

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH + YORKVILLE

June 30, 2024

Newsletter no. 224

As in past summers, I plan on being away during most of July and until the very beginning of August—from Monday, July 8th until Saturday, August 3rd. My vacation, as usual, is in the form of a road trip, which this year will take me to such exotic spots as La Cross, Wisconsin and Marietta, Ohio; it will be a complete break from New York City! During July and August there will be a few changes in terms of the parish schedule, as follows:

1) The Sunday and weekday Mass schedule will remain the same, but on weekends there will be no music at the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass or the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass. The 10:00 am Family Mass is discontinued until St. Joseph School resumes classes in September.

2) Saturday confessions will not be heard during the month of July; they will resume on Saturday, August 3rd.

3) There will be no First Friday Holy Hours in July and August. They will resume in September.

4) The church and the rectory will be open at their usual hours unless posted otherwise.

Many thanks to Fr. Elias Mallon, who is in residence here at St. Joseph's, for helping out with the Mass schedule in my absence. Fr. Mallon will share this responsibility with Fr. Simon Haokip, C.M., an Indian priest who is currently studying in Rome and aiming at a doctorate in metaethics. I am grateful to both Fr. Mallon and Fr. Simon, who are taking time out to replace me at St. Joseph's. Please be available to help Frs. Mallon and Simon when they are saying Mass, particularly as eucharistic ministers and lectors.

On the weekend of July 20th-21st Deacon Robert Hornacek, of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Food for the Poor, an important charity whose name expresses its purpose. Representatives of Food for the Poor have spoken at St. Joseph's in the past, and they have always received a warm welcome. Please welcome Deacon Bob this time around.

This coming Thursday is the Fourth of July, Independence Day, a national holiday. In order to give the parish staff a well-deserved break, and not anticipating much business, the rectory will close at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 3rd and will not reopen until the morning of Monday, July 8th. From Wednesday the 3rd until Friday the 5th the church will close soon after the 12:15 Mass. But over the weekend of July 6th-7th the church will be open at the usual hours.

A bit of American-Catholic trivia to ponder on the Fourth of July: Julia Gardiner Tyler (1820-1889) was the second wife of John Tyler, tenth president of the United States (1841-1845). Although she was a native New Yorker, born into a wealthy family on Gardiner's Island, and basically indifferent to politics, Julia embraced her husband's pro-slavery views and ultimately the Confederacy itself once the Civil War broke out. When Union soldiers captured her home in Virginia during the war, Julia fled and lived in several different places (her husband had died in 1862 and she was now a widow). From 1868 to 1874 she resided at a mansion called Castleton Hill on Staten Island. During that time, in 1872, she renounced her Episcopal faith and converted to Catholicism—a remarkable thing for a woman with her background to have done. Although it is true that Julia was no longer the First Lady when she became a Catholic, one could plausibly argue that she was the Catholic closest to the presidency until the days of John and Jacqueline Kennedy some ninety years later.

Happy Fourth of July!

Father Boniface

Mass intentions for the period from June 29th to July 7th

Saturday-Sunday, June 29th-30th

4:00 pm: Stan Sitarski (D)
8:00 am: St. Joseph's Parishioners
10:00 am: Patrick Meehan (D)
12:00 noon: Ray Hess (D)
6:00 pm: Martin Wales (D)

The Hungarian Mass, usually held at 2:00 pm, is canceled today.

Monday, July 1st

7:00 am: Patricia Brennan (D)
12:15 pm: Joseph T. Cobert (D), Birthday

Tuesday, July 2nd

7:00 am: Jessica Hanna (D)
12:15 pm: Kathleen Moran and Mary Ryan (D)

Wednesday, July 3rd

7:00 am: Bernhard Purk (D)
12:15 pm: Katherine Folz (L), Special Intention

Thursday, July 4th (Independence Day)

7:00 am: Glen Miguel (L)
12:15 pm: Demetria Tiongson Bagay (D)

Friday, July 5th (First Friday)

7:00 am: Walter Dye (D)
12:15 pm: Virginia Taylor (D)

Saturday, July 6th

8:00 am: Dennis Duffy (D)
12:15 pm: Florencia, Priscilla and Atanacio (D)
4:00 pm: Jimmy Quinn (D)

Sunday, July 7th

8:00 am: Megan, Matt, Sarah and Ryan (L)
10:00 am (German): St. Joseph's Parishioners
12:00 noon: Jack Juncaj and Family (L)
2:00 pm (Hungarian): Barbara Kovács (D)
6:00 pm: In Thanksgiving to Jesus