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SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

*Mass Intentions for the week
 of July 1, 2018*

1 Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm Saturday Vigil + Living & Deceased of Our Parish
 11:00am + Ann & John Vida (*Family*)

2 Monday: Weekday

8:00am + Genevieve Helhowski (*Joe Gapinski*)

3 Tuesday: Saint Thomas

8:00 am + Irene Vida (*Bettie & Ed Minarcin*)

4 Wednesday: Weekday-4th of July

9:00am + Steve Defalco (*Al & Darlene Veselicky*)

5 Thursday: Weekday

8:00am + Harry Grippaldi (*Adam & Sylvia Karafinski*)

6 Friday: Weekday

8:00a.m. + Esther Makowski (*Dan & Mary Ann Shellhammer*)

8 Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm Saturday Vigil + Living & Deceased of Our Parish
 11:00am + John Kerr (*Richard & Katy Tedeski*)

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY THIS WEEK IS THE First Friday of July. This month is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. It would be fitting to come to Mass on this day to ask the Lord to bless the families of our parish and community.

NEW PROGRAM TO BE INITIATED

Our partner parishes of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Saint James are seeking to initiate several outreach programs as we minister to the youth, young adults, adults, homebound, and inactive members of our faith communities. Among these new programs will be the "Ministry of the Sick." We are hoping to send cards to all of our members who reside in nursing homes and personal care facilities, those who are homebound and unable to join us for Sunday Mass because of age or health issues, and those who are temporarily unable to join us for Sunday Mass because they are undergoing chemotherapy, rehabilitation, etc. These individuals will be receiving monthly cards for their birthday, the holidays, etc. Some of the cards will be purchased by the parishes, while other cards will be made by volunteers. No skills are necessary for the card making. If you are interested in joining this ministry by making and mailing these cards we invite you to attend an organizational meeting in lower level [*former cafeteria*] of Saint James Parish Center on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Thank you for this consideration as we offer our thoughts, prayers and best wishes to the sick, elderly and homebound of our partner parishes.

PARISH PICNIC/PIG ROAST

Parishioners and friends of the Partner Parishes of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Saint James are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun at Kunkle Park on Sunday, August 5. The schedule begins with an outdoor Mass at 12 p.m. [*satisfies the Sunday obligation*]. A picnic/pig roast will follow at 2 p.m. Pulled pork, hamburgers, hotdogs, bottled water, orange drink and beer will be provided by the parishes. Parishioners are to bring a food item according to the first letter of your last name: A-M [*covered dish*] ... N-Z [*dessert*]. Following the picnic, the fun continues with entertainment for everyone — including a children's helium balloon launch [*the child whose balloon travels the furthest wins \$50*], children's games, bocce, cornhole, horseshoes, and bingo. In order for us to prepare properly, those who will be attending are to RSVP [*via the parish office, the U.S. Mail, or the collection basket*], by Monday morning, July 30.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are not Catholic and have been attending Mass with your spouse, a family member or friend, and you are interested in looking into becoming Catholic, please contact Father Vincent at (724) 478-4958 to discuss the RCIA process [*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*]. When you enter into the RCIA process there is no obligation or expectation placed on you. The decision to become a Catholic can be made at anytime during the process or you can also decide that it is not for you, or that this is not for you at this time.

Addressing Physical Plant Issues

Father Vincent has been working with our parish's Pastoral Council and Finance Council to address several issues regarding our church building. These issues include cracking along the mortar joints on the exterior of the bell tower walls, a hole in the bell tower roof, significant sediment in the church gutters, and a black substance that is seeping out of the air conditioning system that is located on the ceiling of the church. Our parish is hoping to establish a Buildings and Grounds Committee that will work with Father Vincent and the Councils to address these and other issues. If you are interested in serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee please contact our Pastor Council President, Dennis Bolcar, at (724) 568-1523.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS-JULY 2018

Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, there is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that You provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise You. For this, I am very thankful. On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families. Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank You for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America Help me never to take these blessings for granted. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies You, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ. In Your name I pray. Amen.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Because of the legal holiday, our daily Mass in Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, will be celebrated at 9 a.m. There will be no 12 p.m. Mass.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the entire month of July in memory of Stanley & Betty Gapinski by Family.



No Bingo

Happy 4th of July

Bingo will resume next Sunday, July 8th

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

July 7th & 8th
 6:00p.m. Jason Zahumensky
 11:00a.m. Alexis Caldwell & Alex Kerr



YOUTH MINISTRY
 Katie Tylinski, Youth Director

July calendar for those who are entering 6th-12th grades in the fall and recent grads:

Operation Fresh Express at St. Gertrude's—if registered Youth Mass and (*AMP) at St. James at 5:00 PM (July 22nd)—Family Event; all are welcome
 Paddington 2 Movie at Cinemark 18 at the Pittsburgh Mills/Ice cream (July 25th from 9:00-1:30 PM)
 St. Gertrude's/Christ the King Parish Picnic (for parishioners) (July 29th)—Family Event