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These Summer Thoughts

There is something strange about how summer has been playing out. As the summertime has come upon us, it has made me kinda nostalgic for when I was a kid in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The kids in the surrounding school districts all got out at such different times—seemingly from near the end of May until late June. It makes me think “man, I remember Flag Day was always the last hurrah.”

There have been kids skateboarding in the church parking lot, racing up and down the street, a steady stream of Pokemon Go players, the ice cream truck tempts the neighborhood mid-afternoon every day....Not far off my own youthful summer days.

Sports are weird—the Indians haven't been this good since I was a teenager and the Cavs winning the championship was the first local pro title since 8 presidents ago. Unfortunately, I can't really remem-



ber the Browns ever being good when I was of the football watching age. Did they even have a team in the 1990's?

The movies might as well be the same—Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Independence Day, the Jungle Book, Tarzan, Ghostbusters...it actually is getting pretty ridiculous how Hollywood seems to be targeting nerdy 1994 New England me!

Being part of a church-going family, taking a summer break from Sunday Mass was never an option. In fact, I enjoyed summer church—it was there I got to see a fresh batch of kids to hang out with, not just the few from the neighborhood. The summertime rectory backyard post-Mass touch football games were a thing of legend, replete with errant passes dinging off cars and word's slipping out of frustrated mouths that should have had us marching right back into church.

See? I'd like to think similar scenes like that played out at all churches at one point, even if the timeline is stretched a little further. But I remember the other stuff too—the church stuff.

I remember thinking that people didn't come because nothing BIG

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was happening in the readings. There was no Nativity, no Resurrection, no 3 Wise Men, no Pentecost, even. Part of me really thought that since the scripture wasn't as compelling, people figured not to show up. Another, sweatier part of me thought people couldn't deal with the heat.

Today, the issues are more obvious—summer vacations, sports, weekend getaways, and family events. Individually, these are all important, healthy things for family to do...and it makes sense to do them in the freedom of the summer schedule.

And though the church will still be there when families come back in September, it is a bit worse-for-wear. The life that a family breathes into a church is essential year-round, not just during the school year.

So, in that way, I'm once again brought back to my youth, but with that now pastoral burden of a lessened summer congregation. My prayer every year is that everyone returns come Sunday School time...but that isn't always the case.

As we are in the midst of summer, may your prayers be, if even in your absence from your parish, that God be glorified by your prayers and actions, and that you leave time to come to His house to worship HIM. *Fr. Jason*

Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day

A beautiful St. Mary's tradition has the men's group, the YMSofR Branch #29 serve the women of the parish on Mothers' Day and the PTO and the Love of God Sodality serve the men on Fathers' Day.

The women of the parish were served orange juice, mimosas, fresh fruit, pastries, and quiche. The men enjoyed hot dogs, beans, potato chips and cake.

We were honored that Bishop Bilinski was in town for Fathers' Day as well—he was kind enough to offer a prayer for our Fathers' Day meal.



Bowling Tournament

St. Mary's sent a delegation to the 71st Annual PNCC/YMSofR Bowling tournament, this year held in the Detroit area by Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights and Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck.

The team that consisted of Mike, Karen, Vince, Phil, and Matt proved to be the overall winners, receiving the "Big" trophy to take back to Parma. After some attempts at its theft, the big trophy did make it back, making it official that they are the champs.

Pictured is our group—



Remembering Fr. Misiewicz

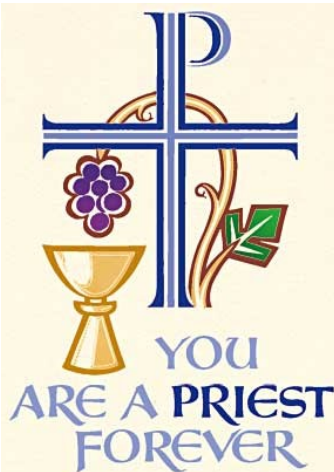
St. Mary's was honored to honor our former Pastor, Rev. Roman Misiewicz, as his remains were brought to Holy Mass on Sunday, June 12.

The Mass, concelebrated by Father Jason and Father Greg, also included a number of prayers in Polish and English remembering and blessing Father Roman.

Mrs. Jolanta Misiewicz was in attendance, as well as daughters Michele and

Marianne, along with her husband Christopher and two children: Hugh & Violet. Other family members were in attendance as well.

After Mass, the family invited everyone to the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast. There, they had prepared a number of pictures for everyone to see and remember Fr. Roman.



Clergy Conference & Retreat

The day after the Feast of Pentecost, the clergy of the Western Diocese traveled to Nashotah, WI to convene at the Nashotah House, a theological seminary near Milwaukee.

The Retreat & Conference took place from Monday-Wednesday, May 16-18. Fr. Jason attended, along with the entire Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese—the only fully-represented Seniorate in attendance.

Our retreat was led by Father Thomas Holtzen, who spoke on “our” priesthood and the priesthood of Jesus Christ. This intense session of study was met with a number of questions, of which Father Thomas was quite able and happy to answer. He then turned the tides on our Diocesan Bishop Stanley Bilinski by grilling him with a number of questions!

The conference took place throughout Tuesday and Wednesday. Pictured is the empty “Red Chapel” as well as a group picture of the clergy in attendance after Holy Mass.

The Clergy Circle is currently deciding where next year’s Conference will be held.



Parish Meeting

On Sunday, May 15, a parish-wide meeting was held to look at and vote on proposals regarding the potential large expenditure concerning our stained glass windows.

Installed in the early 1990's the plastic outer coating has yellowed and deteriorated.

Other portions of the windows, including some of the frames and open/close mechanisms, had also seen some wear-and-tear due to the weather, etc.

Luckily, our St. Mary's Parish Committees of the past had some foresight and established a stained glass window fund.

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This fund is dedicated for the care of our stained glass windows and held about 1/2 the price to do the work. The parish overwhelmingly voted in favor of this upkeep. Work will begin in late summer/early autumn.



Various Announcements

Home Visitations

If anyone knows a parishioner or family member that would like a clergy visit, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Jason to arrange a visit in the near future.

Golf Tournament

Info has been posted for this year's YMSofR Golf Tournament – please see the bulletin board or talk to Fr. Jason or David Micka. Following the tournament, dinner will be served, starting at 5pm with cocktails and appetizers. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend at the low cost of \$25. Please make your reservations by contacting Fr. Jason or David Micka.

Congratulations!

Madeleine Ference, the daughter of Michael & Sheri Ference, graduated from Hathaway Brown School with high honors. She completed scholastic designations in Global Scholars, Computer Science and Biomedical Research. She has won awards from the International Science Awards Program, and the Ohio Academy of Science for origi-

nal research in the field of Prenatal Ethanol exposure on the development of neural crest cells. Her work was published through the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She will be attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia to continue her biomedical research while studying biology in the Pre-Med program.

PolishFest 2016

Thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's PolishFest! It was our most successful year yet – more people visited our grounds than ever before. The weather cooperated, our guests were well-behaved, the music was good, the food and drinks were delicious, the games, crafts, and activities were wonderful. Final numbers are not in quite yet but it is looking to be quite profitable – Bogu Dzięk!

Diocesan Synod

St. Mary's is the host of the 2016 Synod of the Western Diocese. Held every 4th year (National Synods are held every 4th year, on the "off" even years), it is a centuries-old practice of clergy and laypeople coming together to discuss the past and lay the foundation for the

future of the church. It takes place from August 17-19 and opening Mass will be held here 4pm Wednesday, August 17. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the opening Mass.

Church Trip

On Wednesday, July 13, a number of parishioners visited the Rhoda Wise house (www.rhodawise.com). Our visit included a tour of her home and an educational video telling of her life and story of converting, divine visits, and miracles. Afterwards, most of us had a delicious lunch in Canton. Thanks to Barb Bogzevitz for the idea and for coordinating our trip. 11 people participated in this event. .

Car Show

The time is now to begin making preparations for the annual Dinner and a Car show. Event coordinator Steve Fesz has been blanketing the car show community for weeks now, hyping our food, venue, and people: now, we have to make good on his word! The event takes place Saturday August 6th with a rain date of Sunday August 7th.

Pierogi Making

We will gather to make pierogi on Saturday, July 30th in anticipation of the Car Show. Please offer some help!

Polish Constitution Day Parade

Though it seems ages ago, it was only in May, on a cold Sunday afternoon that our parish had a delegation march in honor of the signing of the Polish Constitution.

Our group gathered on Sunday, May 1 and we paraded, with accompanying canines, from the Parma Circle to the festivities at the end of the parade.

Thank you to all who participated—our group was page 12 material in a late May edition of *The Gazette*. We were one of the larger church groups as well.



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July 18, 2016

Re: 2nd Annual United YMS of R Golf Tournament-Weekend of Events

All:

The United YMS of R Golf Tournament Committee is pleased to provide you with this schedule of events for the weekend of August 19-21, 2016.

- Friday August 19, 2016
 - There will be an evening of hospitality hosted by Dr. Jim Ploskonka and his wife, Elaine at their place of residence in Seven Hills, OH. This will take place from 7-10pm. For those of you staying at the Holiday Inn-Independence, directions will be provided for you at check-in.
- Saturday August 20, 2016
 - Golf Tournament
 - Golf Tournament Registration begins at 9:00am at the Skyland Golf Course Clubhouse.
 - Coffee and pastries available during registration
 - Shotgun Start will be at 10:00am
 - Lunch-provided at the turn.
 - Dinner and awards program
 - Happy hour to begin at 5:00pm with an open bar and hors d'oeuvres.
 - Dinner served at 6:00pm - Thanksgiving style dinner, complete with turkey & all the trimmings.
 - Other options to include
 - Roast Beef in Au Jus
 - Eggplant Parmigiana
 - Vegetable Alfredo Lasagna
 - Mixed desserts
 - Awards program to be held during the dinner
- Sunday August 21, 2016
 - Holy Mass at 10am, Concelebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, Rev. Jason Soltysiak and Rev. Gregory Gronn
 - Breakfast for all golfers to follow Holy Mass in St. Mary's Fellowship Hall

We look forward to seeing you at this year's tournament!!!

A note from your parish chair.....

THANK YOU - I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our 3rd Annual PolishFest a success! My words to all of you in May spoke of the multiple activities and fundraisers that were right in front of us for the second half of 2016. The first of which we just completed and that was our PolishFest. This annual fundraiser continues to help us financially but maybe more important provides a place of fellowship not only for our parish family but for our surrounding community. What a great feeling to share what our church is about to so many that had questions and wanted to tour our church. What a great feeling to see the community come together and enjoy good food, good music, good conversation, and talk about coming back next year! What a great feeling to have people thank us for our kindness and hospitality! What a great feeling to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ! To all those who offered their time, talent, treasure and prayers.... THANK YOU!

We continue to need your support in the upcoming activities of the Car Show (August 6), the Diocesan Synod (August 17-19), and the National YMSofR Golf Outing (August 20). Please see Fr. Jason or me to let us know you are available to help in our parish activities.

Recipes to enjoy... From the pages of the 1984 "St. Mary's PTO Presents... Adventures In Cooking!"

Sauerkraut Relish Salad..... Ann Kerik

2 c. uncooked & drained sauerkraut
1 small onion
2/3 c. chili sauce
2 T. lemon juice
1/4 c. brown sugar
2 stalks celery
1 small green pepper
1/2 t. paprika

Finely chop green pepper, onion and celery. Mix with all other ingredients. Chill in refrigerator. Serve cold as a salad or relish. It's a delightful compliment to cold cuts.

Zucchini Pie..... Jay Jurczyk

3 c. thinly sliced unpeeled zucchini
4 eggs
1 small chopped onion
1/2 t. dried parsley
1 c. biscuit mix (like Bisquick)
1/4 t. iodized salt
1/2 c. grated Parmesan or shredded cheddar
1/2 c. vegetable oil
1/2 t. dried marjoram
1/4 t. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together in large bowl until zucchini is evenly coated. Pour into greased 9" pie plate or 10" x 6" baking pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until golden brown and baked through. Makes 6 - 8 servings.

In the ever-changing circumstances of life, there's a faithful, never-changing God in control. Every day begins and ends with His purpose, every moment of our life is in His care. There isn't a detail that escapes His eye, or a trial that doesn't touch His heart.

