving memory of Joseph Potter

William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio In loving memory of Robert E. Derda In loving memory of Michael Dicker Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher

Special Intention of D.A.K.

Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family

Deceased members of the Kattula family

In loving memory of Al Kolpacke

Loving memory of Gorny and Kushnir family

Malish-Porembiak family

In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold

Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan

Deceased members of the Pattock & Stuecken families

Angel Danny P. Pepera

My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera

Richard & Eleanore Reed

In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers

Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber

Loving memory of Bill Wilson In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki In loving memory of Fred Zonca

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber Angelovic, Adrian Ardinger, Stephanie Becker, Justin Brozek, Timothy Canfield, Chaz Cinka, Jonathan Comment, Scott DiCicco, Bill Ellsworth, Justin Gentilia, Anthony Griglio, Matthew Laichalk, Robert Logan, Sean Patrick Masiarak, Luke

McCarville, William E.

Ainsworth, Raymond Angelovic, George Baumgardner, AJ Bregand, David Campbell, Mary Chokr, Jamel Coatsworth, Michael Dempsey, Joseph Dwyer, Tyler Fisher, Bob

Goudeseune, Russell Kashou, Christopher Logan, Jonathon Logan, Jeff McHale, Sgt. Shawn

McGahan, Wade

McGaw, Douglas Miller, Maj. David C. Moody, Samantha Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truonq Pastula, Michael Thomas Porcaro, Jeff Rosa, Brian J. Rousseau, Philip Smith, David Spiczka, Cathy

Sparrow, Justin Squires, Derek Steenburg, Patrick Tesarz, Ian Michael Webb, Brian

Witt, Christopher

Mondoux, Ian Murray, Daniel Ohannesian, Brandon Persondek, Michael Preba, Danny Rosa, Douglas J. Sheko, Destiny Smitt, David Spiczka, Greg Spohr, Raymond Szerszen, Michael Waldo, Michael Wiertella, Jonathan Yount, Alex

Meadows, Erin



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.



I am so excited to share with you that we were able to compile enough prayers to create our VIRTUAL LIVING ROSARY. With the help of Father Larry, we were also able to present Mary with a crown of flowers and begin the rosary in church. This moving tribute to our Blessed Mother can be viewed on our website as well as our Facebook pages. I would like to thank everyone who was able to submit a video for this wonderful way to honor Mary! God bless!!



In continuing to practice social distancing with the safety of our parish family in mind, we will not be holding an "in person" Vacation Bible School this year. However, we will be providing an opportunity for a Virtual Vacation Bible School that you can access digitally and enjoy with your children at home. Please let me know if you are interested, and I'll add you that email distribution list so you can be part of this great experience. I will share links the week that our VBS was scheduled to be held (June 22-26), so please notify me of your interest before June 21. Thank you and we look forward to this new way of sharing His message with our young people!!

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!



If you are graduating in 2020, we would like to celebrate you!! This is for both high school and college graduates. We hope to schedule a Mass later this

summer, but would like to recognize you in our bulletin and on our website and Facebook pages. 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. I will keep you updated on a potential Mass date as we get more information on that. 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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