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Mass Schedule

Weekend
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (B)

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. (R); Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration); Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway



FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

Evangelization: A Note From Bishop Hying

One of the prayers of the Mass in the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary expresses a beautiful aspiration: "In our mortal flesh may we show forth the life of Jesus." This simple hope expresses succinctly the nature and purpose of evangelization. Through the urgency of the Great Commission and the power of Baptism, each Christian is sent forth to proclaim the saving Gospel of Christ, so that every person created by God comes to salvation by knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



The task of evangelizing has three concentric circles of influence: Catholics already engaged in the life and mission of the Church; Catholics who are not; and the wider community. We ourselves must allow the Lord to stir the Holy Spirit into flame within us and to deepen our sacrificial love, so that we can help lead and equip our people to reach

the disengaged, the lost, and the seeking. We cannot give what we do not possess ourselves.

The witness of a holy life totally consecrated to Christ is the primary evangelizing tool. The building blocks of sanctity include regular and fervent participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, Scripture study, daily prayer, joyful asceticism, and generous loving service of our neighbor. As we more profoundly discover the depths of God's loving mercy, the truth of the Gospel, and the urgency of the evangelizing task, we are compelled to share with everyone the fullness of life in Christ which we have come to know as the true meaning and purpose of our existence.

Our evangelizing initiative is not another program or a three-year cycle of activity or just another thing to do. God is inviting us in this moment, rich in opportunity and challenge, to focus our energies, talents, and resources on the mission of the Church with renewed vigor. To proclaim the Gospel to every creature, to show forth the life of Jesus in our mortal flesh, to manifest the Catholic Faith as intelligible, credible, liberating, and saving. Having received this new and glorious life in the risen Christ, we just have to share him with everybody!

Parish Picnic 2020

We have traditionally held our parish festival the last weekend of June every year. This year, of course, the coronavirus episode has disrupted summer plans all over the world, and it put the kibosh on our picnic plans as well. But we are not daunted! No, we are going ahead with a somewhat scaled-back alternative cookout plan.

11 a.m. Sunday, August 9, John McSherry and crew will begin distributing take-out boxes of John's signature bar-



bequed chicken 'n' fixins at the Ridgeway picnic grounds. Further details (including price) will be forthcoming. And when you come pick up your chicken dinner, you can also visit the Ridgeway Farmers Market, going on nearby!

Raffle tickets will also be distributed shortly. We anticipate that the top prize again this year will be \$1000 cash. We'll also soon have the slate of runner-up prizes.

Mark your Calendars: Bishop's Visit on Sunday, September 13

I am pleased to announce that Bishop Hying has accepted my invitation to join us for the 9:00 o'clock Mass on Sunday, September 13 — the Vigil of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — to preach, celebrate Mass, and bless the new Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception Church. I hope that coronavirus control measures by then will permit us to follow Mass with an informal reception for the bishop. He made a strong impression when he visited last year, so I hope you look forward as much as I do to welcoming him back to our parish.



On the Cover

From today's gospel: "Jesus put another parable before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also." (Matthew 13:24-26)

Pink thistle with wheat ears
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Key Events on the Bible Timeline #67a

Paul's Three Missionary Journeys (A.D. 45-58):
Acts 13:1-14:28, 15:36-18:22, 18:23-21:16

From this point on in the Acts of the Apostles, Saul is called by his Roman name, Paul. And from this point on as well, Acts is dominated by the accounts of Paul's three missionary journeys. On these trips he preached the gospel, and also organized the local church structure and leadership.

Paul's first missionary journey (A.D. 46-48) took him through Cyprus to a number of towns in the province of Galatia in what is now south-central Turkey. One of his New Testament epistles is to the Christians of Galatia.

The second missionary journey (A.D. 49-52) took him to a number of cities around the Aegean Sea, including Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus.

His third missionary journey (A.D. 53-57/58) took him back through central Turkey, to an extended stay in Ephesus ("the metropolis of [the Roman province of] Asia"), and back to Macedonia and Greece.

As the gospel spreads outward from Jerusalem and the Church grows to include the gentiles (that is, the non-Jews), we are reminded of God's promise to Abram all the way back in Genesis 12:3, two thousand years earlier (Key Event #10): "By you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

—Adapted in part from "The Bible Timeline"

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 25 at 5:00 p.m. **Ridgeway**
Lector Michael Lancaster

Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. **Barneveld**
Lector Rhonda Clerkin
EMHC..... Suspended for now

St. Bernadette's Offerings

Weekend of July 12, 2020

Envelopes \$1,295.00
Loose offerings 13.50
Online offerings 310.00
Total \$1,618.50

Same weekend last year \$1,552.00
Difference 66.50

May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)

Saint Sharbel Who?

July 24 is the feast of St. Sharbel Makhlūf. Who? He was a 19th century Maronite monk and priest from Lebanon. He is known among Lebanese Christians for his miraculous healings in answer to prayers said at his tomb, located at the Monastery of Saint Maron, and for his ability to unite Christians and Muslims.

NFP Awareness Week, July 19-25

Do you feel something missing in your marital life? Consider that it might be the result of unnatural ("artificial") forms of birth control. Nature cycles for a reason; so does your body. Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage?

"How can I tell my teenager to abstain if I can't?" This is not a problem for couples who practice natural methods of family planning. NFP: Natural Family Planning.

Has anyone ever clearly explained *why* the Catholic Church does not approve of unnatural birth control? For most of us, the answer is *no*. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical.

Get off those unhealthy methods and learn the natural way to plan your family, as effective as "the Pill," with no harmful side effects. Learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Go to the following website to register: registration.madi-sondiocese.org/nfp/

Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 a.m. (R)

Wednesday, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Judy Straus (B)

Thursday, July 23: St. Bridget of Sweden

4:00 p.m. (R)

Friday, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

8:00 a.m. (B)

Saturday, July 25

9:00 a.m.: St. James Donald Dunbar (R)

5:00 p.m.: Of the Sunday People of the Parish (R)

Sunday, July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. June Zander (B)

When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.

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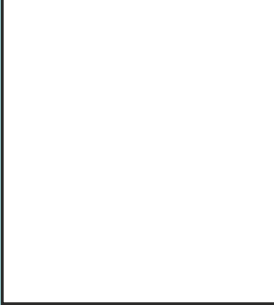
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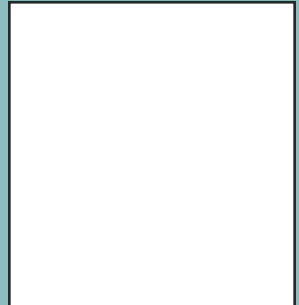
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