

July 25, 2021 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH OF THE FISH AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil
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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!!

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

Bruce Springsteen sang to us as the 1970s turned into the 1980s. The Jersey Shore native belted out "Everybody's got a Hungry Heart."

Well, we've sailed two decades into the new millennium and the same lyrics hold true – everybody's got a hungry heart. We know physical hunger quite well. Daily life finds us opening up the refrigerator for a little something to satisfy this hunger.

There's another kind of hunger – a spiritual hunger. Some folks deny or refute this claim, but in our more honest moments, we recognize the God-shaped hole that nothing in this world can ever completely fill. But, oh boy, do we try to fill it with this or that.

Just as we experience physical hunger and seek food to satisfy that hunger, so too, we experience spiritual hunger and seek the Source to satiate that yearning.

This weekend we begin making our way through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Please take time soon to sit down, open up your Bible, and prayerfully make your way through ALL of chapter six. This is a crucial chapter where Jesus satisfies the physical hunger of the crowd, AND prepares the way to satisfy us spiritually in the gift of the Eucharist.

Take a look around and notice how many people are trying to fill the spiritual void with something or someone who can't ultimately fill the void. Even married couples have to mature to the realization that their partner is NOT God and that the one should stop expecting him or her to fill the shoes only the divine can adequately fill. It's unfair to expect of fellow human beings to fill in the God-shaped hole. It's God-shaped for a reason.

Now is the time for us to wake up and intentionally turn to Christ. He always meets us where we are at, not where others expect us to be. You might say, "But Lord, I am a sinner." He smiles at you and says, "I know. I've known you your entire life. I created you. Yes, you are a sinner, but that's exactly who I am came for. You! Let me fill that God-shaped hole."

Everybody's got a hungry heart. Eat well, physically. Eat well, spiritually. Amen!

Raffle Raffle Raffle

Please continue to support our parish by purchasing a raffle ticket (make that plural, ideally) or help a friend/neighbor to purchase one or more raffle tickets. We made some good progress lately, but we want to move closer to our goal. We are anticipating a \$10,000 First-Place prize to be drawn at our Sunday, August 29th parish picnic. There are a host of other prizes below the first-place prize.

Not being able to host Family Fest the past two years means we've missed out on important revenue, and we were not able to see our friends and neighbors at a social event. This year's Parish Picnic is NOT intended to fully replace the lost funds of Family Fest, but it is a way we can still gather to see one

another AND try to raise some much-needed revenue.

Call the parish office for raffle tickets or check before/after Mass and see if there are some being offered in the narthex of our churches.

The Two Holy Martyrs Parish Picnic is truly one of the first social events we've been able to have since the parish unification. This kind of social event is so important for various reasons, but mainly because we are, at the end of the day, social beings. We also hope to see some neighbors who maybe we haven't seen in a while. The Picnic is NOT Family Fest, but it is an opportunity (outside of Mass or a ministry event) to gather as a Christian family and welcome anyone who strolls in.

Did You Yell BINGO?

We're thrilled to have welcomed back to the parish grounds our monthly Bingo.

Once we received the green light to start re-opening for larger groups, we assembled a Bingo Re-opening committee so that we could host these in our parish and community for those who enjoy getting out of the house and playing a little Bingo.

Flannery Hall on the St. Rene campus has had some improvements since we last called Bingo. We installed new brighter cost-efficient lights and a few ceiling fans. The hall floor was stripped and waxed. The hall was nicely air-conditioned.

We had in excess of 110 players for Bingo on Sunday, July 18th.

Allow me to THANK everyone who VOLUNTEERS to help run Bingo. This is quite an undertaking and the folks who raise their hands to help do so out of love for their parish and enjoyment of being part of our parish bingo. The monthly Bingo is a parish-sponsored event with revenue received finding its home in the parish's general account.

The Bingo volunteers are also an example of how parishioners of former parishes can unite and work together as one newly-united parish. Believe me, I am fully aware this isn't an easy transition to make. I am not naïve to the internal struggle that goes on. We've been challenged to embrace something new and it takes time. Honor the past, live in the present, prepare for the future.



Quote of the Week

*"If we lack hunger for God,
maybe it's because we are too full of ourselves."
~Fr. Juan Ruiz*

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place
Chicago, Illinois 60638

St. Symphorosa School

6125 S. Austin Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60638
(773) 585-6888

Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Site)
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
Offered by Appointment During the Week
Please call the Parish Office



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are currently accepting resumes for a daycare position for our school children PK-8, for this school year beginning August 25, 2021.

The position is 6:30am - 8:15am and 3:00pm - 6:00pm Monday - Friday, approximately 25 hours weekly.

Interested candidates, please send your resume and cover letter highlighting your experience, salary requirement, and interest in the role to office@stsymphorosaschool.org no later than **August 10th**.

On the St. Rene Goupil Church Grounds!

Save the Date!

Fellowship, food & fun

Sunday August 29

PARISH

Picnic



Outdoor Mass, Bingo, Games, Food, Entertainment & more!



Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings
for the weekend of

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Contribution: \$9,212.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Split the Pot

July 18, 2021

Received: \$445.00

Winning envelope: #63577

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.

WEDDING BANNS

I – Carmen Leon & Eduardo Huerta

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of July is offered for the following intentions:

Health & birthday blessings for Nathan Riha & Evan Mielnicki
given by Babcia

For all members of the Soltys family, living & deceased
given by Cheryl Soltys

For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham
given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Vince Porcelli
given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND NEIGHBORS

Two Holy Martyrs parish staff was approached a few months ago by the leaders of The American Quality Schools Corporation. Their representatives showed interest in using one of our parish buildings to be the home of a new private high school. This would NOT be a charter school, but a privately funded high school.

We entered into a few weeks of discussion before determining to move forward in being the home for Harbridge College Prep Academy.

This private high school would require a minimum of 100 students to begin, and would limit school capacity to roughly 400 students. Should the school get the necessary 100 students, they would open their doors in Autumn of 2022. Marketing and recruitment of students would begin in September 2021.

This private high school is seeking to be an alternative for families who want a choice that isn't Chicago Public Schools or a private religious institution.

Harbridge College Prep Academy describes itself as an innovative, high quality, non-sectarian, independent high school. This school is not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Chicago nor Chicago Public Schools. Two Holy Martyrs parish would serve as the lessor, and would receive an agreed upon financial compensation. Harbridge Academy would be housed in the school building on the St. Rene campus. The school building formerly housed one of the local Polish schools. The building would still be used by Two Holy Martyrs Parish for social events, religious education, bingo, etc..

The American Quality Schools Corporation was founded 21 years ago by Dr. Michael Bakalis. Since then, they have opened and/or operated 20 elementary and secondary schools in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. They have operated three of the highest academic achieving schools in Chicago, two of the highest academic achieving schools in the entire state of Indiana, and the highest achieving new charter school in Missouri.

"Our goal is to prepare students to be accepted and succeed in the nations very top-tier universities and colleges," said Bakalis. "It will eventually, after three years, become a true international school." He also added, "Our new school will also focus on the importance of students becoming actively engaged in the areas of ethical behavior, values and good character."

Dr. Michael Bakalis' credentials are numerous. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and taught at the junior high and high school level. After receiving his Ph. D from Northwestern, he taught at Northern Illinois University. He has also been involved with Loyola University, Triton College, and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern.

He was elected and served as Illinois State Superintendent of Education and as Illinois State Comptroller. Through Presidential appointment, he served as Deputy Undersecretary of Education in the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Bakalis is passionate about providing our young children with a quality high school education and we look forward to Harbridge College Prep Academy being a success, and an option for families looking for a high school.



...at the Two Holy Martyrs Picnic



Join the Picnic Choir

- **Only 3 Rehearsals:**
 - August 11 @ St. Rene Campus 6:30-7:45pm
 - August 18 @ St. Syms Campus 6:30-7:45pm
 - August 25 @ St. Rene Campus 6:30-7:45pm
- **Open to All:** Adults and children of all ages!!
You can even bring a friend.



No experience is necessary. I will teach you what you need to know. *What a wonderful way to worship together!!*

I will have a sign-up sheet which you can fill out after Mass. (If I'm not at your Mass one week, I'll probably be there the next week).

Woody Allen once said that 80% of success in life is just showing up. See you on August 11th.

Steve Kittler, Director of Music



MISSION COOPERATION PLAN

PLAN DE COOPERACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN

August 8, 2021 | WeAreMissionary.org/give



Next weekend is the Missionary Cooperation Plan, the annual collection that allows missionaries from around the world to share their stories and invite support from our parishes. Unfortunately, the missionaries could not send speakers to visit us due to the global pandemic. 104 mission causes are participating thus year and ask for our cooperation to continue their missionary efforts. There are dioceses, religious sisters, brothers and priests, as well as school, orphanages and medical clinics that need out prayer and support.

For example, the **Orphanage of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Philippines** is run by the Sisters of Mary Adorers of the Holy Eucharist. It is a home for infants left behind in hospitals after birth as well as street children, runaways, orphans,

abandoned and homeless children. It also has become a home for victims of human trafficking and rape. A good number of babies have been born there. Like mothers, the nuns respond to the children's needs, feed infants with bottled milk and spoon-feed the toddlers. They check babies' temperature, bring them to hospitals for medical help, or rise from sleep when the babies cry. These children have survived the worst, but the orphanage gives them a way out of poverty and trauma. Many children learn and grow to contribute to society: A two-month old baby girl was sold to the priest who founded the Orphanage for the equivalent of \$42, and she is now a pharmacist. An eight-month old baby boy was abandoned in a jeep and now he is a foreman in a construction firm. A six-year old battered girl now wishes to take up Social Work to help in the orphanage.

Please offer your support for these and more missionary causes through your prayer and donations to this collection. Please place cash or check (made out to our parish) in the envelopes provided in the narthex of both churches this weekend and next. Or you may give online, using a credit card at www.WeAreMissionary.org/give. Each donation will be distributed evenly to all 104 participating mission causes.



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend

The Two Holy Martyrs St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their donation truck in the St. Symphorosa church parking lot (W 62nd St. and S Austin Ave) on **Saturday, August 7** and **Sunday, August 8, 2021**. The hours on Saturday will be 1pm - 6pm and on Sunday from 7am - 1pm. Items accepted are gently used clothing and small kitchen items. **NO ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

Thank you for your generosity!!

Grand Raffle Sales are.....Improving!

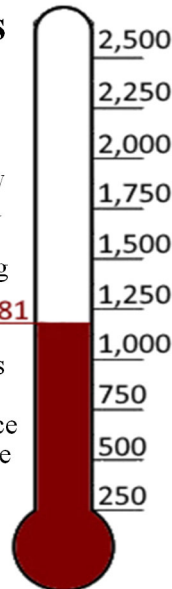
After a rather slow start, the Grand Raffle Sales are improving nicely. We have now passed the break even mark and on our way to making a nice profit on this critical fundraising endeavor.

1,181

As of this past Tuesday, we have sold 1,181 tickets. This is great progress! However, our parish goal is 2,500 tickets. Once we meet our target, we will have a profit that exceeds \$20,000.

Please take a couple packs of tickets to sell to family, friends and neighbors...you may also win the \$500 Sellers Prize! Tickets can be picked up in the back of Church, Parish Office or simply give us a call to make arrangements (773) 767-1523. Remember, the Tickets are \$20 each and 6 tickets for \$100. Don't wait, as there is also a BIG Early Bird Drawing coming up in August for \$500.

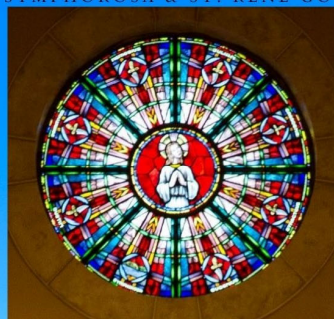
The Drawing will take place at our Parish Picnic on August 29th! Spread the word and support our fundraising effort - \$20,000 in CASH Prizes (based on 2,500 tickets sold).



Two Holy Martyrs Parish

ST. SYMPHOROSA & ST. RENE GOUPIL

Her seven sons:
Crescens, Julian,
Nemesius, Primitivus,
Justinus, Stracteus &
Eugenius



Martyred with her seven sons, circa AD 138, at Tibur
Feast day:
July 18th

The Feast of St. Symphorosa

ONE OF OUR PATRON SAINTS



Faith Formation Office

Phone: (773) 767-1523 x226

Email: msiebenaler@archchicago.org

Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Communion Class
August 2nd - August 12th

**FALL CLASSES BEGIN AFTER
LABOR DAY!!!!**



WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION



2021-2022

**Faith Formation Registration
NOW OPEN!!!**

New and returning families need to register.

Classes begin after Labor Day!

Registration Forms are available on our website (www.twoholymartyrs.org)
and at our Parish Office.

We will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades One through Eight on Tuesday evenings at our St. Rene Campus and on Saturday mornings at our St. Syms Campus. Registration Forms are available in the Narthex of our Churches and they are also available at the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave.

In addition Miss Peg will be present at the Parish Picnic on August 29th accepting Faith Formation Registrations and answering any questions you may have. The Parish Picnic will be held at our St. Rene Campus. You will find Miss Peg at the Face Painting Booth.

Please call Miss Peggy in the Faith Formation Office at (773) 767-1523 ext. 226. with any registration questions.

“Go and Teach All Nations”

Recruiting Catechists for our Faith Formation Program is a year round process. We are always “on the alert” for faith-filled and generous parishioners who have a desire to share their faith with our young people. As we approach another year of faith formation beginning in September,

we share the following thoughts on becoming a Catechist.

TOP TEN REASONS FOR BEING A CATECHIST

(compiled by Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation, Loyola Press – Author and Catechist)

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the good news of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you’ll teach and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other Catechists.
6. Today’s catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends.
8. You’ll be helping young people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You’ll be evangelizing!)
9. You’ll be handing over a 2,000 year old tradition that changes lives.
10. It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations”.

A testimonial from one of our dedicated Catechists:

I am so grateful to my parents for making religion a priority. As a child, I was blessed to have a Catholic education. The knowledge I received at home and at school, helped me to develop my spirituality. Having a spiritual foundation has supported me my whole life. As the years pass, I reflect, and I truly do not know how I would have come so far without God. The faith I have, would have never bloomed, without my initial foundation. This is why I believe it’s important for others, especially children, to have religion in their lives. I love being a catechist. I enjoy giving back to the church, providing students with a foundation, and constantly refreshing my faith.



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“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

“O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.” (*Roman Missal*, 3rd ed.) The Collect, the opening prayer for this Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, describes the reality in which we live and then petitions God that we may engage this reality in a faith-filled manner. Astutely, the Church distinguishes between two ways of living and subsequently a choice: our life and existence viewed in relation to God versus being viewed without God. Similarly, another choice present in this prayer is

how to “use the good things that pass,” either “in such a way as to hold fast even now to those [things] that ever endure” or to use these same good things for a different end and purpose, one which falls short of or detours away from eternity with God.

Near the end of the Book of Deuteronomy, God speaks to His Chosen People, Israel, as they are nearing the end of their protracted exodus from Egypt and on the cusp of entering the Promised Land. In quick succession, God announces to His beloved children, “See, I have today set before you life and good, death and evil.” (Deuteronomy 30:15) Then, He repeats, “I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him.” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20) To choose God is to choose being itself, the “maker ... of all things visible and invisible,” (Nicene Creed) and thus our “firm foundation.” God’s very nature and being are holy; thus, to choose God is to choose holiness. From the good things, which God grants to us, we can choose to use them toward life in God or choose to misuse them, resulting in separation from God.

St. Paul presents a similar distinction and choice to the Ephesian Christians: “I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3) The Apostle “urges” this community of the early Church to live in accord with the faith into which they have been baptized but he cannot compel them to act in this corresponding manner. The choice remains theirs.

Among the good things or those, which we might call neutral, not inherently good or evil on the moral level, what have been your recent choices, how have you used the following:

1. Your ability to communicate, either with spoken words or through digital means, is it consistent with a follower of God? Does your communication point the other person to God?
2. Your time, is all of the day lived with God, which includes not just our prayer but our ordinary daily activities, or is some of the time closed off to God, lived without Him?
3. Your food and drink, is there enjoyment of these goods yet with moderation, or are they used to excess?
4. Your internet usage, does it draw you to God or away from Him?

~Fr. Matt Compton

Two Holy Martyrs Parish

St. Symphorosa and St. Rene Goupil

GRAND RAFFLE

Grand Prize \$10,000

2nd Prize \$5,000

3rd Prize \$2,000

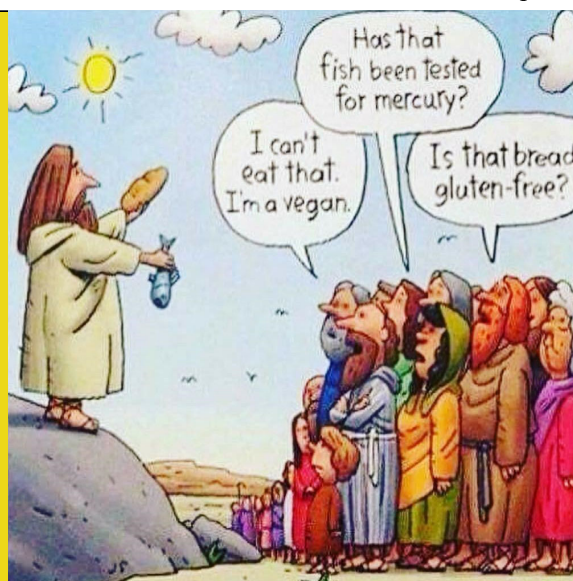
Grand raffle tickets are officially on sale. Tickets are available in the parish office during regular business hours. You may purchase them for \$20 each or 6 for \$100. **CASH OR CHECK ONLY!** There is a seller’s prize for person who sells the winning grand prize Drawing will be held Sunday, August 29.

Tickets are available in the parish office. Tickets will be available one last time in the narthex on the following weekend:

August 7-8

Purchase your tickets early and be entered to win \$500 in the Early Bird Drawing on August 10th. Tickets must be returned 1 day prior to Early Bird Drawing.

Please remember to keep your tickets stubs and **GOOD LUCK!**



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	4pm	5:30pm	7:30am	9am	10:30am	12pm
	July 31, 2021	July 31, 2021	August 1, 2021	August 1, 2021	August 1, 2021	August 1, 2021
	Debbie Szumowski	Eileen Davenport	Pat O'Brien Kenney	Rosa Heredia Dominic Pettenon	Barbara Grzenia	Barbara Rendak

IMPORTANT You May Notice...

There will be a lot of action on our St. Rene Campus on Tuesday afternoon August 3rd! Accordingly, one of our neighbor businesses, **HOME CHEF**, is having a company picnic on our campus. If you happen to see them, please be welcoming, respectful and honor their privacy on our campus! And **YES**, in case you were wondering, **HOME CHEF** is compensating Two Holy Martyrs Parish for the brief use of our property.

Our Prayer Tree will be getting a new look as of August 1st. Please contact the Parish Office to inform us of any changes. If you would like your name or a family members name to continue to be on the list or added please call 773.767.1523.



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love,
and the greatest of these is LOVE.*

Martin Adelsbach
Judy Adelsbach
Mary Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Raeann Arends
Kim Argires
JoAnn Baade
Ignatius Battiato
Carl Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Kathy Calcagno
Gina Camp
Maxine Carey
Judy Carranza
Margaret Ciampaglia
Michael Clifford
Marilyn Crites
Michael DeRose
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Randy Etapa
Moe Faraj
Juan Figueroa
Maria Flores
Janet Funk
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Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Robert Hilbruner

Heather Hradek
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John Kappel, Sr.
Pete Kats
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
Sharon Labiak
James Lapsansky
Maryann Larson
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore
Rose Ann Lindsay
Debbie Lipien
Maria Lopez
Diane Malarick
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Marge Masunas
Cathy Mazeika
Elaine McCarthy
Lori McCarthy
Tina McGleam
Thomas Minnich
Maria Perez Montiel
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
William Nita

Carol Oles
Joan Orsi
Florence Panzarella
Eleanor Pastorek
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Rochelle Piegari
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Marge Schmidt
Mary Shortall
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Sr. Christine Styka
Terry Styka
Melinda Svastisalee
Michael Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Mary Thorpe
Shirley Tloczek
George Trendle
Hector Hugo Valles
Ryan Vaughan
Judith Webber
Beverly Zaleski
Emily Zambrano
John Zappavigna
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

Sowing Seeds in Our Garden

This space is a new addition to the Two Holy Martyrs Parish bulletin. We want this section to be a place where the pastor and staff can think out loud as we consider the ever-present needs of our people and our parish facilities.

You are encouraged to check this spot every week and witness "Thought Seeds" being planted into our figurative parish garden. We realize some ideas will take hold and blossom while other ideas will fall flat. We can't really know which will happen unless we take the risk of putting ideas out there and seeing how things go.

We hope you see something that you think is a good idea and might want to personally get involved – either in time, treasure or talent. There will be some things you have no interest in. However, if you do see something that catches your interest, bring it to prayer, and see how the Holy Spirit might be working in you to make a seed bear good fruit for the greater glory of God, or for our parish.

Parish Library

Within the next few months, we'd like to re-visit the notion of having a parish library on one (or both) campuses.

The positive at this point is that we have the books already. The challenge is to find the appropriate space to house faith-related books for use by our people. The space needs to be in an area that is readily accessible. We'd also be open to anyone who would be willing to donate bookshelves.

Please note: We want all the books in this library to be faith-related. You can take the Danielle Steele and James Michener books to Half-Price Books. We will offer saint books, catechism books, scripture-related books, theology books, conversion story books, etc.. The books can be taken home and read. We'd ask that the book(s) be returned to the shelves when finished.

If someone is interested in coordinating the parish library, let us know.

Mass Intentions for the Week July 24 - July 30

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Diane Costello (*Gannon Family*)
†Irene Czarney (*Zalewski Family*)
†Pat McGreal (*Kathy Hynes & Joanne McGriff*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Joseph & Rose Potempa (*The Potempa Family*)
†Bob & Steve Reiser (*Barbara Reiser*)

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Edward & Florence Mauge (*Niemczyk Family*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Rafael Alvarez (*Karney's Family*)
†Fred Baumann (*Volpi Family*)
†James Gaughan (*John & Maureen Kurtovich*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Daisy Washington (*Arlene Scaletta*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Jack Orsi (*Family*)
†Judith Siwek (*Sharon Siwek*)
†Rita Zeglicz (*Kozioł - Zeglicz Family*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Joseph Corbett (*Rick Podgorny*)
†Harriet Janda (*Claire Moran*)
†Albina Mikszewicz (*Woulfe Family*)

Monday, July 26, 2021

Saint Joachim & Saint Anne

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Joanna Marzec (*Ilona Szkodon*)
†Karol Marzec (*Ilona Szkodon*)
†Sophie Mrozek (*Ann & Andy Tuszyński*)
†James Suchy (*Family*)
†Bert Rendak (*Barbara Rendak*)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Sister
Ethel Normoyle (*Normoyle Family*)
†John "Bird" Feipel (*Nancy Markham*)
†Vera & John Normoyle (*Normoyle Family*)

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Anthony Hilbruner (*Son, Bob*)
†Virginia Krzan (*Pat Soltis*)
†Jeanette Nych (*Family*)

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Saint Martha

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Kathy Cizek (*Capparelli Family*)
†Zeneida Narea (*Victor & Vincent Narea*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
†Robert Zalewski (*Zalewski Family*)

Friday, July 30, 2021

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Mary & John Griffin (*Normoyle Family*)
†Ann Mae Howley (*Lorraine DeLauriea*)
†Kieran Normoyle (*Normoyle Family*)

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Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday

Saturday, July 31, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Health and healing to those family members affected in anyway by Covid

†Mary & Phil Deluca (*Deluca Family*)
†Colleen Ryan (*Rebecca Rosales*)
†Mr. & Mrs. Huber (*Hohm Family*)

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

†Gary Grisko (*Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

†Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (*Niemczyk Family*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

Health & birthday blessings for Arlene Acaletta (*Mary Kolimas*)

†Rose Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Andrew Rodriguez (*Rosa Rodriguez*)
†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Dawn Bodoki Denis (*Mom & Dad*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
†Jose & Alberto Sanchez (*Family*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Peter & Maria Haluska & Linda (*Haluska Family*)
†Charles Huber (*Sister*)
†Christine Waynauskas (*Carol & Jamie Librizzi*)

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice

Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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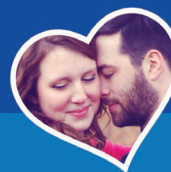
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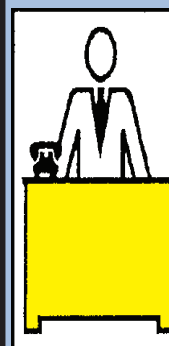
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