



June 28, 2020

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40



When I was growing up in elementary school in the 1960's, it was an exciting time to go to Mass. Vatican II had just ended and many changes were taking place in the Church. When I was in fourth grade and had the opportunity to become an altar boy, we were the first group that did not have to memorize the prayers and responses in Latin. Imagine. We still had the prayer at the foot of the altar but they were in English! We thought that was so cool! We could read the readings and the petitions at school Masses. The music was not only in English, it was often upbeat. I still remember most of those songs. One of the pioneers of the new music at the time was Ray Repp. His music ignited us to sing at Mass. Some of his songs you may remember:

*Hear, O Lord  
Allelu  
I am the Resurrection  
Wake Up, My People  
Peace My Friends  
Into Your Hands  
To Be Alive.*

Raymond Robert Repp recently died after a long battle with cancer (September 17, 1942—April 26, 2020). He is credited with introducing folk music into Catholic Masses with his 1965 album "Mass for Young Americans," an album that stirred the earliest of contemporary Christian music. He was a pastoral musician regarded as "the father of the guitar Mass." His first album sold millions of copies in the 1960s and '80s and was translated into 28 languages. He recorded 12 albums of Christian music that re-energized the faith and social consciousness of millions of people in the decades following Vatican II.

May he rest in peace. May he sing with the choirs of angels for all eternity!

**GOOD NEWS!**

This past week we not only achieved our CSA Target for 2019, we went beyond it. We received a check for \$2,464.00. This money will go into our parish account. Great job everyone!

The CSA for 2020 will begin sometime in the Fall. Let's try to surpass our target once again and keep the extra dollars in our parish. God reward you!

**Temporary 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

If I wrote about Mark, it's only fair that I share a Steve experience. The boys are approximately the same age. They are not blood-related and came at different times, but are about the same age. When both were about eleven, they played in the Wayne Little League on a fast pitch team.

It is the dream of every little league player to play a position in the infield. Unfortunately for the boys, my wife was a superb ball player herself and taught them how to play the outfield. The boys were sent to the outfield for defensive purposes. It's always better when a fly ball to left turns into an out and not an automatic home run.

At any rate, it was Steve's dream to pitch. Every day after supper I would crouch down behind a makeshift plate while he threw. The season wore on; then it happened. Our main pitcher had maxed out his pitch count for the week and our standard reliever was out of town. The coach took a deep breath and motioned Steve in to the mound and handed him the ball. While Steve took his warm ups, the other side's batter stepped up. He had to be a direct descendant of Goliath. If he was eleven, I'm Zeus in disguise.

Steve sort of reared back and threw the ball toward the plate. To paraphrase: Goliath stood there like the barn on the side of the road. To this day I think the ump had a hot date or had to go to the bathroom, but he threw his fist up and yelled, "Strike." Now Steve was straightening his pants and pounding his mitt. Goliath dug in and fouled off the next pitch in the direction of right field. There were stories the next day about a mysterious object that fell into a pool party in a backyard in Rochester Hills.

Now Steve was leaning in for his pitch and scuffing the mound. If I listened carefully I could hear the same coronets that play at a bullfight. Steve went through his motion and threw. Goliath took a massive swing. It's possible to still see the wind damage to trees in Wayne. The umpire threw his fist up into the air and proceeded into one of the most impressive 3rd strike calls I've ever seen. The other side's bleacher let out a groan. Our side shouted in joy. Goliath had gone down in three pitches.

By 8 that night, Steve became the little Chinese kid who pitched the no-hitter. Problem was, he wasn't little, not Chinese, and didn't throw a no-hitter, but from that moment on, fear struck in the opposing bench if he got the nod in the last inning.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of June 28, 2020

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17,  
18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**Monday, June 29, 2020**

**Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Apostles**  
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday, June 29, 2020**

**The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman  
Church**  
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8;  
Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday, June 30, 2020**

**Saint Junípero Serra, Priest**  
Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11,  
12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 1, 2020**

Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday, July 2, 2020**

**Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday, July 4, 2020**

**Independence Day**  
Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
13-14; Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday, July 5, 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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.



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

## 2020 Festival News


Hello to everyone at the awesome St Thomas the Apostle Parish! Our worlds have been completely turned upside down in the past few months and unfortunately this year's festival must be cancelled. Everyone's safety is the #1 priority, especially the safety of our dedicated volunteers and awesome chair people; with the size of our crowds we have at our festival, "social distancing" would be impossible.

We thank you all for the work that has been already done prior to this decision being made. All of our vendors have already been notified of this decision and they all fully understand.

Everyone understands the tremendous financial boost the festival is for our parish and we are working on several projects that can help us to generate some income for the parish. One of those will be to still conduct the main raffle. Tickets will soon be available for sale. We ask that you do your best to sell as many tickets as possible, as those ticket sales are always one of the best sources of income from the festival. We will keep you posted on details regarding other activities in the near future.

With the guidance and understanding of our wonderful pastor, Fr. Larry, our AWESOME parish will overcome these difficult times and continue the tradition of our festival next year.

Jill Kolpacke  
Tom Pociask



The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.



**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

## 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.**

### 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 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		July 4& 5, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JULIE GALDES	JONATHAN TURNER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT DAWN WYSOCKI	GAIL COZZAGLIO BELEN DIMAGUILA	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS	LINDA LUTKE	VICTORIA APOLZAN	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	BOB PROKOP	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ANN POPEK +JOSPEH MEIER +JERRY TESARZ	+EDWARD ROMANOWSKI +MR. AND MRS. JOHN HUGHES	PARISHIONERS OF ST, THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*Weekday Masses*  
**June 29-July 3, 2020**

**Monday, June 29**

+BERNARD A. FOX

**Tuesday, June 30**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH**

+DON BERRY

BARBARA SANTINI

**Friday, July 3**

+CAROLINE BUDNICK

+DIANE BEAUPRE

*Weekend Collection*  
**June 20-21, 2020**

**Total Sunday Offering                   \$2,518.00**  
 Budgeted per week                         \$10,404.00  
 Below the budgeted amount               **-7,886.00**

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](http://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
Akwaeagbu, Kingsley Ejike	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Wysocki, Ken
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Sam	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Zonca, Barbara
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen	Ziolkowski, Norm
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Mathison, Bonnie	(Maggie)	
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	Severin, Judith	
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burke, Larry	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Skorupa, Peter	
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	
	Kuslusi, Walter	Niemczewski, Gordon	Tetreau, Audrey	
	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Thomas, Michael	

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

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family	Deceased members of the Kattula family
Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder family	In loving memory of Al Kolpacke
In loving memory of Charles Batherson	Loving memory of Gorny and Kushnir family
In loving memory of Thomas Bencic	Malish-Porembiak family
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold
In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan
In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Dec. & Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of the Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of coach Dave Cain	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Liv & Dec friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio	Richard & Eleanore Reed
In loving memory of Robert E. Derda	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
In loving memory of Michael Dicker	Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Loving memory of Bill Wilson
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Special Intention of D.A.K.	In loving memory of Fred Zonca
Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family	

## *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!!**



Evan Taylor is a graduate of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic High School in Allen Park. Evan was a member of the Welcoming Committee, helping incoming freshmen ease into high school. He was selected by his peers to be on the Prom Court, and will be honored at the dance in July. Evan has served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas the Apostle, a volunteer at our Vacation Bible School for the past three years and was also the recipient of the Knights of Columbus #4513 Scholarship for 2019-2020. He has received numerous awards as an athlete, both in hockey and in baseball. He was chosen by his teammates to serve as Captain for both teams in his senior year. He has been selected for the All-

State Team each year during his high school hockey career. He has been named to the All News Herald 1st Team in both sports and also received All Catholic and All Region awards in both sports. Evan will continue his hockey career playing Junior Hockey in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League with the Waterloo Siskins. He will also be taking courses online to work toward a degree in Sports Management.

**IF YOU ARE A GRADUATE OF 2020, we need 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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