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JULY 26, 2020 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

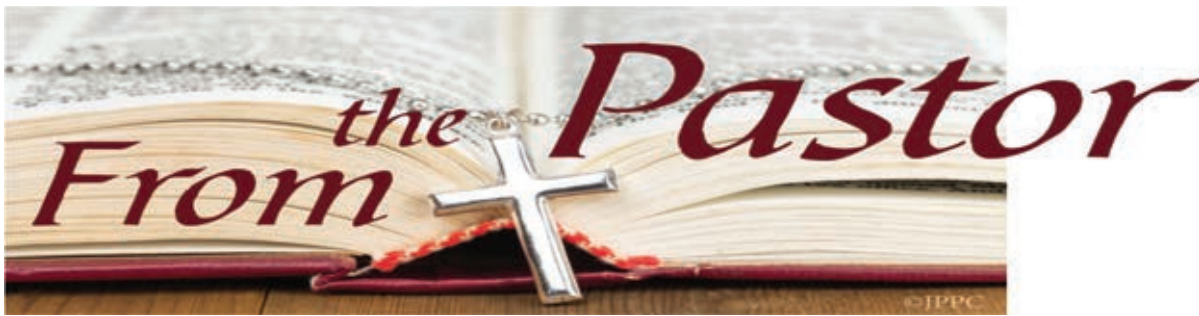
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



It was my friend, Ed, who mentioned it to me. It was his wife that mentioned it to him. She heard of it from her mother, who happens to live well on the other side of the Atlantic in southern Poland. I suppose that there it was subtitled. Ed and his wife found it very interesting and thought that I might enjoy watching it. Although I've only begun to watch *The Chosen*, I have indeed found it interesting – and entertaining as well. Perhaps, you've already heard of this program and maybe have seen it. The program itself is an ongoing series on the life of Christ “seeing Him through the eyes of those who knew Him” according to the series’ webpage. It is being produced outside of Hollywood and its production is “crowd-funded” having raised over 10.2 million dollars from over 16,000 investors by January of 2019. I'm just starting to watch season one and season two is in the works. There are plans for seven seasons. I was able to find and view it easily on YouTube. It was created, directed, and co-written by American filmmaker, Dallas Jenkins, and it is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus. It is a most unique and valiant effort in proclaiming the Good News to our world today so in need of It. Of course, any film or story on the life of Our Lord will involve interpretation. I believe that Jenkins does this rather well, presenting biblical characters that are very believable and very human though they may not, at first, fit into our preconceived notions of a Peter or Mary of Magdala, or even of Jesus Himself. There is, as well, a good deal of artistic license in order to present scenes that might have taken place between the various pericopes of Sacred Scripture. I especially enjoyed the scene (a whole episode really) of Jesus’ encounter with a group of young children. They find themselves fascinated by this “itinerant-not-a-bad-man-sort-of-teacher-and-woodcraftsman/toy-maker.” What child would not be fascinated? I was also drawn-in by the character of Peter, though, I have to admit, not at first. Peter seemed just a little too small physically. His brother seemed bigger and stronger. My notion of Peter was always one of star weightlifter with huge guns that would readily tune anyone that dare mess with him. In this portrayal, Peter is a strong man, yet a very troubled man in the beginning. His fishing business is about to go under. He conspires with the Romans. He lies to his wife. He is very much the sinner. However, this means that he is very much a man in need of redemption and a Redeemer. Matthew, the tax collector, is also portrayed in a very interesting way. He is a rather prissy Roman lapdog and treated as such by the arrogant and condescending occupiers. However, all this, I'm certain, will soon change. We're always looking for new ways to evangelize and during these last months and even now, most of us have had our fill of Netflix, Hulu, and binge watching. C'mon! Just how many times can you watch *Top Gun*? This series might be of interest to you. It might even prompt a discussion of things biblical. Imagine that! Check it out. You might find yourself recommending it and discussing it with a friend or family member. Who knows? You may even find yourself growing in your Faith. If that's the case, then Mr. Jenkins has accomplished his goal and so have I in mentioning this to you as my friend, Ed, mentioned it to me!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



MONDAY	JULY 27
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph
TUESDAY	JULY 28
8:30 AM	Judy & Tony Niewinski
WEDNESDAY	JULY 29
8:30 AM	Catherine O'Leary
THURSDAY	JULY 30
	NO MASS

FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

FRIDAY	JULY 31
12:15 PM	Catherine Shivetts

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	AUGUST 1
8:30 AM	Julia Noreik
4:30 PM	Maureen Heistand
SUNDAY	AUGUST 2
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Walter Schalleur



Sunday Collection, July 19

<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$7,863</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$2,992</i>
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$4,871</i>

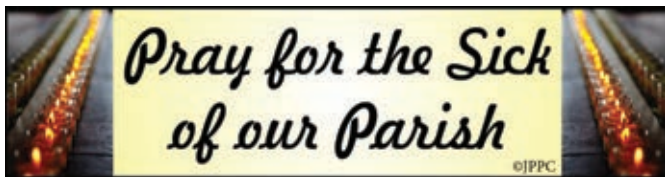
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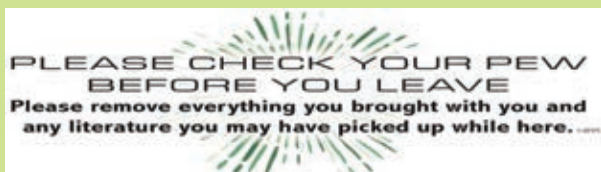
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U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

**Readings for daily and Sunday Mass
 can be found at usccb.org/bible/readings.
 Click on the calendar on
 the right to get the readings for the
 day.**

For those attending Mass

At this time during the green restricted
 phase there will be no Altar Servers,
 Ushers taking up the collection or
 Children's Liturgy.



The Corner

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"I must read Scripture often and meditate
 on these mysteries that affect the interior
 life. The Trinity, Incarnation, Crucifixion,
 Resurrection, and Pentecost, all affect my
 personal life with God, and, ultimately, af-
 fect my neighbor's life because of the
 good works resulting from this union with
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---Mother Angelica

Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is OPEN!

The Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM to
 7:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The Maximum Capacity Allowed is 4 people.
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 cial distancing.



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Wow! Thanks to all of you....our pantry continues to assist our most in-need neighbors in our community. Donations are up (and words cannot express our gratitude for these) and so are our volunteers. God Bless All of You!

If you are able, we are in need of baked beans, veggies, pasta and sauce, cereal, apple juice, kiddie treats, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, mayo, ketchup, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder, we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM and we are open to all Delco residents (with ID).

Please keep cool and know you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



STUDENTS EXCEL AT

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the End of the 4th quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include:

Kyleigh Devenney '20, Mia Macciocca '23,
Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23

Students who achieved second honors include:

Olivia Riley '20, Paige Donnelly '21, Maria McNicholas '21, Mary-Kate Sansone '21, Marissa Glick '23, Aminata Gogra '23, Rebecca McVeigh '23.

Congratulations !



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Reflection

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Remember “multiple choice tests?” They could be like a casino trip to the guys and gals that didn’t study and just gambled with their choices. Or the tests were brain teasers for the rest of us for one reason: there always seemed to be those two pesky choices very close in meaning, yet only one was fully correct. Here’s another fact: those tests were tough to compose, and I speak from experience.

As time went past our school days, we quickly came to know that life itself almost daily came up with multiple options everywhere we looked. This held true in matters both trite and tremendous. Chief among the latter was our choice of religious belief and practice. Everyone has to choose in this example. Jesus Christ is one Person who confronts everyone with a choice. He knows better than we that there are options. But He would agree that not to decide is to decide.

The Apostles Christ chose are often held up as the original holy ones of our Catholic Faith. They are touted as brave evangelizers. But we have to remember that they were ordinary people of the type that we might find walking down the street or bumping into us at the supermarket. When they witnessed Jesus’ cruel and unjustified execution, they had to feel let down and acutely disappointed. Here they had given up their ordinary lives to follow this man they called “the Master,” and He couldn’t even master His fate! Or so they thought.

The resurrection squelched such doubts immediately for them, with St. Thomas’ belief just slightly delayed. From that moment on, they were taught and learned a great deal about their new life and its fulfillment. Among the components of that knowledge was the clear call to be as wise as Solomon. They had learned to recognize that the kingdom of God is the main treasure in life. It is indeed the “pearl of great price.” They would hope, like all of us, to be caught up in the Lord’s “fishing net” as one of the healthy and desirable fish.

So much for the Apostles. But how about you and me? Most of us have heard these gospels read to us for years. We have also read them for ourselves. Has their message “sunk in”? Despite the fact that the truth may have gotten through to us, how do we handle our doubts and fears? How do we handle those cloudy days that take away the sunshine? Like that shocking medical diagnosis we did not expect? Or the death of a loved one? That job loss? That betrayal by a friend? The list can be long for some of us.

But then along come faith and hope, that indomitable pair of divine gifts that are fostered each week by the Eucharist. I know that is principally why we all missed gathering together for it during the pandemic shut-down. Our souls were starving. Not having any choice in the matter didn’t help either. Our basic freedom was curtailed. How great to have it back! In the meantime, may we keep fresh in our minds this wise conclusion from an unknown author: “Nothing great was ever done without an act of decision. Especially when the choices were multiple.”



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