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“What do I do with my hands?!”

The following is adapted from the homily preached by Fr. Jason on the 17th Week of Ordinary Time, Year C—July 24, 2022

Someone asked me some months, almost a year ago about the Our Father—more specifically, what should they do with their hands as the prayer is being sung/said in church? And my reply was that I wanted to wait until the “Our Father” came up in the Sunday Gospel and I’d address it.

But the “in church” part is the kicker—Here at St. Mary’s, you get a good view of what the practice is because not only do we have a celebrant, we often have a deacon, con-celebrant, and altar servers as well.

The only technical “rule” regarding what clergy are to do during the Lord’s Prayer is to stand in the “orans” or “orantes” posture— elbows tucked in, hands out with open arms. It isn’t the

only time we stand like this—every time I say “Let us pray...” I do this. Why? This “orans” posture is ancient: spoken of in the psalms, Moses stood like this and well, there is something holy about an external posture gesturing your prayers to “go forth”.

But I am not the only one who stands like this in the Lord’s Prayer— besides those in the sanctuary, some of our faithful do as well. It is perhaps what you have always done—it wasn’t until I was ordained for a while that I closed my eyes during the Lord’s Prayer...but lately, I’ve been peeking to prepare for this homily, to see what you’ve all been doing. And what I have seen has been a healthy mix of open arms, folded hands, clamped hands, closed eyes, wandering eyes...I’ve known families to hold hands during this too.

The Church gives no advice, no rubrics (rubrics are the rules of liturgy, the actions

that combine with words) for the faithful and their hands during the Our Father...except that what they do should not be a distraction, should not take away from anyone else’s prayerfulness during corporate worship. There are some denominations who forbid the “orans” posture for the laity during the Our Father prayer.

The church’s instruction to not “mess” with others means that we shouldn’t be throwing our hands in the air, swaying, or reaching out and trying to hold someone else’s hand if that is not his or her particular practice. Since the Mass and the Lord’s Prayer contained within it is a corporate prayer, we are to pray with as much togetherness as we can.

The other portion of the Gospel of Luke 11:9 shows that in the original Greek, Christ doesn’t just say “ask, seek, and knock”. It is a continuing action stated, so keep “asking, seeking, and knocking” for those who understand, 11:9 states: “καγω υμιν λεγω, αιειτε και δοθησεται υμιν, ζητειτε και ευρησετε, κρουετε και ανοιγησεται, υμιν. «

Prayer needs to be persistent. Not only did Christ teach a perfect prayer to his followers, He taught that it is a prayer that needs to be of constant use – whether with eyes open or shut, hands wide-open or clenched, we know that once we, as Christians, conclude that Lord’s Prayer, it is only a matter of time until we pray it once again. *Fr. Jason*

Convo 2022

The Youth Convocation program (Convo) returned from July 18-22 after a missed event in 2020 as well as a missed opportunity in 2021.

Less than 5 hours away, Fr. Jason and company left early on Monday morning to travel to Valparaiso University to enjoy the church dipping it's collective toe back into national youth ministry.

Though the event was much smaller than it had been in years past, it was well-presented and the kids made some intimate relationships that will last a lifetime— always so important.

Many thanks to Fr. Sr. John Kowalczyk (National PNCC Youth Chaplain) and company, who took this event on with short notice and produced a

quality week of worship, study, and enjoyment for the youth of our church.



From the Parish Chair...

Dear St Mary's

We are very fortunate that not a lot of equipment has broken or needed repair this year. We have been trying to have preventative maintenance done to prevent potential repairs especially on things that we know need attention (ie: the air conditioning system). This has been a challenging year for our basic church expenses.

Our church runs very frugally, we do not make unnecessary purchases and do our best to find the lowest prices possible for anything we need to purchase, be it food, disposable gloves, take out bags, cleaning supplies. For instance: postage increased \$.02 on July 10th and is expected to increase again in January. The church bought several hundred Forever Stamps (we use about 70 stamps a month); If we're buying ingredients to make pierogi and find a really good deal we buy extra ingredients so that we have enough to make another batch the next month.

Speaking of pierogi – we have started making pierogi every month, typically the third Friday. The goal is have enough pierogi in the deep freezer to use for a church



fundraising dinner and to sell outright. We make potato with cheese one month and another flavor the next month. So far it has only been potato with cheese and sauerkraut but we will also be adding sweet cheese and maybe some fruit-filled pierogi. One day is spent preparing the filling, one day filling, boiling and flash freezing the pierogi, and a few hours bagging the pierogi a few days later. Barb Wisniewski and Pattie Dotson have been heading up this activity.

I'm sure you've all noticed how much your home utilities have increased, I have. The church is no different, maybe a bit worse because the church is considered a commercial building. Last month our electric bill was \$553.57, gas was \$876.18, and water was \$24.54. In addition, property taxes were due. It's been an expensive summer. In light of this, we

From the Parish Chair (con't)

have been a bit lax on our fundraising activities and are making a big push this fall.

We really need your passions – be it cleaning, financial help, the gift of gab, strength. We have many fundraisers planned for this fall I hope you will see something that appeals to you, your friends and/or family.



YMSR Golf Outing – while not a church fundraiser, the September 3rd dinner financially supports St. Mary's YMSR group.

Trunk Sale – September 10th – parking lot, bring a table and your unwanted stuff to sell. This is our fifth Trunk Sale. We held a Trunk Sale in early June and are trying one this fall. For \$10 you get 2 parking spaces, to sell your stuff, you keep the money from your sales. My dad (Steve Fesz) will be grilling hot dogs and his famous hamburgers.

Night at The Races – September 24th – VFW hall on Woodrow in Parma. Tickets are \$35 with heavy appetizers, dessert, beer and pop. Whether or not you attend you can name and sponsor a horse and/or place an ad in the program book. We need help selling tickets for the races, procuring door prizes, asking people to sponsor horses, selling ads in the program book. Volunteers are also needed for the actual events. Church members who want to volunteer and have fun with their friends are asked to spend some time working the betting table, side boards or the kitchen then enjoy the rest of the evening with your group.

Clamski Bake – October 7th – at St. Mary's. Clambake with a Polish twist. Bakes are \$45, instead of chicken kielbasa is provided! Extra clams are \$18. This is a pre-order, dine-in dinner, music provided by Accordion Bill! Chuck Repede is the Clamski chair.

Soup Dinner – October 28th – at St. Mary's. Similar to the Lenten Simple Soup Supper from the spring. This is a dine-in event with music provided by Accordion Bill. Elaine and Martha Repede are co-chairs.

Cold Food Sale – November 12th – at St. Mary's. This sale is very popular with the community. Last year Polish foods (golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, soup, desserts) were prepared and sold separately. Cathy Avondet and Elaine Ploskonka are co-chairs.

Wigilia Dinner – December 23rd. This is a pre-order, non-meat Christmas Eve dinner. St. Mary's has been offering this dinner for three years.

Kolaczki – Thanksgiving and Christmas. For the third year in a row, kolaczki will be made and sold for Thanksgiving and Christmas – because we are very careful with expenses, I think the price will still be \$14 for two dozen, baked or unbaked.

Some really easy ways to help St. Mary's earn extra money is thru the following 'no effort' fundraisers":

ACME Receipt Collection – thru December 31st - if you make a purchase at ACME Fresh Market, bring your receipt to the church and deposit it in the ACME collection barrel. This includes receipts from any ACME location. This is our third year collecting receipts. Acme pays us 5%.

Used Shoe Collection – thru October 31st – bring any used, worn or new shoes to the fellowship hall. We have partnered with funds2orgs. Funds2orgs sells the shoes to micro-enterprises in developing nations to fight poverty. Proceeds from this collection will be used to supplement St. Mary's operating budget. Our goal is 2,500 pairs of shoes!

Paper Recycling – ongoing – the shiny green box in St. Mary's parking lot is hungry for your paper, magazines, cardboard, magazines or junk mail.

I am really looking forward to these last few months of the year– we have a schedule full of worship and varied fundraising opportunities– it should be interesting and a boost to our parish family!



SOCL Party

Friday, July 29 was a big day for the students, family, and teachers of the St. Mary's School of Christian Living. After too much time away due to the pandemic, we all had something to celebrate as we came together at the Soltysiak residence to celebrate the 2021-2022 year of study in our SOCL.

The evening was perfect, with everything kicking off at about 5:15pm and going until sundown around 8:30pm.

Kids were running, falling, sliding, eating, drinking, laughing, yelling, playing...you get the drift!

The menu featured hot dogs and chicken tenders from the grill, taco dip, chips, fruit platter, macaroni and cheese, boneless hot wings, and desserts. The star of the dessert show was Mrs. Barb's

raspberry coconut cake, eliciting many wide-eyed glances from one to another acknowledging "this is awesome!"

We hope everyone enjoyed their evening and look forward to another month or so off until we begin in mid-September with another year of study!



July Baptisms

The end of the month welcomed two new Christians in their first steps of faith. On Saturday, July 30, Luke was brought forth by his family to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at a 9:30am private service. On Sunday, July 31, Murphy was brought to sing through 9am Holy Mass and then be brought forth to the Lord's Sanctuary after Mass for the Sacrament of Baptism.

God bless the families, godparents, and parents



Sp. Chester Warzala

Chester J. Warzala, 95, of Aurora, OH passed away Friday, June 24, 2022, at his home. He was born July 20, 1926, in Warren, OH, son of the late John S. Warzala and the late Mary (Kobos) Warzala. He retired as a press operator from Packard Electric Division of GM. for 32 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio and the Polish Union Fraternal Organization. Chester was a veteran of the United State Army having served during WWII. Chester is survived by his daughters, Jennifer (Gregory) Mong of Niles,

Ohio and Karen L. Warzala of Florida; two stepsons, Michael W. (Janet) Bukach and Alan (Carla) Bukach; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Marion E. Bates; second wife, Anna Klabon; son, Jeffrey A. Warzala; and his siblings. Per his wishes there were no services or calling hours.



Various Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - For the month of August, we use the 5th Eucharistic Prayer on p. 92. the Utrecht Union Canon.

LENDING LIBRARY – Our bookcase is set up for your enjoyment in the Fellowship Hall! Please visit and grab a book that might interest you and return when done.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Bishop Jaroslaw Rafalko has informed the parish that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Sunday, September 3rd at 9am Holy Mass at St. Mary's. It will be a memorable Holy Mass in St. Mary's history with the Sacrament conferred by Bp. Jerry Rafalko and Holy Mass con-celebrated and led by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, who is also homilist.

DRIVE-THRU – Thank you to all who supported the Friday August 5th Drive-Thru Polish Dinner – a complete sell-out!

MISSION TEAM COLLECTION – The Mission Team will be sponsoring a collection for local kids in need from August 7- September 25. Flyers have been created – please grab one and plan on supporting!

GOLF TOURNAMENT – The upcoming United YMSofR Golf Tournament takes place Saturday, September 3 and will be

hosted by St. Mary's. Flyers are available for golfers- the event takes place at Briarwood Golf Course on W. Edgerton Rd. with a shotgun start at 8am. Tell all your golfer friends! Full teams of 4 can enter and individual golfers will be placed in a foursome. The cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf and cart, lunch during play, prizes, and the awards banquet dinner. Please consider supporting this fun event!

AWARDS BANQUET & MENU (NEW) – There will be a full homemade Italian Dinner on the same day as the Golf Tournament that is open to everyone on Saturday, September 3rd. The evening will even be the same price as in 2015 - \$25!! Flyers have been created with the menu and you may sign up for the dinner with Chuck Repede.

NIGHT AT THE RACES – The parish is sponsoring a Night at the Races event on Saturday, September 24th at the VFW at 4305 Woodrow Ave in Parma (off of State). The event features “canned” horse races, a smoked pulled pork dinner and a lively evening of side-boards, horse-naming, and constant action. Tickets are now available.

TRUNK SALE/BAKE SALE – Is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, with a rain date on the 17th. It will follow the same struc-

ture as prior trunk sales: you purchase a two parcel parking lot spot and can sell from your trunk and/or tables for \$10, keeping all proceeds. Please speak to Susan Boehnlein if interested in participating. There will be a grill going as well, with Steve's Famous Burgers© flipped for you!

BIBLE STUDY – Is there a different time of day or day of the week that you may be open to participate in a Bible Study? Let Fr. Jason know! We are looking for some ideas to have other people participate in what is Sacrament in the Polish National Catholic Church.

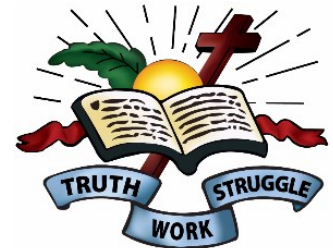
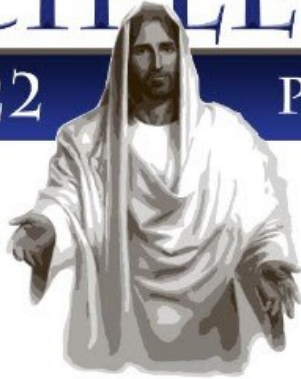
ST. MARY'S – Is collecting gently worn (no rips or holes) used and new shoes for funds2orgs. Funds2orgs pays the parish per pair and then sells the shoes to microenterprises in developing nations to fight poverty. Proceeds from this collection will be used to supplement St. Mary's operating budget. Between now and October 31st there will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for shoe donations – Please use the laces on shoes to tie them in pairs: non-lace shoes should be rubber-banded together.

CONGRATULATIONS- To YMSofR Branch #29 new officers: Chuck Repede, President; Bruce Bogzevitz, Treasurer; George Bennett, Fin. Secretary, & Gene Stepanik, Recording Secretary.

PNCC Future Directions Update

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2022 PNCC



August 2022 – Singing our Faith in Eucharistic Hymns

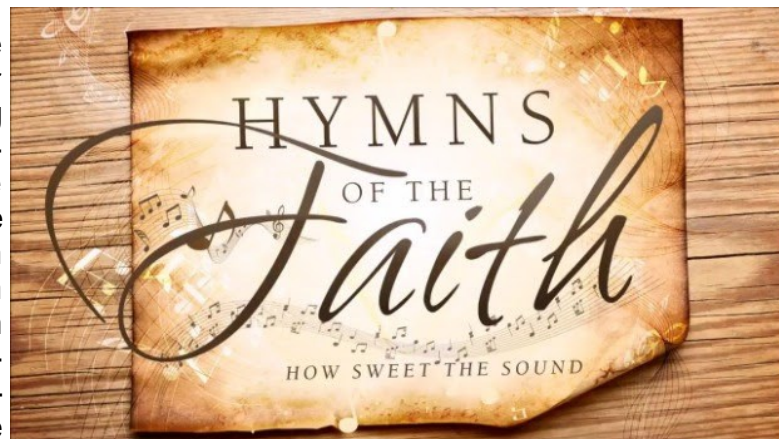
During the month of August, we focus on singing our faith in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist through various hymns. Listen to a beautiful reflection on our Catholic Eucharistic faith given by Karen Sobiechowski.

[Click Here to watch a video message by Karen Sobiechowski on singing our faith in Eucharistic Hymns](#)

Scripture: (Ephesians 5:19-20) Sing psalms and hymns in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection: If given some time to think, I am sure that most of us could name a large number of Church hymns that we know by heart. The singing of hymns has been a part of our Christian celebrations whenever we gather for Holy Mass and at the many other devotions within our parishes. These hymns are certainly beautiful and we are often moved in a deeply spiritual way when we hear them or sing them. Some of these hymns are only used in certain seasons of the Church year, but there are also hymns that speak to certain Catholic Christian realities, in particular, the Eucharistic Hymns. These hymns almost serve as a mini-catechism speaking

truths that we all hold about what occurs when we gather for Holy Mass and when we receive Holy Communion. Just looking at one Eucharistic Hymn within our PNCC Hymnal “Hallowed Be Forever” allows us to see many aspects of our faith. This hymn contains lines such as “Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine” showing us that the living Christ is present to us at Mass and in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. “Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed,” reminds us that in the reception of Holy Communion we are sustained and strengthened by the presence of Jesus. Another hymn “Jesus, My Lord and Savior” sums up exactly what we do each time we gather for Mass: “Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here I would worship Thee. All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me. Here in this Bread of Heaven, here in this Host divine, thanksgiving, praise and honor be every moment Thine.” Each of these Eucharist hymns says something to us and to all who hear us about our faith in Christ Jesus, present to us during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.



PNCC Future Dir. (Con't)

Action Item: Sing along with the hymns when gathered during the celebration of Mass. Also taken a favorite Eucharistic Hymn, such as "Hallowed Be Forever" or "Jesus, My Lord and Savior" and sing it, either by yourself or with your family, each day.

Also on August 28th we celebrate Youth Sunday in our PNCC. Here is a prayer for our Youth from the 2010 PNCC Prayer Book:

Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church.

May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow "in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PNCC Future Direction continues to be on Facebook. Like, follow and share our reflections on Facebook. If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life, may our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph intercede for us and all facing Christian Persecution and violence in our world. As we continue to celebrate Being Eucharistic People – sing praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and allow His presence in His Sacred Body and Body to lead and guide us always!

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

August 7– For the health of Kathleen Sobocinski of. by Clarence Sobocinski

August 14 – Bob Hunek of. by wife Claire Hunek

August 21– Dale Tracy of. by brother Randy Tracy

August 28 – Open Intention

Sept 4— Stanley Dobrowolski of. by daughter Patricia Dotson

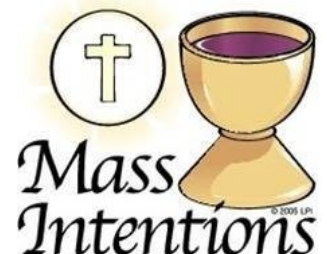
Sept 11– Casey & Wanda Putynski of by daughter Carole D'Arcy

Sept 18– George Stepanik of. by brother Gene

Sept 25– Open Intention

Please reach out to Fr. Jason to schedule Masses – Only three 2022 open dates:

August 28, Sep 25, Oct. 16.



August Days of Note



August Birthdays

- 1st – Johanna Markiewicz
- 2nd – Kyrsten LeMessena
- 4th – Blake Colwell
- 5th – Bob Samelson
- 5th – Pete O'Connor
- 6th – John Spilka
- 12th – Clarence Sobocinski
- 12th – Garry Patla
- 14th – Sarah Ploskonka
- 14th – Hannah Bilinski
- 15th – Tom Petrie
- 18th – Steve Fesz
- 20th – Claudia Toburen
- 22nd – Gene Stepanik
- 24th – Matt Spilka
- 28th – Cherie Kugler
- 28th – Julie Alberino



August Anniversaries

- 1st — Chuck & Elaine Repede
- 5th — George & Roseanne Ziefle
- 17th — Bruce & Claudia Toburen
- 21st — Bob & Kathy Samelson

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"Mary's Assumption Into Heaven"

Honoring the August 15th Solemnity of the Dormition and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
The joy that filled your heart
Blended with the joyful heart of God
When He set that day apart
For your glorious Assumption!
Happy choirs of angels sang with
Loving veneration
As God proclaimed you Queen of
Heaven
And all of His creation.
Nature's bright color and lilting song,
Beauty that we extol,
Could never attain the splendor
Of your immaculate soul!
As God's holy light surrounded you,
The portals opened wide.
You entered and received the homage.
Of all the sanctified.
Blessed Mother, our Lady of Hope,
Your holy queenship won,
You ascended your heavenly throne
To greet your loving Son!

By Corrynn Thompson

Our Prayer List

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

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| Bill & Pat Glatzer | Bob Kaczmarek |
| 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 | Jeff Lukas |
| Ed Pierson | Tom Petrie |
| Amy Dreger | Patti Dotson |
| Elizabeth Starnawski | Jack Spilka |
| Elaine Repede | David Vaden |
| Wanda Clark | Beth Chihill |
| Michael Cosevin | Helen Cummings |
| Laina Dachtal | Mike Matis |
| Jay Grabowsky | Pam Chesar |
| Cecelia Hall | Caroline Kunes |
| Linda Marks | Thomas Lill |
| John & Anne Nemetz | Rhonda Smith |
| Al Piniecki | Carol Boesch |
| Joanie True | Daniel Rinella |
| Fr. Tom Sheha | Tom Slomka |
| Gerl S. | Ben Soltis |
| Pam Tropiano | Linda Vect |
| Dennis and Sue Vect | Marcus Vaughn, Jr. |
| Bryson Dzuroff | Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak |
| Kelly B | Jane Hunter |
| Dennis Thome | The Finnie Family |
| Carlene Fliss | Jim Fliss Jr. |
| John Wisniewski | Cathy Pieciak |
| Nan Cramer | Claudette Lukas |
| Mike Pescitelli | Kathy Robertson |
| Mary Cawley | Richard & Edna Samelson |
| Jim Giles | Tammy Teubl |
| Bill Zychowski | 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 |
| Roseanne Ziefle | Shauna Smullen |

WE ALSO REMEMBER

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

