

AUGUST 15, 2021

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*My soul proclaims the
greatness of the
Lord*



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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

One of my old party-day memories took place when I brought my boss downtown from DeKalb to a club called Drink. There was a LONG line outside, but I knew one of the bouncers. My childhood friend Donny waved us over and promptly led us inside; avoiding the long line.

The Michigan-born native was so impressed by this “I know a guy” clout. In hindsight, it’s small potatoes in the grand scheme of things, but it can help paint a picture for us in the spiritual life as we continue on our pilgrim way. We were able to move swiftly inside the bar because we “knew a guy.”

The entirety of the Christian life is about getting to know the Person of Jesus Christ.

There is a difference between truly getting to KNOW someone, and merely knowing ABOUT someone. Yes, it’s important to learn the X’s and O’s of our Catholic faith. We want to be well catechized. However, memorizing the Apostle’s Creed is not the same as spending intimate time with Jesus.

Think about it. How do you get to really know someone? You spend time with this person. You listen to one another and you ask questions. If I were to sit down and read the autobiography of Jack Nicklaus, I could then say I know ABOUT Jack Nicklaus.

If I actually spent one year living with Jack Nicklaus, engaging in real conversation that went beyond the superficial, then I could say “I know Jack Nicklaus. And he knows me.”

Fr. Larry Richards often begins retreats by asking folks, “Why should you get into heaven?” The responses run the gamut and are frequently not the proper answer. People say “Because I’m a good person.” Or, “Because I went to Mass my entire life.” Or, “Because I say my Rosary every night.”

Fr. Larry will eventually give them the correct answer as he points to the crucifix. “Jesus! Jesus is the reason.”

Far too often we forget what Jesus did, and make it all about us. We’re invited to, first, see the gift, and then to live our life receiving this gift and sharing this gift with others. Our welcome into heaven is not about compiling good deeds and perfect Mass attendance. It’s about Jesus and our knowing Him as our Lord and Savior.

Jesus is the “guy you gotta know.” Do you find yourself spending time with Christ? Or do you sense there are obstacles in the way? What holds you back from deepening the friendship? Do we only know ABOUT Jesus, or have we moved toward intimate friendship?

In my case, I always feel he is going to want more and more of me, while I still want this life to be more and more about me. This leads me to recall John the Baptist, who said, “He must increase. I must decrease.” And yet, once I see my selfishness, I give more and more of myself to the Lord in trust. This is not easy. Selfless love is work, but it’s worth it because it flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Behold, Your Mother

Jesus is, indeed, the way, the truth and the life, but he has given us His mother, and Mary is also someone we should know in the spiritual life.

This weekend the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Sunday, so we celebrate this great feast with all the bells and whistles. At the conclusion of her earthly life, Mary was assumed – body and soul – into heaven. She, too, gives us the hope of what we shall be. There is life beyond bodily death. That’s either true or it’s not. We believe it to be true.

The Blessed Mother serves as an intercessor along the way. We turn to her in times of trouble, but we also pray with her in our joys. Catholics are often unfairly maligned for our “worship of Mary.” We do NOT worship Mary. Only God is worshipped, but Mary is highly venerated for the role she plays in salvation history.

Why would we leave Mary out of our spiritual arsenal? St. Bonaventure wrote, “Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.”

Mary always points us in the right direction, just as she directed the servants at the wedding feast at Cana. She motioned to her son, Jesus, and said, “Do whatever He tells you.”

Allow me to paraphrase her message. Get to know Jesus. He’s not a bouncer, but He is the way into God’s eternal glory.

Praying for Peace

We need peace in our world. We need peace in our country. We need peace in our city. We need peace in our Church. We need peace in our parish. We need peace in our families.

This often-spoken of peace begins by having peace in our hearts. Each of us must individually come to peace of soul. This is best accomplished by staying close to the Prince of Peace. Far too many folks say that they want peace, but what they really want is a peace that suits them personally (meaning they need everything to go exactly how they want it to go. Is that possible?).

Thomas Merton expressed it well when he wrote, “We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we’re not at peace with God.”

Where do we start our quest for peace? By being at peace with God. We can’t wink at God on occasion all the while we live lives opposed to God’s love and law. Peace begins by getting right with the Lord.



Quote of the Week

“If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.”
~ St. Augustine

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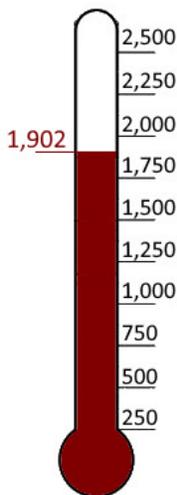
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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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9:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Rene Worship Site
6949 W 63rd Place
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6125 S. Austin Ave
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Sacrament 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

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

As part of our fundraising efforts at the upcoming Parish Picnic we will be selling some delicious baked goods. We are asking all those within our parish, family and friends to please donate some baked goods to sell. These items can be home-baked or store bought. Please contact Pat Soltis at 773.581.6732 for more information.

Get Ready for our Parish Picnic on August 29th.



Plenty of Faith (Outdoor 11 AM Mass), Food (THM Kitchen & Rita's Italian Ice) and Fun (Games, Prizes, DJ, Raffles & of course THE Grand Raffle).

We are now only 1,000 ticket sales away from our Grand Raffle goal of 2,500 tickets sold! We are selling tickets at all Masses this weekend. Remember they are \$20 each or a 6-pack for \$100. Also, take some extra tickets to sell to friends, family, and neighbors - no money due until you turn in the stubs!

Three weeks to go....
Let's exceed the goal!!



Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings for the weekend of

**Sunday, August 8, 2021
Contribution: \$9,496.44**

Thank you for your generosity!



Split the Pot

August 8, 2021

Received: \$490.00

Winning envelope: #63179

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

WEDDING BANNS

I - *Alexia Enid Quiles & Andres Quiles, Jr.*
III - *Julianna Rosas & Elisea Loewa*

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

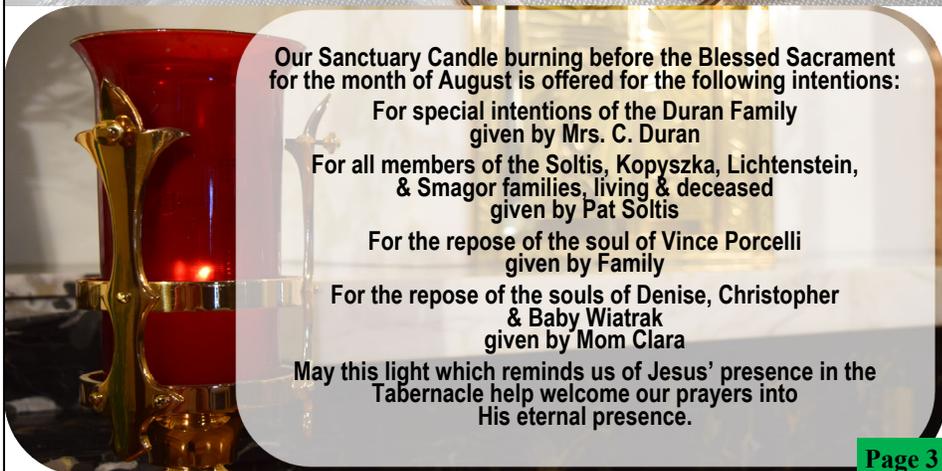
For special intentions of the Duran Family given by Mrs. C. Duran

For all members of the Soltis, Kopyszka, Lichtenstein, & Smagor families, living & deceased given by Pat Soltis

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

For the repose of the souls of Denise, Christopher & Baby Wiatrak given by Mom Clara

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





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

This particular Sunday we diverge from the normal cycle of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Instead of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church prays in honor of Mary’s Assumption body and soul in Heaven. For the Vigil Mass (Saturday evening), the opening prayer is the following: “O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

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.) In the Masses of the Day (Sunday), a different yet related

opening prayer is offered: “Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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.)

In previous bulletin articles, I have mentioned that this characteristic, different opening prayers for different Masses on the same feast day, is a choice provided by the Holy See for the Church. The Blessed Virgin’s death and immediate Assumption, body and soul, into Heaven is mysteriously rich in that we do not read of these events in Sacred Scripture but believe them according to what the faithful of the early Church described and what eventually, in 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed as a dogma of our faith. Both prayers explicitly connect Mary’s Assumption with her Son, reiterating that she has given birth to Jesus according to His flesh. The prayer for the Mass of the Day goes on to recall St. Mary’s Immaculate Conception, which is not only for her salvation but a preparation for our Lord’s conception within Mary by the Holy Spirit. The prayer for the Vigil Mass professes that God has “raised her to this grace” so that she would be disposed to receive and give birth to Jesus.

God’s grace, which the Father and the Holy Spirit release to us by the Paschal Mystery of Jesus’ entire life, not only allows for Mary herself to be conceived without sin but to reject all temptation and sin throughout her life, thus disposing her to die in a state of grace and to be welcomed immediately into Heaven. The divinized life, which Mary enjoys in heaven, is indicated by the references to “glory” in both prayers. Although most of us have sinned at some time in the past, to say nothing of being born with original sin and needing for it to be washed away by Baptism, both opening prayers extend to us reasons for hope that we, too, might participate in the glory of God’s life and being because of God’s generous offer of grace to us as well. Our lives might not have remained sinless as does St. Mary but God by His love and mercy desires and makes possible our salvation as well: “saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high,” (Vigil Mass) “that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.”

This Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a magnificent example of human nature, specifically Mary, freely cooperating with God and His grace, and culminating in her immediate entrance into Heaven after her death. What about this feast of our Blessed Mother do find to be a source for help or a cause for hope?

~Fr. Matt Compton



Please take a moment to sit down, watch, and/or listen to Fr. Bob’s “Embrace the Grace” meditations every week.

Fr. Bob and Steve Kittler, our parish Music Director, began this page as a way to keep in contact with the parish and all our parishioners during the COVID stay at home order. This seven to ten minute video shares the good news with all interested persons.

Please visit the parish website at twoholymartyrs.org or go directly to the YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6IOYVzFmLnENC-rj7jMQ> to view.



SPRED
Special Religious Development

Please come see us at the Parish Picnic to meet our catechists, our friends, learn about SPRED and a chance to get involved.



LIKE US ON OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Two Holy Martyrs Parish
St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil



God has a special place for each of us to serve, and you have chosen to follow His path.

You have been the **HANDS**, the **FEET**, the **VOICE**, and the **LOVE OF GOD** expressed in many different ways.

You have chosen to honor Him and as you have served in His name.

Thank you for your willingness to give yourself and be used where God has placed you.

You have blessed many lives.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable outreach program of Two Holy Martyrs Parish. This outreach program helps those who may be poor and needy within our community. Please consider making a donation into our St. Vincent de Paul Society Poor Boxes. These boxes are located in the narthex areas of both of our churches and cash donations are highly encouraged so that they may continue helping those who need it most.

If you would like more information for how to get involved or help with donations please contact one of our organization members at 773.682.3342.

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Save the Date!

Fellowship, food & fun

Sunday August 29

PARISH



Picnic



Two Weeks Away – Sunday August 29th

Parish grounds open at 10:00am -
come early and secure a location for the day!

Picnic begins with an Outdoor Mass at 11:00am
on the St. Rene Campus

Bring your cooler or buy food/drink at the picnic!

- Three General Tents Available for shade
- Bingo Inside the School Building (Air-Conditioned)
- Kids Games/Prizes
- Adult Games/Prizes
- Pull Tabs – Cash Prizes
- DJ
- Rita’s Italian Ice – Dessert Truck
- Hourly Door Prizes
- Bags Tournament
- Bake Sale
- Split the Pot Drawings
- THM Kitchen – Picnic food from the grill
- Grand Raffle Drawing
- More info to come!

Are you available to help with the Parish Picnic? Come to our final Picnic Meeting this Tuesday, August 17th at Flannery Hall. There will be a general meeting for all volunteers at 6:30pm. Committee members are asked to join for a meeting immediately following the general meeting.



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of August is for the Church.

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Faith Formation Office

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Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

WHO IS CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST?



Being a catechist is indeed a sacred vocation. The qualities of a good catechist include faith that manifests itself in their daily life, a love for the Church, missionary fervor and a sincere love for their brothers and

sisters. Our Baptismal commitment strengthens these qualities in us. Spend some time reflecting on whether you are called.



FALL CLASSES BEGIN AFTER LABOR DAY!!!!

Saturday Sept. 18 at St. Symphorosa

Tuesday Sept. 21 at St. Rene



Faith Formation Classes Begin SOON!!!

New and returning families need to register.

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

We are now in the process of organizing classes and recruiting Catechists, so it is important for you to send in your registration as soon as possible.

Our Faith Formation Program offers classes for students in grades 1 - 8 and including Sacramental Classes designed to get students "caught-up" and prepared to receive the Sacraments.

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.



"Soaring to Heaven with the Saints"

In the Summer Communion Class we spent some time learning about the saints. Pictured are our students with the kites they made depicting a variety of saints.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, August 15, 2021

"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to GOD, the way to HEAVEN, the way to LIFE."

~Pope St. John Paul II



St. Symphorosa School would like to share some celebrations and important announcements as school gets started in another week.

Celebrations!

- 100% of our students reached or exceeded their growth goal on the iReady diagnostic in math and reading
- Our students are performing higher than the national population in Reading and Math
- Our maintenance team has made school improvements painting and enhancing lighting in the bathrooms, painting the A Hall, and cleaning and waxing all the classrooms
- We have installed new Promethean boards in all classrooms so that lessons can be more interactive for our students
- FSP will provide free daily lunch and milk to all students, regardless of free/reduced status (**21-22 application is needed for all students who would qualify to secure government funding for all programs-please complete one at prep day**)
- We are highly organized to improve based on the 2020-21 results of the 3 C's survey of parents, teachers and students. Our stakeholders believe that we are very strong in effective leaders, strong in collaborative teachers, and involved families and have a very strong catholic culture
- Over \$132,000 in financial assistance and scholarships has been awarded to 96 students for the 21-22 school year, we are grateful to all of our donors for their generous support
- We are growing every day, our current enrollment is 236 students, and this is the highest enrollment we have had since I arrived 5 years ago. Thanks for everything you have done to recommend and refer families to St. Syms. Keep it up! We welcome 83 new students to GROWING St. Symphorosa school, where children are known and loved

Important News!

Please help me welcome our new 6th grade teacher Mr. Jim Orsi and our new 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Chelsea LeVander. Mr. Orsi is a long-time parishioner and has taught for 10 years at St. Mary of the Angels and Ms. LeVander is joining us from Connecticut for her 2nd year of teaching. We are so blessed they answered God's call to teach our children. Also, we have 33 students enrolled in Kindergarten and, as a result, have added a second Kindergarten classroom to keep the student/teacher ratio small. We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Michelle Judeikis back to our family to teach this class. Ms. Judeikis is in her 3rd year of teaching and will work in collaboration with Mrs. Gasior to ensure all of our K students have an amazing school year.



CLASSES RESUME THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2021. We cannot wait to begin another amazing school year with all of our families and students!



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Join Us For...



When: Sunday, August 15, 2021
 Where: St. Rene Goupil (Flannery Hall)
 6949 W 63rd Place
 Time: Doors open at 12:30pm
 Games begin at 1:30pm
 Cost: \$20 at the door

Please call the parish office for more information at
 773.767.1523

Weekly Split the Pot Raffle

Good News...As interest continues to increase in the weekly "Split the Pot Raffle" please note:

- Minimum donation to participate is \$5 in any week for one chance to win that week's Split the Pot drawing amount
- Any donation of \$10 or more in a week, will receive a total of two Split the Pot chances for an opportunity to win that week's Split the Pot drawing amount
- To be eligible to win you must also give a regular Sunday contribution

GOOD LUCK!!!!

FEAST OF FAITH

THE SHAPE OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as berakah, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called anaphora) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I).

Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an epiclesis, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the anamnesis, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

—Corinna Laughlin,
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E-Giving (Electronic Giving) One Stop. One Source. One Solution.

Now that we have been united as one parish (Two Holy Martyrs) we have one place for parishioners to make donations electronically if desired. As a parish, we will use "E-Giving" as our electronic company.

Did you know that "E-Giving" is compatible with any computer, smart phone or tablet? You can create an online account and give a single donation or you can even schedule a series of donations (recurring), based on your budget, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

Our online E-Giving URL address is:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/twoholymartyrs>

Visit the above URL or you can visit our Parish Website at:

www.twoholymartyrs.org

look for the "Donate" tab and then click.

We have also included the QR code (at right), so just point your smartphone camera to the QR code and it will take you directly to the proper place.

Just follow the directions that e-giving gives online (you may need to scroll down) to "create an account" if you do not have one. It's simple and pretty easy to use!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	4pm	5:30pm	7:30am	9am	10:30am	12pm
	August 21, 2021	August 21, 2021	August 22, 2021	August 22, 2021	August 22, 2021	August 22, 2021
	Debbie Szumowski	Tom DeRose	Amy Shanahan	Barbara Grzenia Griselda Hernandez	Ben Shafer	Maggie Barry



CONGRATULATIONS

to the Early Bird raffle drawing winner.
The winning ticket was drawn on Tuesday
August 10, 2021.

**Winning Ticket
#00973**



Come Join us at the
Parish Picnic in two weeks for your
chance to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000.
Tickets can be picked up at the parish of-
fice and return the day of the picnic with
payment.

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



*Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord,
for my bones are shuddering."*

~Psalm 6:3

Mary Adkins
Guadalupe Almdarez
Raeann Arends
Ignatius Battiato
Carl Bell
Jean Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Kathy Calcagno
Maxine Carey
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Norman Kwilosz
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Maryann Larson
Donna Lauritzen
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Rose Ann Lindsay
Debbie Lipien
Maria Lopez
Diane Malarick
Cathy Mazieka
John Martini
Elaine McCarthy
Lori McCarthy
Maria Perez Montiel

Joan Orsi
Bob Pac
Eleanor Pastorek
Stanley Polit
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Mary Shortall
Sue Solcani
Brian Styka
Sr. Christine Styka
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
Shirley Tloczek
Judith Webber
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.



Let's pray the Rosary together

One of the most beautiful names given for
our Blessed Mother is Queen of Peace.

In light of her role and the increasing
senseless violence in the streets of Chicago,
let's formally gather to pray a *ROSARY
FOR PEACE* on Sunday, September 5th
at 1:15 PM. We will gather around the
newly-restored Mary statute on our
St. Symphorosa campus.

There is beauty and power in a large
gathering of people all praying the Rosary.
We will ask Mary to intercede for us. We
will pray for peace in our individual hearts,
for peace in our parish, and for peace in the
hearts of all Chicagoans. The violence we
see in our streets emerges from violence
taking place in human hearts.

Making laws and enforcing laws is
important, but so is intentional prayer for an
important cause. Peace in our hearts is an
important cause. God's love and God's law
is important, too.

Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta)
offers us these wise words: "I used to
believe that prayer changes things, but now
I know that prayer changes us, and we
change things."

Please join us for the **ROSARY FOR
PEACE**. Bring a friend. Peace begins in our
hearts.

Rain or shine, we are praying this Rosary
For Peace!

St. Laurence High School Class of 1970 Alums

Join us for festivities and celebration at the St.
Laurence Class of 1970 "**50 plus 1**" reunion
weekend *September 10-12, 2021*. Spouses and guests
are welcome. Activities include a banquet and
entertainment at the Riviera Country Club in Orland
Park on Saturday evening, September 11th. For more
information, please call Tom Lipinski at
708.573.4923.

Mass Intentions for the Week August 14 - August 20

Saturday, August 14, 2021 *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest*
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Stephanie Adam (*Barb Stoyak*)
Presider: Fr. Bob †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
 †Ann Ulrich (*Altar & Rosary Society*)
 5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Rosalia Karpinski (*Good Buddy*)
Presider: Fr. Matt †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †James Thorpe (*Family*)

Sunday, August 15, 2021 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*
 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Adele Glaubke (*Family*)
Presider: Fr. Norm †Eugene R. Zdziennicki (*Family*)
 9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Richard Merda (*Arlene Scaletta*)
Presider: Fr. Bob †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †Marilyn Polit (*Karen & Allen Crosser*)
 †George Simon (*Family*)
 †Lynda Sullivan (*Jas Sullivan Family*)
 †Denise Wiatrak (*Mom Clara*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Catherine Bartuch Morrell (*Family*)
Presider: Fr. Matt

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †O'Leary Family (*Mike & Bea Byrne*)
Presider: Fr. Bob †Nancy Ortman (*Chuck Palka*)

Monday, August 16, 2021
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †John Ryan (*Cathy & Pat Carone*)
 †John Shankman (*Shilney Family*)

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Phyllis Nessi (*Nancy Shotas*)
 †Raymond Sarlitto (*Mary Sarlitto*)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for
 Mary Thorpe (*Family*)
 †Edward McGriff (*Kathy Hynes*)

Thursday, August 19, 2021
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Mary & Phil Deluca (*Deluca Family*)

Friday, August 20, 2021 *St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church*
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism: Second & Fourth Sunday at 1:30pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session: Please contact Maggie in the parish office for more information.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.



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Saturday, August 21, 2021 *Saint Pius X, Pope*
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Geri Norbut (*Family*)
 †Joseph Sulka (*Angela Sulka*)
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Mike Breheny (*Chiaromonte Family*)
Presider: Fr. Matt †Jeffrey Gerlick (*Chiaromonte Family*)
 †Lance Spiotto (*John & Joe Gavin*)
 †Wanda Zalewski (*Chester & Peggy Potempa*)

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Rose Bluiss (*Kathy Calcagno*)
Presider: Fr. Norm †Mary Gleason (*Friend*)
 †Rosa Hernandez (*Family*)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, August 22, 2021
 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
Presider: Fr. Bob †Irene Vrhil (*Friends*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for Paula Russ
Presider: Fr. Matt (*Mary Shilney*)
 †Jose Abraham, Sr. (*Soltis Family*)
 †John Dragosetti (*Rosaria Dragosetti*)
 †Evalina Jones (*Arlene Scaletta*)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

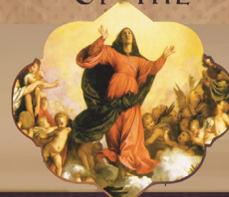
10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Russ Dober (*Hecker Family*)
Presider: Fr. Bob †Ezequiel Sanchez (*Family*)
 †Judith Siwek (*Family*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Anthony Higgins (*Cathy & Pat Carone*)
Presider: Fr. Matt †Msgr. Timothy Ryan (*Cathy & Pat Carone*)

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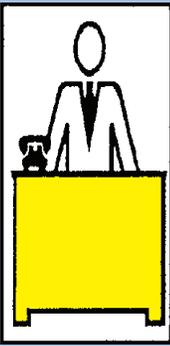
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