



July 12, 2020

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



From the time of the Passion, when Christ poured out His blood for us all, the faithful have practiced devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. In the month of July, the Church honors the Precious Blood and encourages us in this devotion. The traditional feast day devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ is July 1st. The devotion has its scriptural roots in numerous references from the New Testament. In Romans 5:9, we read of justification by His Blood. In Hebrews 10:19, we read of our sanctification and consecration by the Precious Blood. In 1 John 1:7 we are told that it cleanses us from all sin.

Many saints have spoken of devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus; notable among them is St. Catherine of Siena, who often wrote about the Precious Blood of Jesus in her *Dialogue*—a written account of her mystical visions.

In more recent times, this devotion has more widely taken root in our Catholic tradition. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread greatly through the prayer, preaching, and work of Bl. Gaspar del Buffalo, a 19th century Roman priest, and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Bl. Gaspar brought this beloved devotion out of the sanctuary and into the hearts of Catholics around the world. It is through life’s work that the devotion grew widespread in the Church.

The faithful are encouraged to honor the Precious Blood always and especially during this month. Consider making an act of love to the Precious Blood every day in the month of July, such as an Act of Consecration to the Precious Blood of Jesus and the Litany of the Precious Blood as an act of love and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the price of our redemption, the object of our salvation, and the assurance of our eternal inheritance.

As we honor the Precious Blood of Jesus in union with the Church this month, may it awaken in our hearts a love and gratitude for Christ’s gift to us, for He has saved us by His blood.

More good news about CSA...

Parish goals are being reduced by 15% for this year. Our target for 2020 was \$82,000.00 and the new target should be \$69,700.00. The official kick-off this year will be the weekend of September 12 and 13. There are CSA envelopes in your packets this month so if you wish to make your donation or pledge at this time, please feel free to do so. Looking forward to exceeding our target again this year so that the extra money can come back to the parish. God Bless your generosity!

**15th
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time**

He spoke to them
at length in
parables, saying:
“A sower went
out to sow.”
Matthew 13:3

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This & That by Deacon Skip

When I walked back into my house this past Sunday after the 11 A.M. Mass, there was the unmistakable odor of dog. Dog owners recognize it immediately. Not that the smell is a particularly bad thing. It's the presence of dog thing. Bella the grand-dog had spent the week with me. It had been a tough week.

Steve and Audrey had taken the grand kids up to Petoskey to visit Grandma Pam. Grandma had a new dog herself who was a puppy, but not tolerant of canine visitors, so Bella came to me. From moment one, Bella was in depression. She would not eat; she would not drink; she would not go for a walk. Her activity consisted of gluing herself to me combined with intestinal issues. It reached the point where I actually contacted Steve and Audrey for a strategy to combat the non-eating. Bella is not the size of dog who can tolerate weight loss. Chicken soup arose as the universal cure-all for home sickness. It works on humans; I can attest that it works on dogs.

Time passed and everyone came home. I loaded Bella into my car and drove her to Livonia. She spent the entire trip nestled on my lap. When I reached their home, I let Bella out of the car. She did not immediately know where she was, but suddenly realized it, and took off for the house like she had been shot out of a cannon, squealing for joy all the way. I don't think her feet touched the ground most of the trip. She could not work her way into the house fast enough. Repatriated POWs react with less enthusiasm. Steve texted me later very simply, "She's eating again."

As tough as that experience was, the hardest had to be the time we dog-sat JJ. When we lived on James street, our neighbors were a retired couple who thought they would like to move down to Florida. They wanted to try it first so they rented a house for a month. The problem was that dogs were not allowed, so JJ stayed with us. We had Brandy at that time and very quickly the two dogs settled in with one another. Every morning as I got up for work, both dogs would hop up to go outside. It got to be a routine.

One morning, Brandy hopped up, but not JJ. I sort of poked him with my toe and there was no response. I reached down and put my hand on his shoulder to give him a slight nudge. There was no response. In fact, there was no heat and no feeling of dog energy. Plain and simple: JJ had died in his sleep.

I can't remember how I broached the subject in the phone call. I hope I didn't say, "I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is you can stay longer." Somehow I passed on the tidings of JJ's demise. The moral of the story is that you probably do not want me watching your dog.



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 12, 2020

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

Monday, July 13, 2020

Saint Henry

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-
15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and
15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 17, 2020

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,
16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14;
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

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.

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.**



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 Needs

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 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		July 18 & 19, 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	NICOLE MASTERMAN	JOHN GALDES	RON BERGER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT DAWN WYSOCKI	GAIL COZZAGLIO BELEN DIMAGUILA TEDDY LUTHER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS	CRISTANO DEL RIO	DAN LOBB	ANNETTE ROCKMAN
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	IRENE PATTOCK	Laurie Elchstedt
MASS INTENTIONS	+CAROLINE BUDNICK	+JIM & KATHLEEN WALKER	+SAM VELLA +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STANKE FAMILY

Weekday Masses

July 13-July 17, 2020

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 am.....CHURCH
LISA HILL

Friday, July 17

+CAROLINE BUDNICK

Weekend Collection

July 4 & 5, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$5,451.00
Loose contributions: 277.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$5,728.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-4,676.00**
Total # of envelopes 142
Average envelope contribution \$40.34

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Flowers \$10.00
Easter \$10.00
Ascension \$10.00
Utility \$579.00

TOTAL \$ 609.00

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.*

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

**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!!



Caleigh Muglia is a member of the final graduating class of St. Raphael School 2016. She went on to graduate from St. Frances Cabrini High School. Caleigh was a member of the Welcoming Committee, and Senior year announcement speaker. While attending Cabrini she was a three sport Varsity player; Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. She was awarded All League for Basketball and Softball her Junior and Senior Year. She will be attending Aquinas College on a softball scholarship in the Fall where she will major in Exercise Science.



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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