



# God Bless

## Our Grandparents September 13, 2020



Can you believe it? It is already mid September. Normally we would be having our parish festival next weekend. However, because of COVID-19, our world is turned upside down in many ways. The "new normal" seems to change everyday.

### 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

**I believe that  
God sent us  
Grandparents  
As our legacy  
from above,  
To share the  
moments of  
our life,  
As extra  
measures of  
His love.**

-Author Unknown

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Don't panic. Even the pandemic can't conquer the spirit of the people here at St. Thomas. Even though we can't have our wonderful, full-blown festival this year, we will still celebrate and have a good time.

The Garage Sale will take place this Thursday-Saturday, September 17-19, on the parish campus. The Car Show will take place this Saturday, September 19 from 12 noon—3:00 pm. Food will be available and you'll hear the sound of music. Who knows, there may be dancing in the streets! We will practice social distancing, mask wearing and temperature taking. We will do all we can to keep people safe and healthy while having a great time. This is a fundraiser. See you there!

Mark your calendars. Sunday, October 4, we will have a Polka Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 Mass. Great Polish Meals will be served after both Masses in the Activities Building. Catering will be by Halina. (My mouth is already watering.) Carry outs will also be available. You must call ahead and reserve your food for either sit down or carry out. More details will soon be available. Don't miss Polish Day at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 20. The winning tickets will be drawn at 7:00 p.m. Your generosity and support of our fundraiser is a greater help than ever this year as collections are way down. If you need extra tickets, they are available. Thank you and God Bless you!

### Happy Grandparents' Day!

Even though this special day is not a religious holiday, it is certainly one that we need to take special note of. It has been said that it is the right of grandparents to spoil their grandchildren. So often that is the case because we can give them the things we could not afford for our own children. Whenever Mom and Dad says "No" to something we want, our chances of getting it from Grandma or Grandpa are pretty good. Grandparents are also valuable sources of time and presence. They always seem to have time for us. They give us a sense of history. Most of all, they love us. They love us as no one can, as no one else does. They often give meaning and purpose and direction to our own lives. In our fast-moving society, family mobility and increasing numbers of single parents, we need them as role models for a sense of stability and to give meaning to our lives (and to spoil us). Let us express our gratitude, in some way, to our Grandparents today and often. Let us pray for those who have died because they can also pray for us and guide us along life's way.

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

A week or so ago, my daughter-in-law approached me and asked if I could come up with something my grandson Levi could do. Levi is nine now and apparently had exceeded his patience level with the pandemic, especially the stand down part.. So I ran by one morning last week and took him hiking in the nature preserve in a segment I had not gone on before.

We got off to a slow start. I picked him up at ten, and he had just gotten up, I remember being forced to stay in bed until at least 7 at his age; I was out the door by 8 at the latest and so were the rest of the neighborhood kids. Apparently 10 is the break of dawn in that household. Mom made up a batch of trail mix for him for the trail so he could eat breakfast on the run and off we went.

We had a decent time and saw a deer. Actually Levi spotted the deer. I would have missed her. At any rate, we hit the end of the trail by about 11:30 and I noticed that Levi had barely made a dent in his gorp and it was definitely my lunch time, so I piled him in the car and took him to my house. We passed an Arby's on the way and I had a card so I swung through and picked up a couple of Arby's and some curly-fries.

One of the joys of being a grandparent is that we get to see the kids grow older. When I was busy being a parent, it seemed like I went from one fire fight to another and barely noticed the boys in progress. Levi had gone from a bundle of constant motion that needed equally constant supervision to a scaled down gentleman. He ate his Arby's and his curly fries with true manners and was actually quite careful with the glass of pop I scrounged up for him. A couple of cookies and a kumquat for dessert and he was ready to go home. Hopefully he enjoyed his adventure as much as I did.

I put in 53.4 miles walking this past week. Things will take a major nosedive as we get ready for the garage sale. If I do twenty, I'll be trucking. There is still a part of the nature preserve that I have not penetrated well. There is a segment between Hix and Newburg that needs my attention. I've been into part of it, but its very overgrown. Apparently its been a perfect summer for vegetation.



We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate Christian Service activities in the parish. This is a part-time position. If you are interested in overseeing one activity or several, there are many volunteers who are willing to help. If you are interested please call the parish office for more information. (734) 427-1533. Thank you.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020

### Sunday, September 13, 2020

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;  
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

### Monday, September 14, 2020

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

### Tuesday, September 15, 2020

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

### Wednesday, September 16, 2020

**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday, September 17, 2020

**Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;  
Lk 7:36-50

### Friday, September 18, 2020

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15;  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday, September 19, 2020

**Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14;  
Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday, September 20, 2020

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24,  
27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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## Garage Sale & Car Show

### Fundraiser

**SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19th  
ON THE PARISH CAMPUS  
THURS. 9am - 5pm FRI. 9am - 5pm  
SAT. 9am - 3pm Car Show 12-3pm**

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Hot Dogs, Pop, & Chips will be sold! We will be practicing social distancing so bring your mask! Contactless temperatures will be taken and gloves will be provided. One way aisles will guide you through all the rows of treasures inside and outside!

This is a fundraiser so bring a friend!

\$1.00 admission will be charged.



## JEWELRY BOOTH & CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Our parish Garage Sale is this weekend and we are still accepting donations for our JEWELRY BOOTH and CHRISTMAS BOOTH! Please drop off donations at the parish garage this week from 8am-4pm. A special THANK-YOU to chairpersons Mary Krempasky and Tina Aquilina for organizing the Jewelry Booth. THANK YOU "Junebug" for heading up the Christmas Booth. You chair people really work some magic!



We're looking forward to your wonderful donations! See you at the Garage Sale!!

Jill Kolpacke  
jillkolpacke@gmail.com

## Polka Mass and Polish Dinner, Tak!

It's time to hear some Polka music! We are having our traditional Polka Mass this year! Not only 1 Polka Mass but 2 Polka Masses!! Dzieki Bogu! (Thank God!)



On October 4th we will celebrate mass Polish style at the 9am AND the 11am masses! We will also be serving our FESTIVAL'S POLISH DINNER after both masses! Hey, pierogis are the breakfast of champions so see you there!

Please fill out the order form if you would like to join us for dinner or at least pick up a couple to take home. We are asking you to fill out the form to help us prepare to serve as many people as possible. You can call the Parish Office at 734-427-1533 and leave your name, phone number, and order on the answering service if you'd like. You can pay when you pick up your dinner. Sorry no credit cards.

We will be practicing social distancing in the Activities Building and, in the tent outside for your safety and pleasure of enjoying this great Polish meal! You will need to wear a mask to enter.

This event is a FUNDRAISER so please help support our parish and join us for this day of friendship and building community together.

Dziekuje! (Thank you) and God Bless!

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Tom Pociask thomas.pociask@us.mahle.com

## 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 canned corn, chicken noodle soup, cake mix, spaghetti, Chef Boyardee products, peanut butter, jelly, instant mashed potatoes, pasta sides and rice sides.

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.

## POLISH DINNER on 10/4 RESERVATION FORM

In order to properly plan for this event, please reserve your food order by completing this form and return to the Parish Office by dropping in the mail slot located to the left of the Parish Office door or in the offertory basket at Church. You may also call the office at (734) 427-1533 and leave a message with your name, phone number and your order.

NO MONEY IS DUE AT THIS TIME. You will pay when you arrive. Cash or check ONLY.

Combo Dinners are \$14.00 each (No Substitutions)

Combo Dinner #1 **QUANTITY** \_\_\_\_\_  
(2)City Chicken, (1)Stuffed Cabbage, (3)Potato Pierogi

Combo Dinner #2 **QUANTITY** \_\_\_\_\_  
(1)Kielbasa & Kraut,(2) City Chicken,(3) Potato Pierogi

Combo Dinner #3 **QUANTITY** \_\_\_\_\_  
(2)Stuffed Cabbage,(1)Kielbasa & Kraut,(3) Potato Pierogi

Side of Potato Pierogi (3) \$6.00 **QUANTITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DINE IN** \_\_\_\_\_ **CARRY OUT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders must be received by September 20th**

Worship Schedule		September 19 & 20, 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	KENNEDY FEE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY CAROL STEC VIKKI WOROSZ	GAIL COZZAGLIO DAN LOBB JOAN PALMER	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	GAIL COZZAGLIO	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	BARBARA BATCHIK +RICHARD HALL +JERRY TESARZ	+LORETTA JAMES +MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI	+JEAN JASKULA BOB & CAROLE DEMPSEY 62nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### Weekday Masses

**September 14-18, 2020**

**Tuesday, September 15**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH**  
+IRENE HAUGH  
SUNSHINE GROUP

**Friday, September 18**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH**  
+THERESA TARASKAVAGE  
+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI

### Weekend Collection

**September 6 & 7, 2020**

Envelope contributions:	\$8,444.00
Loose contributions:	442.00

**Total Sunday Offertory** **\$8,886.00**

Budgeted per week **\$10,404.00**

Below the budgeted amount **-1.518.00**

Total # of envelopes **172**

Average envelope contribution **\$51.67**

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day	\$ 25.00
Utility	\$ 797.00

**TOTAL** **\$ 822.00**

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.

### 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.

## Please Pray For...

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

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

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

## 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	Spoehr, 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	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



Missy Taylor  
Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## **CLASSES BEGIN IN 2 WEEKS!! NEW FORMAT FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION!!**

We hold the safety and health of our families as our single most important priority. With this in mind, I am excited to announce a new style of learning to begin the Religious Formation year insuring the well being of all as we continue our faith journey! We will be having a HYBRID style formation through at least the end of the year. **HOW WILL THIS WORK?** Families are asked to join with their children in a prayer service and materials pick-up once a month in the church. They will receive all materials needed to share their faith with their children in the safety of their own homes, with online support and ZOOM meetings throughout that month. Our currently scheduled date to return is Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. We will have a brief prayer service and a staggered releasing of children by grades into the Father Prus Hall for material pick up. We are doing everything we can to insure that everyone feels safe with the plan to implement our return to learning. With that said, we are still accepting registrations for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Forms have been mailed to our existing families who had students enrolled in the program this past school 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. 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. We look forward to working with our families who continue to be the first catechists for their children within the domestic church. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.



## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We would normally be starting our Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 11am Mass; but to insure the safety of all, we will be postponing this until a time when we feel more comfortable gathering as a small group. CLOW is a program where young ones gather in the Father Prus Hall to learn about the Scripture through fun activities and lessons. Until we're able to come together for CLOW, there will be printed activities that can be found in the Gathering Space for parents to take home and use to work with their children helping them to understand the readings each week. They are located just outside the entrance to the Father Prus Hall in the wooden organizer. Please look for the CLOW sign. We hope to resume this wonderful way to bring the Word to our young people just as soon as possible! Until then, our goal is to help provide materials to parents in joining with them as they continue to be the first catechists to their children! **Another great resource** is our Children's Lending Library located just outside the Usher's Room in the Gathering Space. This spot is FILLED with Arch books describing great stories from Scripture in a format that is easy for children to understand. We also offer many materials for adults. Take a peek and see what valuable things we have!

## **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

We will be holding another Altar Server training event this fall. Children who have completed the third grade and older are eligible to participate in this awesome way to serve our parish. We are also seeking adult servers to serve with our young people. If this is something that interests you, it might just be God calling you to His service. Please pray on this wonderful opportunity! Simply call my office to let me know that you'd like to be added to the list! May God bless you!



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