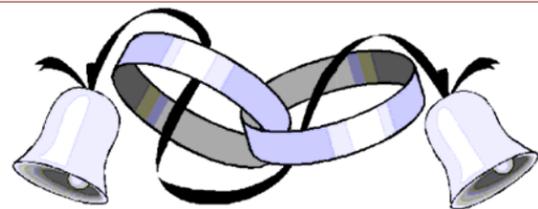


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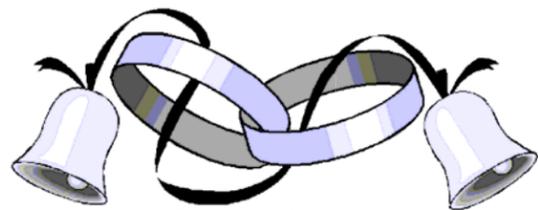


Just had to share this picture of Sean enjoying his favorite alcoholic beverages while on vacation! Welcome back Quirk brothers! Sober up Sean and get back to work!



Banns of Marriage
Ryan Murphy and Morgan Kirsch
August 20, 2016

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Third Publication



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September 3, 2016

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First Publication



PARISH PICNIC
Sunday August 28, 2016
Mass starts at 12:30PM
Haller Shelter
Oglebay Park
(by pool)



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER
for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation Year! Classes start Sunday September 11 at 9:15am . First Communion and Confirmation in the Cathedral offices, RCIA in the Rectory. Registration is open until August 29. Email or call Debbie Fahey to register or get more information.
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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

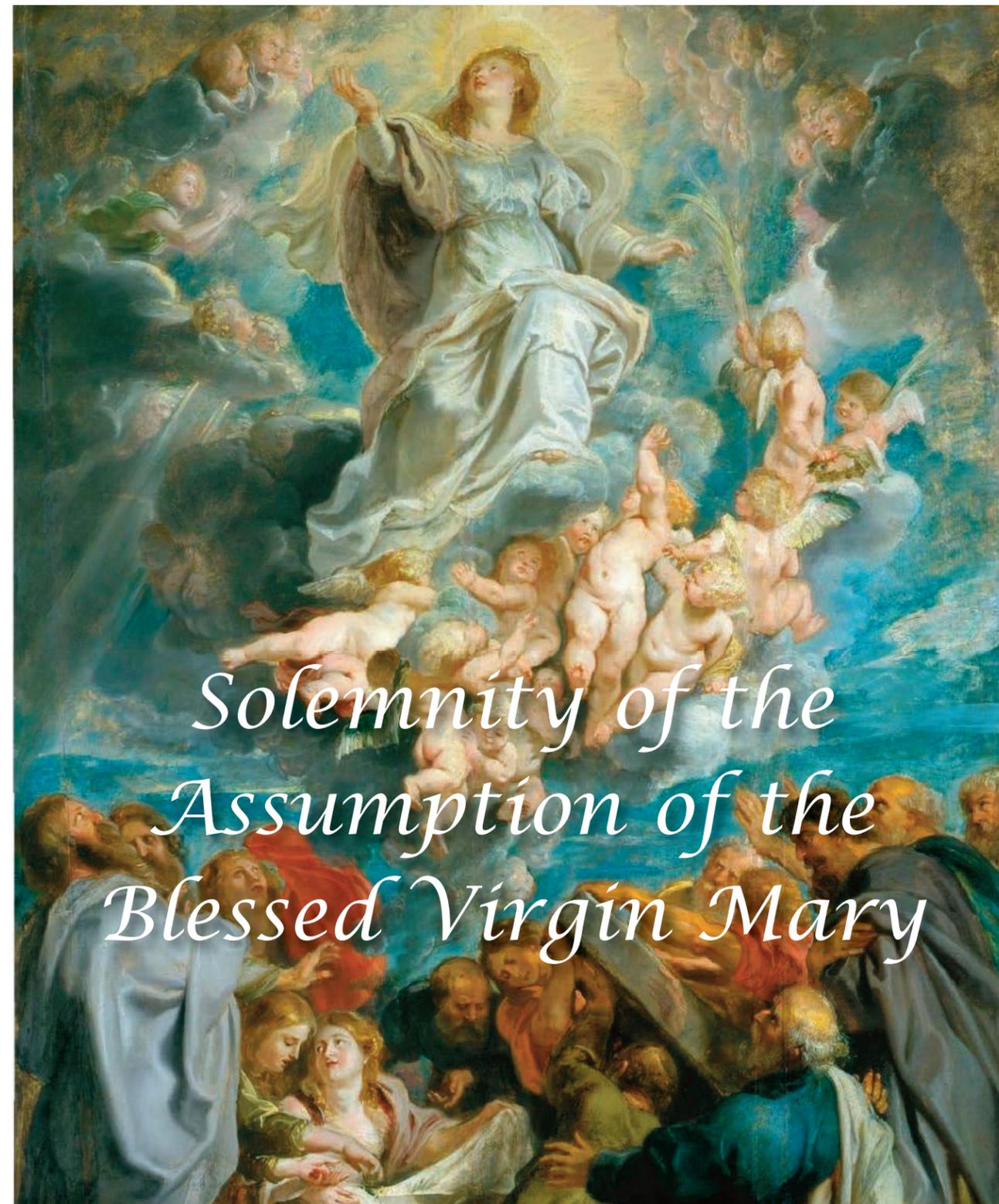
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Christian Awareness

By: Alex J. Nagem

There remained a scent of burnt frankincense in the church. The burning resin is used in cleansing of a sacred place from generations passed. It was given as a precious gift to a baby boy, God as man, who was to be Priest, Rabbi, and Savior. This is a holy place. The sunlight coming through the stain glass windows provides a colorful walkway down the center aisle. One walks slowly as the waxed tile floor appears wet under foot. Each row of empty pews looks inviting. The selection is predetermined, second pew on the left. Dozens of candles illuminate the two side altars. Each candle holding a silent offer of prayer. The stillness in the church is a sign of reverence, one that should not be disturbed. Holding on the end of the pew, one knee bends as the head bows toward the Tabernacle. In the silence one knows God is here. The kneeler is placed softly on the floor to accept the weight of all for which one prays. How many knees have rested on this spot showing humility before God? This is but one of many questions that aspire for an answer. Head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins.

Images of Saints and Martyrs are posed in thought and prayer on the walls before me. Are they to be examples of daily life for one to follow? Why don't I know them as I should? What were their deeds or conduct of merit? I know so little of the forbearers of our faith. How can I ask for intercession from someone unknown to me? They are declared to be with God for their undaunted faith. Strength was drawn from this faith. I am weak in comparison. They exemplify the ideals of Christian behavior. They are the witnesses of Christ. They lived a life of love, just as Christ loves us. They are recognized as heroes of our faith. Interest in their life needs to grow into a passion for learning. Head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins.

A Crucifix hangs on the side wall, illuminated by artificial light. There is nothing artificial about this sign of true love and forgiveness bestowed upon mankind. Do we understand the gift we received? What should be clear to us is

overlooked as a familiar sign on the road. Has the meaning been lost over time? Why am I the only one in this place of worship? There are many who pass each day. Can a minute of time be spared to enter and say a prayer? Maybe this thought is directed toward me for not allowing more time for prayer. Am I judging others for my own shortcomings? Maybe company in prayer is all that is desired with my thoughts. Prayer in unison is to be our choir to God. He asks for homage. What do we provide? My questions go unanswered for another hour to pass. Head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins.

Above the altar in dim light Christ is depicted on a throne. Is this Heaven or the New Jerusalem? He watches over all with a discerning eye. No longer should it be said that one is not daily judged. Darkness does not hide one's thoughts and works from the Lord. Children take a treat while their mother is turned. She knows the impatience of her children. Forgiveness is provided with no word spoken. Awareness of judgment provides humility to our nature. Can this be the way of Our Savior? "It was all done for a giggle, as if our hearts were tickled to think we were deceiving those who would not think us capable of such behavior and would have profoundly disapproved. Why then did I derive pleasure from an act I would not have done on my own? Is it that nobody can easily laugh when alone?" (St. Augustine, "Confessions") Our behavior as children, in spite of the age reached, is observed by our Maker for strength of our judgment in the words He did speak. Does He smile with contentment or frown for what we have done? Have we welcomed a brother, a sister, or a child? Have we offered food and drink to satisfy the need? Have we thanked the Creator for our life, providing for our needs, and answering our pleas? Head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins.

Alone with my reflections, in the silence of the Lord's house, my devotion I discern. Is it worthy of one who has fallen and has now returned? Am I humble with my thoughts and words that I speak? Does the Lord look upon me as one who is caring or one who is

A Silent Prayer Begins

considered weak? I long for the silence to be broken, to hear His voice speak words of my forgiveness. My days are filled with self judgment and review. What brings my thoughts to one of confession? Has my religion grown to one of daily guilt or one of trying to reach a level of obedience to God? I wish I had more answers to my questions. My thoughts are ones that take me to a place of comfort. I wonder what it would be like walking with Jesus, listening to his voice in sermons. Would I stand by him to face his accusers? While kneeling in a pew in the house of Our Lord it is easy to say I will. There is no one to question my behavior or ask about my beliefs. Should we each be our own example of what others should observe as a Christian? Is justification by faith alone pleasing to God? Ephesians 2:8-12 states, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Does good works bring us to our belief and salvation or does our belief result in good works and bring us to salvation? James 2:14-17 states, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." I pray I can clearly see the needs of my neighbor and willing enter into the chaos that surrounds them, for this is mercy. Head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins.

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." Soren Kierkegaard.

With my head bowed, eyes closed and hands clasped, a silent prayer begins to Our Lord in which you are remembered, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

Alex J. Nagem

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—August 14th—TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
8:00a Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie
10:30a Mass for Dolores Perri Baptism
RDGS: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

Monday—August 15th—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Not a Holy Day of Obligation

12:05p Mass for Tony Cuffaro
RDGS: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday—August 16th—Saint Stephen of Hungary

12:05p Mass for +Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt Anniversary of Death 2011
RDGS: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36b Mt 19:23-30
5:30p Parish Council

Stephen, died 1038; as the first Christian king of Hungary he united and Christianized the Magyar people; received the Holy Crown from Pope Sylvester II in 1000; renowned for his charity to beggars; known as the "Apostolic King and Apostle of Hungary."

Wednesday—August 17th—20th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Harold Yahn
RDGS: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
5:30p Finance Council

Thursday—August 18th—20th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Michael Sargent
RDGS: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

Friday—August 19th—Saint John Eudes, priest

11:15a Confessions
12:05p Mass for Pat Scheibelhood
RDGS: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
5:00p Wedding Rehearsal

John, died 1680; founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (today numbering 470) for training the clergy; also founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes; promoted cult to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Saturday—August 20th—Saint Bernard, abbot, doctor of the church

9:00a Mass for Theodore & Cora Scheibelhood
2:00p Kirsch Wedding
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Chris Miller
RDGS: Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 23:1-12

Bernard, died in 1153; Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux; reformer and spiritual author; preached against the Albi-

gensians; founded sixty-eight monasteries; preached the Second Crusade; denounced injustice and worked for peace; known as Doctor mellifluus; patron of Gibraltar.

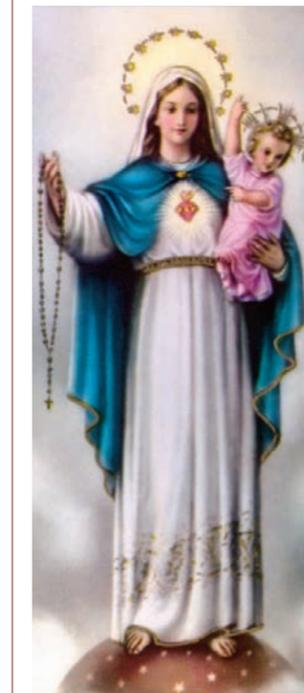
Sunday—August 21st—TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Helen Pasden
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30
4:00p Music Director Reception

Scaffolding Returns!

Hear Ye All! The scaffolding will return to our Cathedral beginning Aug. 22. Crews will be working on lighting upgrades during that time. During the project, weekday Mass will be celebrated in the Central Catholic High School Chapel, located on the first floor of the school. Weekend Masses will still be held in the Cathedral Church. More info to follow, thank you for your cooperation.

Women's Faith Sharing Group



The next gathering for the Women's Faith Sharing Group is Thursday, Aug. 18, at Mount St. Joseph from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our day will consist of Liturgy, lunch (\$9.00), meeting (reflecting on our favorite Bible stories of Mercy) and alone time for prayer, meditation and spending time with the sisters.

ONE MORE DAY TO RSVP. Deadline is noon Monday, Aug. 15. For more info or ride call Diane (304-233-8574). All are welcome to attend part of the day or experience the entire day of love, service and faith sharing.