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Something Sacred

"Sacred" is a great word, isn't it? I feel like it somehow hits even harder than the word "holy"...probably because we simply don't speak the word that often. Even the definition of "sacred" strikes the soul: "connected with God or dedicated to a religious purpose and so deserving veneration".

Since the springtime, most of you are aware that the parish has put every Sunday Mass online. There was something about the added pressure and the more eyes watching that really made me consider not only my preaching (which I spoke of last month), but how people would notice appearance, vesture, items in church, sounds, etc. It was neat to do a bit of traveling and see other people from the PNCC and have them note how they've watched our Mass, how they've come to recognize St. Mary's Parish

when it comes across the screen.

One of the places I found a silver lining in these whole, crazy last six months was going through the sacred vessels of St. Mary's Parish. During these months, Deacon Jim and I have thoroughly washed, rearranged, debated, found a lost item, and sent vessels away to be replated/refinished.

Sacred vessels include the Chalice, Ciborium, and Intinctorium. I actually did a video on these items back in March, detailing some of the vessels we have at St. Mary's. Since then, we haven't used an intinctorium for Communion, so we sent one away to be re-finished, as well as a chalice and paten that had seen better days. Within that process, the metal is so stripped-down that the "sacredness" of the chalice is deemed to have been lost.

To that end, a previously-consecrated chalice must be consecrated again by a bishop once it has been refinished. Before Christmas, we had a chalice and two patens refinished in silver/gold, first used at Midnight Mass 2019. I included a picture of the Most Rev. John Swantek consecrating it in our newsletter. It is the silver chalice pictured here.



On Sunday, August 30, I had Deacon Jim go around to the front of the pews at the beginning of Mass with the chalice and paten recently refinished— it is a gold chalice and the paten as a depiction of the crucifixion scene. Since many people commented they couldn't see it, I am including pictures here.

Also replated was an intinctoria, the vessel that holds the Body and Blood of Christ used to distribute Holy Communion.

Fr. Jason's Article (cont)

These items were consecrated by the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky after Holy Mass following the 6th Annual PNCC Golf Tournament. The video of Prime Bishop Mikovsky consecrating the items is available on our YouTube Channel. Two additional videos were created in spring that explain Sacred Vessels and how they are "dressed" for the celebration of Holy Mass—check them out!

Fr. Jason



St. Mary's 2nd Annual Trunk Sale

St. Mary's 2nd Annual Trunk Sale took place on Saturday, August 15, coinciding with Parma Ward 4's garage sale.

The idea, which worked great last year (outside of a pandemic) was to give the community a place to have a "group" garage sale, on our very visible property. Spots would be rented out of our parking lot for a one-time fee, with the buyer then keeping profits from there. The parish was also cooking up hot dogs and supplying cool drinks on a hot day to help fundraise a bit.

Though the turnout wasn't quite as good as last year, the event could only be deemed a success. We give great appreciation for Susan Boehnlein who not only brought this idea to the forefront last year, but led this venture again.



Swenson's Fundraiser

For a second straight year, St. Mary's planned to have four different restaurant fundraisers to help fundraise a bit...as well as to allow parishioners to meet up with each other outside the walls of the parish.

Unfortunately, like everyone else, we have had to zig and zag. An idea from a Parish Committee Meeting came that we should seek out a drive

through/drive in place that might provide a fundraiser.

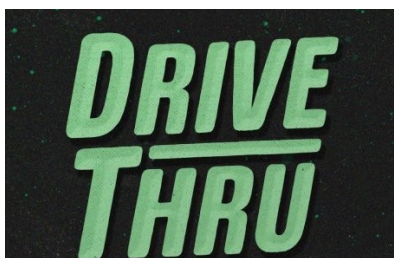
We held our Swenson's dinner on Tuesday, August 4 from 4-9 pm. Attended by about 60 parishioners and friends, we enjoyed a night away in the comfort of our cars while paying for a couple bills at the parish!



PolishFest 2020 Planning

Preparing for PolishFest 2020 proved to be tricky, as we abided by social distancing and CDC guidelines, all while wondering what the reaction of the public would be.

We held a planning meeting on August 25 where we finalized the menu that would be used a few weeks later, and we made pierogi on August 29 that would be used for the Fest.



August Drive-Thru Dinners

July was home to Drive-Thru Dinner #4 and 5 at St. Mary's. #4 was under the guidance of Patti Dotson and was Kielbasa and Cabbage & Noodles, while #5 was a Fried Fish dinner, under the guidance of George Ziefle & Steve Fesz.

Both dinners went great—if we could've predicted on January 1st that we'd sell 100 fish dinners on a Friday in August and 100+ Polish Dinners, we'd be



thrilled! Much appreciation for our hard-working parishioners and those who continue to plan Friday nights around a bite to eat from St. Mary's.

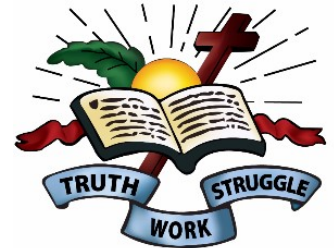


PNCC Future Directions Update

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August 2020 - St. Barnabas: Generosity & Fortitude

As we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of Brotherly Love and continue to pray for healing, health and love for our nation and the world; this month on our discipleship journey we focus on St. Barnabas.

[Click Here to watch a short video message on St. Barnabas by Cleric Justin Daviault](#)

Scriptures for Reflection

Acts 4:32-37, 9:22-27, 14:8-20, 15:1-29

Questions for Reflection:

Barnabas was called "son of encouragement" by the Apostles. In what ways can you follow his example and encourage others this month on their own journeys as disciples of Jesus?

Name a few important "discipleship qualities" that St. Barnabas demonstrates?

Which one would you personally like to better emulate?

How can you begin to practically do so in your daily life?

How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?

Prayer in Time of National Anxiety

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and represent-

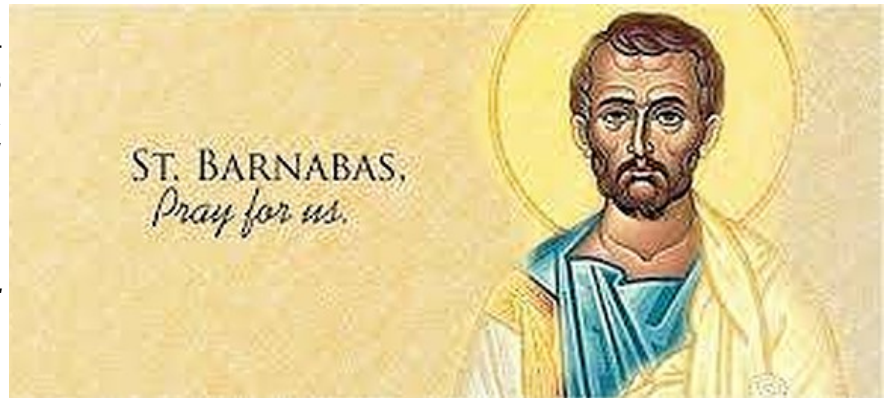


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atives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all people. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of all people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee



Various Announcements

ONLINE PAYMENTS

St. Mary's website, stmaryspncc.org, has been updated to include an option to make a donation online with your credit card. You can even note what the donation is for. Your info is protected by Square, the same we use at fundraisers. Of course, mailed-in payments welcome.

PHONES IN CHURCH

As we are still in the midst of this pandemic and adjusting to these temporary rules, please feel free to use your silenced phone to follow along with Mass at church. Much of the prayers, readings, etc. are sent out before Sunday Mass, giving you the option to print or read from your phone.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In September, we use the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer/Canon of St. Hippolytus.

POLISHFEST HALF-REPORT

Crazy!!!! We sold out of two days worth of food on our first day! This led to the postponement of our second day to overtake our previously scheduled Drive-Thru #6, bumping it from Friday to Saturday and going with a similar format to this weekend's event. We will have some sign-

up sheets for this event, as well as announcing some food prep days in advance: please help us out!

EFFECTS OF A VIRAL POST

Our ad for the PolishFest hit the people of Northeast Ohio just right, and ended up resulting in over 200,000 views...and way more people than normal at a church event. As stated in this bulletin, the draw of homemade Polish Food is through the roof, and we will take advantage of it! We ended up nearly doubling our Facebook followers over the last week and turning away 100+ cars at our first night!

DRIVE THRU DINNERS

We are still tentatively planning on having drive-thru dinners in October, but we are still waiting a bit to verify menus, planning, etc. Stay tuned!

CONSECRATION

The Consecration of Bishop Jarosław Rafalko takes place Monday, September 14. It will be held at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA at 2pm. St. Mary's will be well-represented! Fr. Jason serves as a MC (Master of Ceremony) of the liturgy, Deacon Jim will be the Deacon of the Mass, and the Repede family

will attend, having created the altar linens that are used in the Consecration Rite! Please remember Bishop Rafalko and his ministry in your prayers on this wonderful day for our Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. Info for his installation is included on the front inside cover of this newsletter

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Will begin in September of this year. We ask that the parents of all SOCL aged kids to please make this an important part of your children's life and education.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

The XVIII Synod of the Western Diocese took place August 12-13. Fr. Jason wrote an article that will be featured in the upcoming God's Field/Rola Boza—please visit PNCC.org for more information.

NEWSLETTERS

Looking for positive news! If you have anything to share about yourself or a family member, let us know, so we can pass on the good news to our parishioners. The good Lord knows we can use some good news in our lives.

AVAILABLE MASSES

There are just a few available Mass dates for 2020 – Available are : Oct 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 29; Dec 13, 27. Please contact Fr. Jason soon to schedule a Mass.

September Days of Note



September

- 1st – Judy Lynne Mondok
- 1st – Brett Spilka
- 5th – Jim Ploskonka
- 7th – Elaine Ploskonka
- 7th – Sharon Skiba
- 9th – Marcus Todorovich
- 13th – David Knapp
- 14th – Monika Gorchek
- 16th – Andrea Grmovsek
- 17th – Rose Kronen
- 21st – Bob Bernacki
- 27th – Allison Suarez
- 27th – Roland Ploskonka



September

- 19th — Pete & Marge O'Conner
- 26th — Steve & Barbara Fesz
- 26th — John & Adrienne Michalczyk
- 26th — Tom & Cherie Kugler

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Scheduled Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

- September 6—Joan Kastak of. by family
- September 13— Frank Dominik of. by wife Millie
- September 20—George Stepanik of. by brother Gene
- September 27—Frank Dominik of. by wife Millie
- October 4— Steve Temesi of. by wife Patty
- October 11— Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by son John
- October 18— Available intention
- October 25— Available intention

"As You Grow"

As you grow,
May our Heavenly Father
Guide you through,
Pouring down His blessings
Over you.

As you grow,
May you experience love
Never-ending,
And know that your life
On Him is depending.

As you grow,
May each breath
That you take
Be filled with the wonder
That only God can make.

As you grow,
Always be thankful for
Blessings unfolding,
Give Him your best
For your life He is still molding.

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Our Prayer List

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

Bill & Pat Glatzer	Barbara Baranowski
Bill Kastak	Anna Dawidziuk
Craig Atherton	John Spilka
Johanna Markiewicz	Mary Ann Loschelder
Ralph & June Zaun	Len Pryer
Marty Bengela	Tom Putynski
Polly Gajda	Millie Dominik
Kathleen Beres	Louise Cygan
David Micka	Carol Hreha
Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Petrie
Amy Dreger	Patti Dotson
Elizabeth Starnawski	Jack Spilka
Elaine Repede	John Radon
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 Soltesy
Pam Tropiano	Linda Vect
Dennis and Sue Vect	Marcus Vaughn, Jr.
Bryson Dzurroff	Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak
Kelly B	Jane Hunter
Dennis Thome	The Finnie Family
Carlene Fliss	Jim Fliss Jr.
John Michalczyk	Cathy Pieciak
Nan Cramer	Bp. John Mack-
David Vaden	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	Julie L.
Barbara B.	Patrick Kmitt
Michael McGivern	Daniel Morgan
Barb & Jim Lucas	Renee Lucas

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