

INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA

July 5, 2020



Jesus promises his listeners rest if they come near to him. When is there a better time for this than this month, beginning especially with this Fourth of July weekend, when more people than at any other time of year in the northern hemisphere take their vacations? It doesn't always turn out that way, but most vacationers are seeking rest, relaxation and lightened burdens from the career and family responsibilities of other months. Our vacations, whenever we take them, should include time to "come to Jesus" and be yoked with him. His promised gift to his faithful followers is peace, a synonym for rest.

In addition to barbecues and beaches we should try to find opportunities for solitude and silence — and the Son as well as the sun. Solitude allows Jesus to get through to us, past the noisy throng with all their demands that often keep him at a distance from us. Silence allows us to hear Jesus whispering to us, something which at times the inane chatter of others prevents us from fully hearing. The spiritual writers of past centuries used to write of "otium," sacred leisure. Our yearly vacation (it comes from the Latin for "empty") to be a real vacation, must incorporate a good dose of this.

Finally, on the Fourth of July weekend we should be especially grateful as we gather a community of believers to worship, for the many freedoms our pioneers fought for and legislated for us. They called them "God-given" rights. Events of recent years have reminded us, or maybe alerted us for the first time, how many people there on this planet today, especially women and children, who lack the basic liberties we Americans often take so much for granted.

Saint Christopher's Protection Prayer

O St. Christopher, patron of travelers, protect me and all those who accompany me from mishap and accident. Guide me in my travels whether by land, sea, or air to my destination with safety. As you carried Jesus upon your shoulders may I also carry the burdens of life that I face with the same determination and inspiration. And may the beauty of this world that God has created with the joy of His Grace always be with me. Amen.

St. Christopher is known as the patron saint of safe travels. This patronage came about because of the legend of St. Christopher carrying the disguised Christ-child across a river. As a result, the name Christopher means "Christ-bearer."



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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This & That by Deacon Skip

The Covid-19 problem drags on. I'm a little worried that it is coming back with a vengeance. I've been doing my best to stay busy. I've clocked a couple of 9 mile walking days in the past week. I've been doing my best to not be a slave to the TV in my down time, but I do admit that I have become a fan of sorts of HGTV. That's the channel that has all the home improvement shows.

I am sort of awe struck by the shows. First, I have a hard time relating to the amount of money couples are able to spend on remodeling a house. I think the most Kathy and I ever spent was about \$3,000 and had to get a home improvement loan to do that. It's nothing for a TV couple to say they can spend \$250,000. All of our houses combined over our life together do not equal that much.

I also stand in awe at the size of the houses people look at or remodel. It is common to see couples talk about a 4000 sq foot house as cramped. The first house I remember as a kid was on Memorial Street in Detroit. It was 750 sq feet. When we reached 5 kids, Mom and Dad moved us to a bigger house on Littlefield. When we reached our last house on Outer Drive near Fenkell, there were seven of us kids.

The first house Kathy and I bought was on James Street in Garden City. It was allegedly 750 sq. feet. It was the Palace of Versailles compared to the upper flat in Dearborn where we had been living. Eventually we moved to bigger house with 1200 sq. feet. That one had three bedrooms, so each of the boys had a room of their own. Buckingham Palace.

The other thing that catches my attention is the remodeling of houses to the "open" concept. My mother was extremely proud of the Littlefield house because the first floor had a den, a dining room, a living room, a breakfast nook, and a kitchen with a door. Mom would have been aghast, to be polite, if anyone came into the kitchen while she was cooking. In most of the remodeling shows, the first floor is turned into one big room, sort of the gym look. Times have changed.

Please do not bring anything to the parish for the festival garage sale, but stay tuned.

If you have not filled out your census form yet, get it in. The census effects our representation in Congress and allocations of Federal funds.

If you have a pyx at home, please return it to the parish office. We are running low. Thank you!



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!

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 5, 2020

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

Monday, July 6, 2020

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 10, 2020

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

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.

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

Please be advised that there is another email scam circulating. This time the scammers are sending emails that appear to come from Archbishop Vigneron. **Please do NOT respond to this request for money from the Archbishop.**



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 11& 12, 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	MOLLY BAKER	JONATHAN TURNER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	DEBBIE FULAN DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER PATRICIA RYAN	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	ANGELA MAGGIONCALDA	DENNIS KARCINSKI	JUDY MACKENZIE
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GAIL COZZAGLIO	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+VICTORIA BRUSINSKI +THADDEUS CIELMA +GEORGE AZZOPARDI	+GREG DORR +LORETTA JAMES	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Weekday Masses

July 6-July 10, 2020

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 am.....CHURCH
CAROLYN BOYAK

Friday, July 10

+BERNARD A. FOX

Weekend Collection

March 27 & 28, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$5,517.00
Loose contributions: 280.05

Total Sunday Offertory \$5,797.05

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-4,606.95**
Total # of envelopes 122
Average envelope contribution \$47.52

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Utility \$64.00

TOTAL \$ 64.00

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	Thomas, Michael
Ainsworth, Ron	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Persondek, Cristin	Tomasi, Jack
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Vaughn, Kelly
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	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	Stacherski, Ann	
Burris, Nikita	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris Family	Kleczynski, Richard	Needham, Jim	Sulkowski, Karen	
Chicila, Pam	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Summet, Fred	
	Kusluski, Walter	Niemczewski, Gordon	Szura, Samantha	
	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey	

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

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families

Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt

Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess

Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family

Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain

In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family

Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala

In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold

In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro

Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan

Angel Danny P. Pepera

My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera

In loving memory of Joseph Potter

Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families

In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers

In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski

Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family

In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz

Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family

In loving memory of William E. Wilson

In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki

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!!

Uchenna Osuamadi is a member of the final graduating class of St. Raphael Catholic School of 2016. He went on to graduate from Divine Child Catholic High School. Uchenna was a member of the National Honor Society and also belonged to the Medical Club. While he attended Divine Child, he was on the football team and the captain of the track team in his senior year. He was awarded as an All-State track athlete. Uchenna will be attending Purdue University on scholarship in the fall to double major in actuarial science and statistics. We wish you the best of luck in all you do and God bless!



**PURDUE
 UNIVERSITY**

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!*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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