

St. Mary's of Parma, OH Monthly Newsletter

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MASSES...of Masses

One of the questions that I get encountered with is the ol' "Why don't we call it High Mass or Low Mass anymore?" And while I do not expect anyone to remember that I wrote an article on that answer 4 years ago...I did get a message via the parish's YouTube channel regarding "other types of Mass".

I'm sure we have some people in our lives that call anything that takes place in church "Mass". But I like to educate! Mass is the central act of worship in the Catholic Church, the sacrifice of the Eucharist. Under the appearances of bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ is sacrificed in a memorial fashion by His Church and His ordained ministers. As a Polish National Catholic, we can look at Mass like a timeline: Sacrament of Penance -> Sacrament of the Word of God -> Creed & Offertory -> Preface & Eucharistic Prayer -> Our Father &



Communion Prayers -> Communion -> Blessing & Dismissal.

Yes, that is missing some stuff – assigned scripture and prayers for the day, etc., but we get the drift. We see, simply, something like "Stations of the Cross" doesn't come close to the timeline listed above.

But what about a "Dry Mass"? I'm guessing no one has ever heard this phrase before. It was a Middle Ages abbreviated form of the Mass, utilizing all Mass prayers except the Offertory, Consecration, and Communion. This existed as a loophole: it was used in places where "Mass" was forbidden, or if the presence of a priest would not be realistic for a period of time.

A **Votive Mass** is something that take place pretty regularly, including our parish of St. Mary's. These are any Masses that take place that aren't of the "Office of the Day"...aka, a diversion from "regularly scheduled church programming." For example – August 24 is the Feast Day of the Apostle, St. Bartholomew. But, if I, as parish pastor, took a Mass request to honor someone's wedding anniversary...voila! We have a Votive Mass.

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Votive Masses are to fulfill a personal devotion or respond to the wishes of the faithful- Masses that fall under this are Masses: for Health/Healing, for the dead, for an anniversary (wedding, ordination, graduation, etc.), when Sacraments are administered, or for things classified as "other various needs." These are plentiful, as they include intentions for peace, during famine, a good death, good harvest...you get the picture.

A **Blue Mass** is a Mass celebrated annually in the church for those employed in the field of public safety, which includes police officers, firefighters, corrections officers and paramedics. The origin of this Mass (1934) post-dates the formation of the PNCC, but some of our parishes have held this special Mass to honor those particular people.

There are also traditions in the Catholic Church (again, not necessarily Polish National Catholic) to

Fr. Jason's Article (con't)

celebrate special occasion Masses known as Red Masses and White Masses. A **White Mass** is for those in the health care profession, while a **Red Mass** is for those who seek justice (judges, attorneys, law professors, law students and officials in the legislative and executive branches). The Masses get their names from the traditional colors worn by each respective group. The color white for lab coats worn by doctors and nurses, while the Red Mass gets its name from the English tradition of red as the academic robe or hood color for those with law degrees.

A **Vigil Mass** is Mass that is offered during Saturday "evening" or the night before a Solemnity. In the scripture, Jewish people acknowledged that each new day begins at sundown, so that the observance of the Sabbath on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, begins at sundown on Friday. For the Christian the Sabbath is Sunday, honoring Christ's Resurrection. Some feel, then, that as Judeo-Christians, Christian Sabbath begins on Saturday evening. Today evening is commonly reckoned to begin either at sunset or at the time the evening meal is usually served, so Vigil Masses should begin at 5pm or later.

Con-celebrated Mass is one that we are fortunately quite familiar with at St. Mary's. This refers to any Mass where the chief, or primary Celebrant is joined by another priest in offering the Holy Mass.

In a con-celebrated Mass, the other celebrants will approach and surround the altar at the beginning of the Canon/Eucharistic Prayer, offering the words of Consecration with the celebrant with a raised right hand.

Two neat notes about con-celebration: a clergyman cannot be a con-celebrant to a Mass where the primary celebrant is an "order" below. Fr. Jason can be a con-celebrant to a Mass that Bishop Jerry celebrates, but not vice-versa.

The second note is that the con-celebrants surround the celebrant by rank, with the "right side" of the celebrant taking precedent. In the picture above, sp. Bp. Stanley Bilinski



stands at the Prime Bishop's right side while a Senior Priest is at the left. When rank is similar (as above), ordination date takes the next precedent, with the left side being Fr. Sr. Soltysiak, then the "next" right of the Prime Bishop being Fr. Sr. Nowak. Then, the priests are arranged by date of Ordination—though Fr. Greg is a bit older than Fr. Jason, Fr. Jason was ordained before him, pulling him a bit "closer" to the chief celebrant.

Hope you enjoyed this short explanation of seven types of Masses— this is part one of a two (or maybe three) part series on different types or names of Masses that you may encounter in your life of worship.
Fr. Jason

Swenson's

Our summer restaurant fundraiser took place on Monday, July 12 from 4-9pm at Swenson's in Seven Hills. It took place during off-and-on downpours, but we still had 19 "tickets" of people who had a meal. It was delicious!



Golabki Making

Golabki making in preparation of the 8th Annual PolishFest took place on the morning of Friday, July 30. We were



thrilled that parishioner Barb Wisniewski shared her recipe and led the project, which is to provide some homemade delicacies for our Polish-Fest. After prepping and cooking all the items, we were treated to a wonderful lunch of Golabki, cucumber salad, fruit salad, mashed potatoes, dessert, and more.



Youth Gathering

The Youth Gathering of the Western Diocese took place at Belwether Farms in Wakeman, OH from Monday July 26-Thursday, July 29. St. Mary's was represented the entire

time by two youth and one chaperone, along with Deacon Jim popping by for a day to visit.

The reports that came back with the kids and parents were all positive, and nearly joyful. The food served throughout the week was farm-to-table... the participants could see the food picked during the day and on their plates by night! And, though kids often prefer fries and chicken nuggets over anything, meals of steak and pork ribs took place, as well as

homemade ice cream for dessert!

God bless our youth and all who planned to make this wonderful event possible. Next summer, the Youth Convocation of the church takes place in an area TBA (perhaps in Erie, PA, where Convo 2020 was to be), and we hope to have such wonderful participation from our parish once again.



Youth activities



Funerals at St. Mary's

During the month of July, St. Mary's was part of two funerals. The first was sp. Helen Budney, whose services were held at Ripepi FH in Middleburgh Hts, OH on Friday, July 2, 2021. Interment took place at the Western Reserve Cemetery in Rittman, OH following a long car procession to the cemetery.

The second was sp. Elaine Tiffe, whose funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's on Saturday, July 3. Her son, Jeffrey, attends

Holy Mass each week here at St. Mary's. Interment was held at the Brooklyn Heights Cemetery shortly after church services concluded.

Helen and Elaine were kept in prayer the following Sunday, and their families continue to be in our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Sp. Helen Budney



Sp. Elaine Tiffe

A Gift

Although a few months in the making, a specially-made quilt was finally de-



livered to Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak. He was on vacation with his family in Old Orchard Beach, ME, when presented with this stained-glass echo of a quilt. God Bless Fr. Sr. Joseph and may the prayers offered in this quilt provide for him comfort, strength, and healing in the months ahead.

Various Announcements

COLLECTION – The Mission Team is sponsoring a back-to-school supply collection to benefit our immediate neighborhood in Parma. The collection area is in the back “Mary’s Corner” of the church – flyers are posted as to what should be donated.

POLISHFEST MAJOR NEWS– Our PolishFest planning meetings are usually attended by the faithful of St. Mary's that do the lion share of the work and planning of this event. The decision was made to have our 8th Annual PolishFest be of the drive-through variety. We were successful in this last year, with some known areas to trim and improve. We hope parishioners and friends will be helpful and supportive of this updated endeavor.

ACME RECEIPTS – We are once again participating in the Acme “Community Cash Back” program. The collection began Thursday, August 5 and runs

through Christmas Day. Buy any store brands at your local Acme and drop your receipt off in our marked bucket near our parish mailboxes. They will be submitted and St. Mary's will receive 5% cash back for doing your weekly grocery shopping!

CONVENTION – The biennial YMSofR Convention is being held September 24-26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lilly, PA. This is open to all men of the parish, and especially YMSofR members. Please see Fr. Jason or Deacon Jim if interested..

BIBLE STUDY – It is time that we returned to holding Bible Study here at St. Mary's. Our return was Wednesday, August 11, with a plan to meet every-other week...no previous bible experience necessary. As we ease back into things, we won't have a meal preceding-diving into scripture right at 6pm!

HEALING MASS – We will be reintroduc-

ing a Mass of Healing at St. Mary's. We will pray for people on our prayer list on the back of the bulletin, gives one the opportunity to pray for someone else's health, and offers the Sacrament of Anointing to conclude Mass – The anointing is without question – whether you could use a mental health pick-me-up, are working on some physical therapy or are experiencing a tough diagnosis, the Sacrament of Anointing provides healing of the soul...and sometimes physical or mental healing as well. Our first Mass is Friday, August 20 at 9am, followed by one on September 22 at 5pm– pass the word!

GOLF TOURNAMENT – The upcoming United YMSofR Golf Tournament takes place Saturday, September 4 near Waymart, PA. Info is posted on Fr. Jason's office door.

PARISH MINISTRIES – is there anyone interested in becoming a lector or a collector? Fr. Jason is happy to work around anyone's schedule to train them appropriately. And, although all collectors are guys right now, one need not be male to pursue this!

Notes from the Chair

Time continues to fly by at a very fast pace and here we are already halfway thru August! I hope all of you have been enjoying the summer months as much as possible.

I want to thank all of you that have helped in our efforts toward our ongoing need for fundraisers. We had the Swensons restaurant event, the making of pierogi and golabki, and by the time you're reading this the Trunk Sale will have been successfully completed. Moving ahead I ask that everyone keep an ear open for what's coming up and a hand out to help however you can. First is the very easy collection of Acme grocery receipts that will be taking place thru December. Next there is another basket raffle that is taking place... a beautiful Polish pottery basket compliments of the Wisniewski's. Make sure you get your tickets and tell your family and friends about it too. Finally, the PolishFest Drive-Thru is coming up in September. Please be ready to help make this another success.

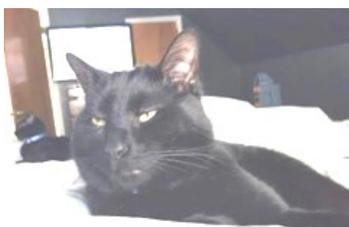
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We Need A Home... *Please*

Can you give us a loving home? We don't go outside! - We hope we can stay together! - and We are looking for a lot of human love!... prefer no dogs please.



If you're interested in us Please call elaine at 216-536-3496. Thank You!



Did You Know...

Accdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny ipomretnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a total mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

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No Excuse Sunday

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

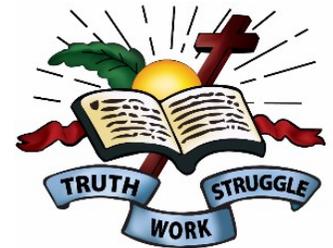
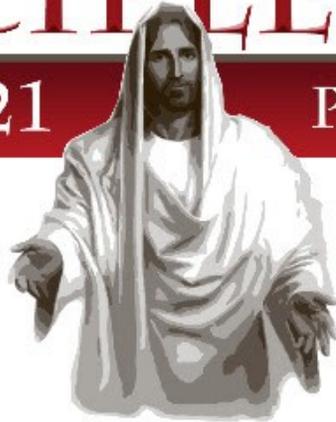
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PNCC Future Directions Update

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August 2021 – Job

As August is now upon us this month we focus on the story of Job, his relationship with God and what we can learn from it.

[Click Here to watch a short video message on Job by Kathy Nemkovich](#) OR visit PNCC Future Direction on Youtube)

Scriptures for Reflection

Job 1:1-2:10; 17:1-16; 38:1-41:34; 42:1-6

Reflection & Action Item:

The story of Job is both a literary masterpiece and an attempt to theologically plumb the depths of the great mystery of human suffering. At the end of the Book, though, the mystery remains, and all that Job—and we—come to understand is that suffering is somehow part of God's great plan. As Christians, we have an advantage that Job did not—we know that the key to this riddle comes in the shape of a Cross.

Yet, from the ancient story of Job we learn that we must persevere in affliction, even when we don't completely understand. We know that God is with us always and so we can remain confident in his love even when suffering comes our way. As an act of compassion this month, pray **Psalm 46** every Friday, asking that those who are experiencing some burden, illness or hardship may draw their strength and hope from Christ crucified and risen.



Song Recommendation: "Amadeo" by Ryan Stevenson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZeIAmRT7tc>

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Prayers taken from the PNCC Prayer Book

For Every Need

Heavenly Father, Your Son assured us: "whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith; and that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name." As Your child I turn to You and in the name of Jesus I offer my humble prayer for: *(Offer your petition or request to God.)* I put my faith and trust in You, dear Father, for You always know what is right and best. May Your will be done. Amen.

In Time of Sorrow

O Crucified Jesus, in every sorrow that I encounter, may I lift my eyes to You without doubt or fear. In my grief and sorrow draw me to Your cross where I will find Your infinite mercy. Through Your Resurrection bring Your light into my darkness, for there is no place or time where You are not present. In death and in life assure me that I am Yours for ever and ever. Amen.



PNCC 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 FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

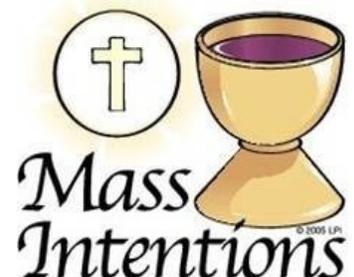
Let us remember in prayer the National United Choirs Convention and Workshop that will be held this week in Michigan. Let us also remember our Youth in prayer this month as we celebrate Youth Sunday on August 29th. May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life and may our Blessed Mother intercede for us. Have a blessed day 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

- August 1 – Dale Tracy (birthday) of. by brother Randy Tracy**
- August 8 – Casey & Wanda Putynski of. by daughter Carole D'Arcy**
- August 15 – John Radon of. by a friend**
- August 22 – *Open Intention***
- August 29 – David Stanz of. by the family**
- September 5– Stanley Dobrowolski of. by daughter Patti Dotson**
- September 12– Len Pryer of. by daughter Evonne Pryer**
- September 19– George Stepanik of. by brother Gene Stepanik**
- September 26– *Open Intention***



***Next open 9am dates: August 15, 29, September 12, 26, October 24**

August Days of Note



August Birthdays

- 1st – Johanna Markiewicz
- 2nd – Kyrsten LeMessena
- 4th – Blake Colwell
- 5th – Bob Samelson
- 6th – John Spilka
- 12th – Clarence Sobocinski
- 14th – Sarah Ploskonka
- 15th – Tom Petrie
- 16th – Bruno Tracy
- 18th – Steve Fesz
- 19th – Len Pryer
- 20th – Claudia Toburen
- 24th – Matt Spilka
- 28th – Cherie Kugler
- 28th – Julie Alberino



August Anniversaries

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



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"August"

July has come and gone,
With its trees and grass
so green.

August has now arrived,
And more beauty it will
bring.

God created this month,
With it's summer sun
aglow,

And flowers red and
gold; for all this is in His
control.

Summer is passing very
fast, Think of its lovely
floral design,

And praise our Lord
above; For giving us this
special, lovely time.

By Shirley Hyde



Our Prayer List

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

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| Bill & Pat Glatzer | Barbara Baranowski |
| Bill Kastak | Anna Dawidziuk |
| Julie L | 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 Warzala | 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 |
| Emma Freshwater | 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 | Bp. John Mack |
| Janice Bielecki | Bp. John Swantek |
| Mary Cawley | Richard & Edna Samelson |
| Jim Giles | Tammy Teubl |
| Wanda Heffner | Loretta Baldwin |
| Donna Kidd | Paulette Lilli |
| Anthony Grad | Azriel G. |
| Marilyn Girard | Courtney Austin |
| Stephanie Milla | Shannon Alberino |
| Jayden Pieciak | Baby Layla |
| Jeremy Steinbrick | Katie Stallbaum |
| Marcia Klein | Kim Penney |
| George & Linda Makovicka | Phil Symons |
| 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 |
| Sophie Mae | Kenny Ploskonka |

WE ALSO REMEMBER

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