

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH



June 21, 2026

YOU ARE
WORTH MORE THAN
MANY SPARROWS.

— MATTHEW 10:31 —

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Giovanni Blandino
+Sheila Strabley, Birthday
+Joseph Sweeney
+Gerard Penczak
+Piotr Zdbicke
+Marvine Doyle
For all Fathers, Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 21

7:30 AM +Anibal Cintron
+Richard Robertson
For all Fathers, Living and Deceased

9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
For all Fathers, Living and Deceased

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Al Fang
+Jesus Covarrubias
+Ron McGuire, Anniversary
+Mary Therese McGuire, Birthday
+Patrick T. Erickson, 1st Anniversary
+Gino D'Ovidio
+Ron Schofield
+Theresa Lasselle
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Monday, June 22

8 AM For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Tuesday, June 23

8 AM +Lana Patterson, Birthday
+Peter Krallitsch, Anniversary
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Wednesday, June 24

8 AM +Marcy Krzysko
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Thursday, June 25

8 AM +Geraldine Lustro Birthday
+Rosemary Foley
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Friday, June 26

8 AM For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Saturday, June 27

1 PM Samantha Escalera, Quinceañera
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Juliana M. Guerrero, Anniversary
+Anne McCarthy, Anniversary
+George Krueger, Birthday
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 28

7:30 AM For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
+Lana Patterson
+Geraldine Lustro
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Eddie Mizejewski, Birthday
+Jim and +Charlene Burres
John and Ann Giannini, 70th Wedding Anniversary
+Rosemary Martin
For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 27

4:30 PM
Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Servers Evan V., Elijah V., Nickolas F., Macaria T., Lorenzo T.
Lector Joanne Bieschki
E.M.s Perlita Domingo, Pat Strabley, Peggy O'Donnell, Patricia Rinella, Anna Petras, Mike Miller

Sunday, June 28

7:30 AM
Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Servers Jazmin G., Yasleen G., Joseph K.
Lector Andy Johnson
E.M.s Minnie Reillo, Bill Lesch, Florence Smith, Michelle Doyle, Tina Krzysko, Ken Doyle

9 AM
Presider Fr. Stan Ilo
Server Angeli B.
Lector Tim Orr
E.M.s Maryann Dibari, Mary Graf, Daniel LaCour, Michael Wittrock, Joanne Koziol, Lynn Loftus

11 AM
Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Servers Lucas R., Christian C., Sarah P.
Lector Josaphat Urytskyy
E.M.s Ester Lingo, Leonora Palattao, Alice Carella, Lena Roy, Charlie Roy, Debra DeSalvo

Parish Weekly Events

Tuesday, June 23

7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

July 5 is due on Tuesday, June 23 at 9 AM

July 12 is due on Wednesday, July 1 at 9 AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

The Mother of Perpetual Help Society invites you to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional held every Tuesday evening in the St. Celestine Chapel. We pray the rosary at 7 PM and then the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. You may join us for either the rosary or the novena or both!



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From the Administrator–Designate’s Desk: Fr Ton Nguyen

Excerpt from a Holy Name Cathedral Bulletin Article by Fr. Ton Nguyen

The Stump of Jesse

I Prefer Heaven — Part 4/5:
Bringing Christ to Life

In his third Lenten reflection for 2026, Fr. Roberto Pasolini reflects on a beautiful passage from Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis says that believers become spouses, brothers, and even mothers of Christ. Strange image at first, right? But Francis explains that we become “mothers” of Christ whenever we carry Him within us through love, prayer, and a sincere heart, and then bring Him into the world through the way we live: “[We are] spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined to our Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. We are brothers to Him when we do the will of the Father who is in Heaven; mothers, when we carry Him in our heart and body through divine love and pure and sincere consciences and when we give birth to Him through a holy manner of working, which should shine before others as an example” (2 Letter to the Faithful 50–53; Franciscan Sources 200).

Fr. Pasolini explains that generating Christ in others does not simply mean talking about Jesus or convincing people with perfect arguments. It means allowing Christ to change us first. Like a mother carrying a child quietly before birth, Christ must first grow within us—in silence, prayer, daily sacrifice, and ordinary acts of love. Only then does something begin to change around us. People are moved not only by what we say, but by what they see. A patient person in suffering. Someone who forgives. Someone who quietly serves

without needing attention. Little by little, Christ becomes visible. That is how the Gospel spreads.

The Feast of Corpus Christi reveals this mystery beautifully. In the Eucharist, Christ gives Himself completely. His self–gift is not weakness—it is love. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are invited to become what we receive. So maybe the real question of Corpus Christi is this: after receiving Jesus, are we becoming more loving? More patient? More free to serve others?

Back to our favorite movie, *Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven*. There is a beautiful moment when Philip receives money to build a church. Yet instead of focusing only on bricks and walls, he spends himself caring for the poor, the children, and the forgotten people around him. As the deadline for the church’s completion approaches, things look hopeless. The church is still unfinished, and the Pope is already on his way for the visit. But then something beautiful happens. The very people whom Philip had loved and cared for throughout the years come together to finish the church themselves. Why? Because they had already seen Christ alive in Francis. The final scene is wonderful. As the Pope enters the village, the people finish the bell tower just in time. The church bell rings out loudly across the town. Honestly, it is hard not to smile during that scene. And maybe that is the point. When Christ truly grows within us, something beautiful begins to ring through our lives too. Not because we are perfect, but because the Holy Spirit quietly works through ordinary people who are willing to love. Sometimes the best sermon is simply a life that makes others wonder, “Where does that joy come from?”



From the Administrator–Designate’s Desk: Fr Ton Nguyen

During this time of transition, I am deeply grateful to Fr. Paul Cao and our dedicated parish staff for their support, generosity, and encouragement. I am especially thankful to Fr. Paul Eruva, our associate pastor, who this year celebrates 30 years of faithful priestly ministry —wow! I know, right? — as well as to our resident priests who continue to serve our parish community with dedication and care. Their generous service, steady presence, and commitment to the people of God help ensure that parish life remains vibrant and welcoming. As we move forward together, I am grateful for their shared commitment to the mission of the Church and for the many ways they embody Christ's loving care for His people. As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, I extend my heartfelt prayers and gratitude to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures in our parish family. Thank you for the love, sacrifice, guidance, and faith you share with your families. May St. Joseph, faithful husband and devoted father, intercede for you and inspire you in your vocation. Happy Father's Day, and may God bless you abundantly.

I love being a priest. JMJ.

Fr. Ton

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."
(Mt 10:27)

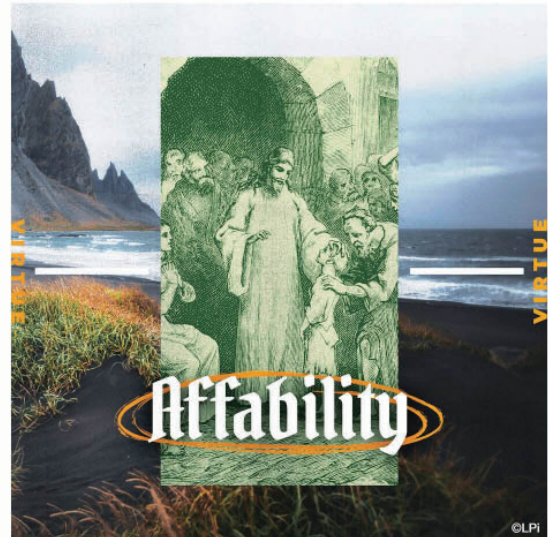
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

Observances for the week of June 21, 2026

- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Father's Day*
- Monday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

Blessing for Juneteenth

Dear Lord,
Pour Your goodness and grace upon our brothers and sisters. Even as we celebrate our triumphs, be with us in today's work that strives to bring justice to the oppressed and liberty to captives. Write Your message of freedom in our hearts, so that we might live more deeply healed. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

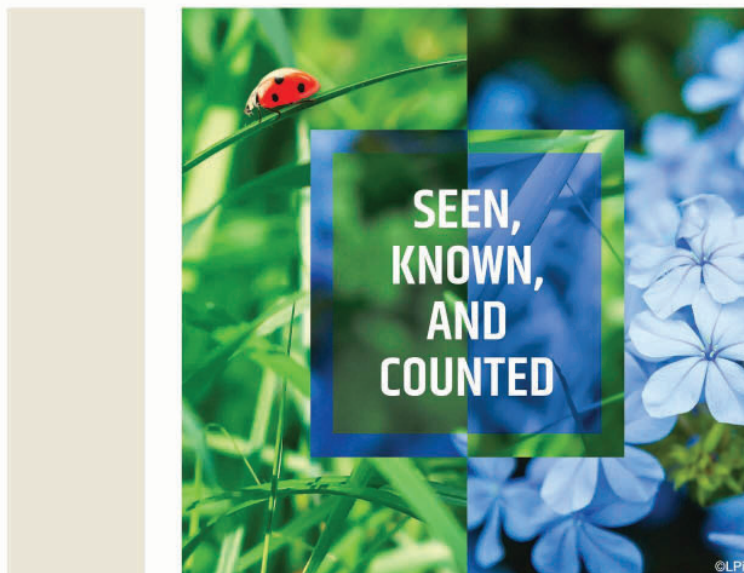
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I make my living writing for Catholic publications. My readers are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. But in my personal life, I am far less bold. I do not fear those who can kill my body, but I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

Fear No One

In the 1883 painting “Mass in a Connemara Cabin,” a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O’Kelley, depicts a “station Mass,” offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the “emancipation” of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word “emancipation” because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family’s prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they’re usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn’t matter that most Americans identify as “Christians” — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O’Kelley’s Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

“Mass in a Connemara Cabin” illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

“So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”
- Mt 10:31-33

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Jeremiah trusts in the Lord despite his fear of being attacked and persecuted. Can you think of a time when you had to totally trust in God?

Second Reading:

Paul compares and contrasts the impact of Adam and Christ on our lives. Who would you say has made the biggest impact on your life so far?

Gospel:

Jesus warns his disciples against spiritual forces that seek to destroy both the body and the soul. Where do you see malevolent spiritual forces at work in our world?



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Prayer

Thank you for my body and soul, Lord.

Mission for the Week

I will exercise my body and pray-er-cise my soul for 10 minutes every afternoon.

Sharing the Gospel

Counting the hairs on your head can get tiresome and confusing. However, God knows exactly how many you have. Your body works on its own. You do not have to tell your heart to beat or your lungs to fill with air. Every day your body needs exercise to make all parts work well. Every day your soul needs pray-er-cise or talking with God. Pray-er-cise will fill you with peace and make your fears go away.

Now color the picture!



Find the right path to Jesus





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4th of July Parade



Join Fr. Ton and the parish in walking in the Elmwood Park annual Independence Day parade. Line up on Fullerton by the parish bus by Elmwood Park High School by 8:30 AM. Organizations are invited to bring their banners.

Garage Sale in Parking Lot



Do you want to participate in the Elmwood Park garage sales but don't have the space (or garage) at your home? Get a space in the St. Celestine parking lot and sell from there on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The cost is \$25 (non-refundable) for two parking spaces. Please arrive on the day of sale between 8 AM and 9 AM. If you would like to be parked near a friend, please arrange to arrive at the same time. Once parked, you will not be able to drive out until 2 PM.

You will be assigned two parking spaces, one for your car and one for your sale items. The garage sale will take place rain or shine. Please supply your own table/chairs/tents. There will be food and beverages available for cash purchase. Restrooms will be available in our Annex. Feel free to invite others in the area to take part in this event as either a seller or a shopper! Here is the link for the form and more info: <https://stguerinparish.org/garage-sale/>.

Parish Mass for Couples Married 50+ Years

Anyone married 50 years or more is invited to join us at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, July 12 for a special blessing. A reception will follow after the Mass. Please call Lynn at 708-453-2555 to register.

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MARRIED IN 1976?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.**

The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

Calendar

- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Saturday, July 11: 9 AM **Garage Sale** in the St. Celestine Parking Lot
- Sunday, July 12: 11 AM Mass Blessing for couples married **50 or more years**
- Sunday July 19 11 AM Mass Thank You **Blessing for Sr. Johanna Tremi**
- Sunday, July 26 **Parish Picnic and 11 AM Mass** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Thursday, August 20 St. Celestine School begins
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex

Secular Franciscan Order

"The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel." If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 21, 2026

Matthew 10:26-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a lesson in being unafraid. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SECRET	WHAT I SAY	LIGHT
WHISPERED	HOUSETOPS	THE BODY
DESTROY	BOTH	SPARROWS
SOLD	NOT ONE	HAIRS
HEAD	COUNTED	AFRAID
EVERYONE	BEFORE	OTHER
FATHER	DENIES ME	DENY

SPARROW'S WORTH

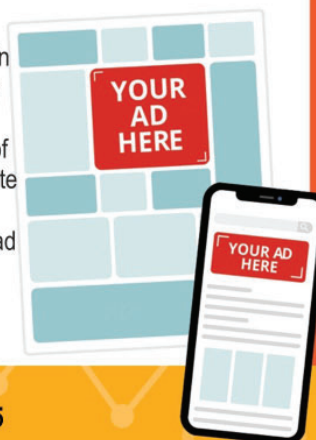
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Mother Guerin High School 50th

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Final Mass at St. Cyprian

After 99 years as a church in River Grove, St. Cyprian held the final mass on June 7, 2026. Bishop José María García-Maldonado, our Vicar, celebrated the mass, with former pastors and priests of St. Cyprian invited to concelebrate. A reception was held after the mass hosted by the parish.





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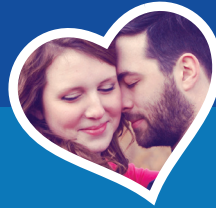
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Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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