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#### MASSES...of Masses, part 3

This is the conclusion of the last two month's articles that highlighted certain types of Masses that have been part of our shared Catholic History.

There is a type of Mass that I never celebrated because simply, it was no longer permitted by the time I was ordained. It was a **Mass of Exposition**.

Now, this Mass might be remembered by some who read this. I'll use Easter Sunday Resurrection Mass as our working point here.





If we can recall, Easter Resurrection Liturgy begins with the unveiling of the empty tomb, prayers and psalms, then the unveiling of the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, with the procession announced, formed, and circling the church. After procession, the Symbols of the Resurrection are placed on display—the Paschal Candle, Crucifix of Eternal Priesthood, and Statue of the Resurrected Christ.

Now...what does the celebrant do with the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament? Now, it is placed in the Tabernacle to conclude the procession, usually with the closing standard form of reposition.

But who remembers when the Sacrament was not put away? When, it would be placed up on the reredos (the fancy set-up behind the Main [back] Altar), or on top of the Tabernacle and remain there throughout Mass? To remember this, you may have to turn the clock back to before your parish had an Altar of Sacrifice.

Once the Sacrament was exposed for Mass, there were a whole slew of adjustments the Celebrant would have to make because the greatest reverence would

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have to be shown at all times to the Sacrament.

Though "showcasing" the reality of the Blessed Sacrament and Christ's victory over death throughout the Mass has some great meaning...the liturgy was, for lack of a better word, clunky. If you notice when I celebrate the "simple" Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, my back can never face the Sacrament— if I descend the steps walking by, I have to do an open-shouldered shuffle to remain facing and reverent towards it...celebrating Mass without disrespecting the Sacrament in that manner proves too difficult and has been phased out of practice.

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, or better known as the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified is a neat one! Some time ago, I found myself in a Byzantine Church for a local clergy gathering. Scouring the bulletin that early spring, I saw the schedule was full of "Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified

Gifts" and I was pretty intrigued!

As Catholics, we celebrate this liturgy (this Mass, of sorts) just once a year—on Good Friday. And it is a doozy! First, we take into account that the full Triduum liturgy (Holy Thursday Mass & Procession, Good Friday Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, Holy Saturday Service of New, and

#### Fr. Jason's Article (con't)

the first Mass of Easter are all one, beautiful, continuous celebration.

Earlier in Holy Week, the celebrant consumes all of the Blessed Sacrament in church, so that on Holy Thursday, all is new, just as Christ instituted. The Celebrant also accounts for if anyone is concelebrating Mass with him and how many people may be in church for Friday's Pre-Sanctified liturgy. All hosts are consecrated on Holy Thursday, with some set aside for reverential consumption on Good Friday and one is set aside to be the "Melchizedek", the Blessed Sacrament which is to be processed and reserved.

The Good Friday Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified, then, is not a Mass—it omits the Gloria, Creed, Offertory prayers, Canon, and more—receiving Communion just seems to show up out of nowhere within the liturgy!

There is no wine consecrated into the Blood of Christ on Thursday that is reserved for Good Friday. However, the Byzantine and Eastern Orthodox churches would allow for that in their Lenten practices of Pre-Sanctified liturgies.

A **Conventual Mass** is a neat one to mention because, though it is a part of our Catholic History, it was never part of the Polish National Catholic Church. It's name means "community" and is reserved for those who live in a religious

community—like a convent or those who belong to a brotherly order.

The Conventual Mass was one that was required for all to participate in—in fact, it was the practice to rotate who the celebrant was within the community to make sure everyone led a community-wide Mass. This Mass would be in addition to any private Masses the priests or brothers in the community would celebrate.



The Conventual Mass is part of the Daily Office of prayers a community takes on within the Catholic Church, which includes: 1. The Office of Readings; 2. Lauds; 3.Daytime Prayer—one or more of: A: Terce/Midmorning Prayer before Noon, B:Sext/Midday Prayer, C:None/Afternoon Prayer; 4. Vespers/Evening Prayer; 5. Compline/Night Prayer. Yes, they pray a lot!

The final Mass to be addressed is a Mass of Reparation. It was for Catholics, in an organized and dedicated way, to make amends for the sins of others. Although I believe this is a pretty noble and beautiful concept...I think we can see places

where other people's potential sinfulness may be misconstrued.

Officially, this Mass title is based on the Archsodality out of Paris founded in 1862. Members would undertake not only to attend Holy Mass every Sunday or any Solemnity or Holy Day, but a second Mass as well, to make up for all of those who would fail to attend at all.

If they were at a church where there was one Mass and the priest would have to travel, they would either travel with him or be permitted by their association to spend a longer time in prayer either before and/or after the celebration of Mass.

This archsodality was promoted to a confraternity, which means it was recognized by the Catholic Church for the good deed wrought by the group.

I hope you enjoyed a walk through some Catholic History over the last quarter-year of Newsletters. I enjoyed writing them! The final tab is 16 for Masses addressed over the last three months and which you are now all experts on!:

Dry Mass, Votive Mass, Blue Mass, White Mass, Red Mass, Vigil Mass, Con-Celebrated Mass, First Solemn High Mass, 3 Christmas Masses, Stational Mass, Pontifical Mass, Gregorian Mass, Mass of Exposition, Pre-Sanctified Mass, Conventual Mass, Mass of Reparation.

Fr. Jason

#### **Golf Tournament**

The National PNCC United YMSofR Golf Tournament took place at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Three of our parishioners participated in the festivities: George Bennett, Bruce Bogzevitz, & Gene Stepanik.

Although our prized golfers didn't bring home the top prize, they did bring news that St. Mary's would be host to next year's golf tournament in August of 2022!



#### **PNCC National Commission on Liturgy**

The PNCC NCL met in Scranton, PA from Tuesday morning, September 14 through the 16th.

The group works on, edits, discusses, and moves forward with items for the liturgy, or public worship of the church. The material could be an update of protocol that just goes out to the clergy to something that affects more of the population of the Polish National Catholic Church.

#### Start of SOCL

The 2021-2022 School of Christian Living program began on Sunday, September 19 after 9am Holy Mass.

It was a struggle, to say the least, to get our program back on track. The Covid-19 pandemic and effects from it are still being felt with some families not comfortable returning to church as of yet. We also went through a changeover of teachers.

We want to formally acknowledge Amy Dreger and Susan Boehnlein, who both served as dedicated



Seated: Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Fr. Jason (via Zoom), Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Fr. Sr. Robert Nemkovich. Standing: Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowsk, Fr. Antulio Alvarado, Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko, Fr. Sr. John Kowalczyk, Fr. Cramen Bolock

teachers for a number of years for our SOCL kids but were ready to move on.

The energetic younger class meets with Barb Bogzevitz, who has served as the principal of the St. Mary's SOCL for many years, often filling in the gaps of teachers with years of experience and a love of children.

We are still searching for a permanent teacher for our older kids class, as Fr. Jason has taken the helm, with Ms.



Evonne Pryer serving as substitute— a role she has had and excelled at for a number of years. Perhaps one will heed the call to teach from this note here!





#### National YMSofR

The National YMSofR Biennial Convention took place September 24-26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel PNCC in Lilly, PA. Fr. Scott Lill serves as pastor at this parish of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese.

The Convention was a short, sweet, and smooth one, with Prime Bishop Anthony



Mikovsky attending as the head of the organization and Bishop John Mack attending as Diocesan Bishop. Deacon Jim attended on behalf of Branch #29, St. Mary's in Parma, OH.

The convention was held in the parish hall while the evening activities (including a trivia game led by Fr. Lill) were held in the parish pavilion.





#### Various Announcements

BLESSING OF ANIMALS — Our annual Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi took place 6pm Monday, October 4 in the parking lot of our parish. We will have pictures and a little write up in our next Newsletter.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> – Has begun – please try to have your children and grandchildren be an active part of our young community.

<u>BASKETS WANTED</u> – To go along with our upcoming Food Sale on Oct 16, we are looking to put together a few more raffle baskets – if anyone would like to donate one, please bring it to the Board Room by Friday, October 15.

<u>HEALING MASS</u> – We have reintroduced a Mass of Healing at St. Mary's that offers the Sacrament of Anointing to conclude Mass- our next Mass will be Wednesday October 13 at 5pm.

<u>FOOD SALE</u> – Part of our fundraising process is trying new things...or things that require less volunteers to make them work. On Saturday, Oct 16 from 10am-2pm, we will be holding a Polish

Food Sale, featuring cold/frozen foods, kielbasa sandwiches, and hopefully a few more featured attractions. Mark your calendar! It should feature golabki, pierogi, homemade soup, bakery, & more.

<u>BAKERS WANTED</u> – Bakers are wanted and needed for the Saturday, October 16 Food Sale- we plan on featuring a bakery table along with the other items – thank you in advance!

OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CHILD – Our collection has begun, and runs til Sunday, Nov. 14. A reminder- boxes filled with gifts, school supplies, etc. & assembled by age/gender and delivered to a child in need somewhere in the world. \$9 must be included with each box, or a \$9 donation can be made sans box. Boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall or by seeing our event coordinator Evonne Pryer.

RECTORY AVAILABLE – The rectory is available for rental. It is a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath 2 story bungalow and we want to offer it to parishioners and friends/family/acquaintances of parishioners first. Please speak to Fr. Jason, Elaine

Ploskonka, or Steve Fesz forinfo.

**BOWLING**- Bowling begins shortly! It will take place on alternating Sunday afternoons at Red Circle Bowling on State Rd. Please see Elaine Ploskonka if interested in participating.

ALL SOULS – Our All Souls cemetery service takes place Sunday, Oct. 31 at noon at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery on W. 54<sup>th</sup> St. Envelopes will be available around the church for you to fill out and remember your loved ones. All submitted names will be remembered in prayer during Sunday Masses throughout the month of November.

<u>ACME</u>—We are participating in the Acme "Community Cash Back" program. Please see the flyer in this newsletter & submit your receipts in the bucket!

HALLOWEEN PARTY – There will be a Halloween Party for our kids after 9am Mass on All Hallow's Eve, October 31. Kids are permitted to wear their costumes to church if desired. Please see Evonne Pryer with any questions regarding the party.

#### PolishFest 2021

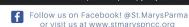
Our latest iteration of our PolishFest Fundraiser took place on Friday, September 10 from 3-7pm.

It was a drive-thru, so a lot of the hoopla that was normally associated with our biggest annual event was missing. And so were our parishioners! Though the food was wonderful, and though our help was fine, we could have used a better turnout. We even endured a power blackout in much of the surrounding blocks, losing power for 2 or so hours right as the health inspector visited...phew!

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this event at our parish.

As we planned ahead while preparing food for September 10, we will be having a Polish Food Sale on October 16, featuring tons of delicious Polish Food, hand made by our parishioners.







#### Rocky's Pizza Fundraiser

Monday, September 27 featured our 4th of 5 restaurant fundraisers, as decided on at our Annual Meeting to open the 2021 parish year.

Many of our parishioners ventured south on Broadview Road to Rocky's Pizza & Restaurant, a favorite of our former pastor, Bishop Stanley Bilinski.

Many popped in and out around lunchtime, either doing takeout or eating in. But the real party was around dinnertime, when just about every seat in the restaurant was filled with parishioners and friends of St. Mary's, all having a wonderful time.

With a tip of the cap to the owner,

Larry, who kicked in a little more back to the parish than promised, to Cathy Avondet (featured above in the picture at the "Sweetheart Table" with husband Mark) for setting up the event, and to Larry again for the best spicy stuffed peppers in Cleveland. We look forward to having another day out just a few blocks away from the parish.





#### **Prayer Blankets for Kids**

Prayer Blankets were created over a number of morning workshops for the children of our parish. The workshops are organized by Barb Bogzevitz with many others happy to come, have a little breakfast, share stories, and create these blankets.

As many of them were returning to school for the new academic year, some were returning for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began. These blankets were blessed with the instruction that the kids lean on them in a time of frustration, when reaching out to God in prayer, or to remind them that they are loved.

Blankets are distributed whenever they are needed for whomever may be in need—Fr. Jason is always willing to bless one that we have "in stock" and our group is always willing to come together to make more.

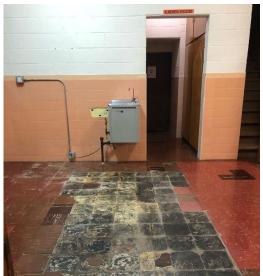




#### Work Done on our Floors

Earlier this year, the Parish Committee was recommended to go into executive session in order to make a decision on the deteriorating floor in the downstairs church hall vestibule.

After discussion, it was voted to fix the floor and a local flooring company was chosen with their bid. The work was completed in mid-September and we thought we'd share a little "before and after" picture.







**Help Our Organization EARN 5% CASH BACK!** 

## IT'S EASY!

- 1. Buy store brands at your local Fresh Market and save your register receipts from August 5, 2021 - December 25, 2021. Invite your friends and family to save receipts!
- 2. Place your receipts in our collection box by January 25th, 2022.



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#### **PNCC Future Directions Update**



October 2021 - St. Teresa of Avila

During October of this year of Discipleship we focus on St. Teresa of Avila and also celebrate the special PNCC Solemnity of the Christian Family.

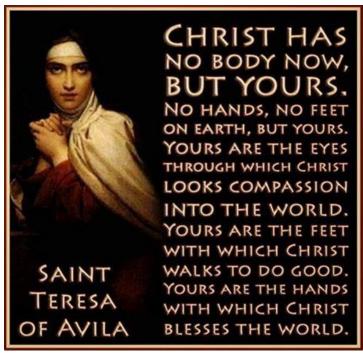
<u>Click here and enjoy</u> the video reflection by Fr. Scott Lill

Scriptures for Reflection Psalm 42, Psalm 121

#### **Reflection & Action Item:**

St. Teresa of Avila is a master of the Christian spiritual life and a true role model for all who aspire to follow the Lord, regardless of their station in life. Her story is one of remaining steadfast in doing what Jesus asked of her for the sake of the Kingdom, diligently overcoming both inner doubts and external obstacles, while always trying to grow closer to Christ through her daily prayer life.

This beautiful prayer she composed speaks to her unshakable trust in Jesus, even amidst the trials of this life: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

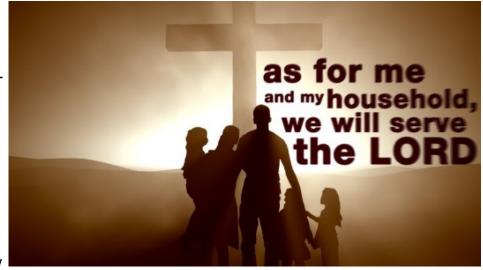


**This month, recite her short prayer every day** and sometime click on this link to read a little of her story: <a href="https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\_id=208#wiki">https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\_id=208#wiki</a>

**Song Recommendation: "Until Grace**" by *Tauren Wells https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcYlhVAW1cg* 

#### **Prayer from the Solemnity of the Christian Family**

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



NCC Future Direction is on Facebook. Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too. If you know

of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at <a href="mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org">FutureDirection@pncc.org</a> to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep our October PNCC National Clergy Conference in your prayers. May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life and may our Blessed Mother intercede for us. Have a blessed month and be safe, careful, healthy and faithful as disciples!

**PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee**Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman



#### Scheduled Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

October 3 - Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by son John

October 10 - Steve Temesi of. by wife Patty

October 17 - Hanna Pryer of. by husband +Len & family

October 24 – John P. Repko of. by daughter Cheryl Repko

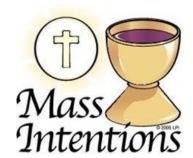
October 31 - Dorothy & Bruno Tracy of. by son Randy

November 7 - Bob Hunek of. by wife Claire

November 14 - Hanna Pryer of. by husband +Len & family

November 21 - Ann Stepanik of. by son Gene

November 28 - Alphonse & Adele Blazer of. by Al & Karen Blazer



#### October Days of Note



#### October

5		-	Eileen Cashmere
7		-	Elaine Repede
9		-	Nancy Roharik
10		-	Greg Hodor
17	-		Michael D'Arcy
18		-	Ron Roharik
23		-	James Boehnlein
25		-	Bruce Bogzevitz
25		-	Jim Nemec
30		-	Krysta Kurzynski
31		-	Marlane Oleniacz
31	-		Patty Temesi



#### October

3	<ul><li>– Jack &amp; Lolly Spilka</li></ul>
4	<ul><li>Jeff &amp; Amy Dreger</li></ul>
5	<ul> <li>Pete &amp; Debbie Moritz</li> </ul>

Have we missed a birthday or anniversary? Just give us a shout so we can fix any errors that have been made :-)

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#### "A Mother's Guardian Angel Prayer for Her Children"

I humbly salute you,
O you faithful,
heavenly Friends of my children!

I give you heartfelt thanks for all the love and goodness you show them.

At some future day I shall, with thanks more worthy than I can now give, repay your care for them, and before the heavenly court acknowledge their indebtedness to your guidance & protection.

Continue to watch over them. Provide for all their needs of body and soul.

Pray, likewise, for me, for my husband, and my whole family,

that we may all one day rejoice in your blessed company.

Amen.

October 2 is the Feast Day for Guardian Angels

#### **Our Prayer List**

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

Bill & Pat Glatzer	Barbara Baranowski					
Bill Kastak	Anna Dawidziuk					
George & Linda Makovicka John Spilka						
Johanna Markiewicz Mary Ann Loschelder						
Ralph & June Zaun	Julie L.					
Marty Bengela	Tom Putynski					
Polly Gajda	Millie Dominik					
Kathleen Beres	Joseph Bischoff					
David Micka	Carol Hreha					
Chester & Ann Warzal	a Tom Petrie					
Amy Dreger	Patti Dotson					
Elizabeth Starnawski	Jack Spilka					
Elaine Repede	David Vaden					
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill					
Michael Cosevin	Helen Cummings					
Laina Dachtal	Wendy Andrzejewski					
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar					
Cecelia Hall	Caroline Kunes					
Linda Marks	Thomas Lill					
John & Anne Nemetz	Rhonda Smith					
Kenny Ploskonka	Carol Boesch					
Joanie True	Daniel Rinella					
Fr. Tom Sheha	Tom Slomka					
	Ben Soltis					
Geri S.						
Pam Tropiano	Linda Vect					
Dennis and Sue Vect	Marcus Vaughn, Jr.					
	r. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak					
Kelly B	Jane Hunter					
Dennis Thome	The Finnie Family					
Carlene Fliss	Jim Fliss Jr.					
John Wisniewski	Cathy Pieciak					
Nan Cramer	Bp. John Mack					
Janice Bielecki	Bp. John Swantek					
, ,	ard & Edna Samelson					
Jim Giles	Tammy Teubl					
Wanda Heffner	Loretta Baldwin					
Donna Kidd	Paulette Lilli					
Azriel G.	Joseph Zubel					
Marilyn Girard	Courtney Austin					
Stephanie Milla	Shannon Alberino					
Jayden Pieciak	Sophie Mae					
Jeremy Steinbrick	Katie Stallbaum					
Marcia Klein	Kim Penney					
Barbara B.	Patrick Kmitt					
Michael McGivern	Daniel Morgan					
Barb & Jim Lukas	Renee Lukas					
Mike Matis	Jeff Lukas					
Ronald Tiffe	Mike Pescitelli					
Al Piniecki	Bob Kaczmarek					
WE ALSO REMEMBER						

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ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
Bless them, O Lord.