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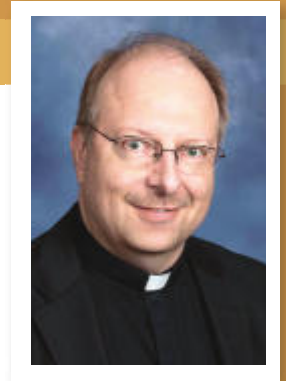
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EASTER: Remembering Our Baptism

Among the collects, or opening prayers of the Mass, found in the latest edition of the Roman Missal, there's one that I find especially beautiful and poetic:

***God of everlasting mercy,
Who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
Kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
Increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
That all may grasp and rightly understand
In what font they have been washed,
By whose Spirit they have been reborn,
By whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.***

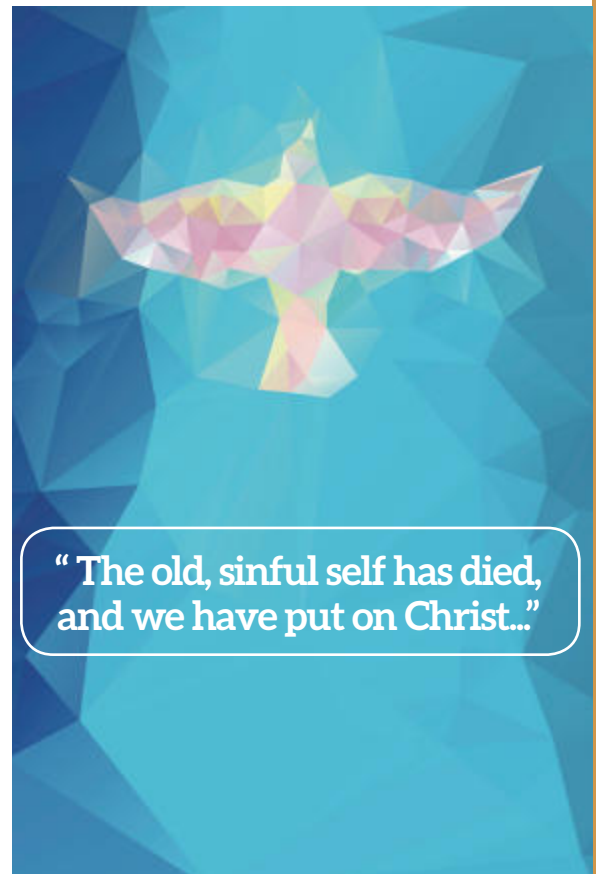
That's the Collect Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter, yet it speaks to what we are about in this entire Easter Season—remembering who we are in light of our Baptism.

Just days ago at the Easter Vigil a number of new Catholic-Christians were initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist across the Monroe Vicariate and throughout the entire Archdiocese of Detroit. The entire congregation had an opportunity to renew their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. A Rite of Sprinkling with the newly blessed Easter Water served as a reminder of Baptism, that “gateway” Sacrament that gives us a life in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul's writings contain great baptismal imagery. He

tells us that by Baptism we have become a new creation in Christ, and that we have been plunged into the saving mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. The old, sinful self has died, and we have put on Christ, as one puts on a white baptismal garment. In other words, our sins have been washed away, and now we live for Christ.

One of my favorite phrases that I use in my preaching and teaching in Easter Season is “Easter equals Baptism, and Baptism equals Easter!” And that is precisely how we share in the life of the Risen Christ—through the Easter Sacraments. So, now, we have fifty glorious days, through Pentecost inclusive, to contemplate “in what font we have been washed, by whose Spirit we have been reborn, by whose Blood we have been redeemed.”
Alleluia!



**“The old, sinful self has died,
and we have put on Christ..”**

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2019 ISSUE IS MONDAY, MAY 20TH

Please email information to: Crysti Esper at communications@monroevicariate.com. Thank you!



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

► Toledo Symphony Concert

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 7:30 PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Admission: \$15, Doors open at 6:30 PM
"A Celebration of Liberty" a Neighborhood Concert Series featuring Bedford native, Tara Fraley, soloist. Come and enjoy an up-close symphony experience!

St. Charles Borromeo

► Celebrating 30 Years of Adoration

Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:30 am First Friday mass until 9:00 am First Saturday mass each month. Please know that all are invited to pray and worship in our Adoration chapel at any time. **For more information, please contact the parish office at 586-2531.**

St. Mary, Monroe

► St Mary Christian Women Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 15
(Donation to St. Vincent de Paul)

11am-1pm, Parish Life Center. Assorted salads, homemade bread, desserts, and beverages. **Donation \$7.00**

► Don't just hear the Gospel, live it! June 1, 2019, 8 am - 3 pm.

St. Mary, Monroe is sponsoring an opportunity to "Shelter the Homeless." We are organizing a Habitat for Humanity building crew for **Please contact Fred Fedorowicz for more information @ (734) 243-4344 or fedorowicz@sbcglobal.net.** Lunch, hardhats and safety glasses provided; no experience necessary.



St. Anne

► Men's and Women's Clubs Barbecue Chicken Dinner

May 5, 2019 In the parish hall,
11:30 am - 3 p.m. or until sold out!



Dinner includes: Mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, desserts, coffee, lemonade, and water. Adults \$13.00, Children 10 yrs. and under \$7.00. **For information, call the Parish office 289-2910 or Hall 289-1755. Carry outs available!**

IHM Motherhouse

► Community garden plots available

St. Mary Organic Farm, located on the IHM Sisters' Motherhouse campus, is now renting individual garden plots for 2019. Plots are tilled at the beginning of the season and are ready to plant. Every plot is watered by an automatic drip irrigation system provided by St. Mary Organic Farm to make sure gardens get water during dry spells. St. Mary Organic Farm is a part of the IHM Sisters' mission to care for Earth. **For more information, contact the St. Mary Organic Farm Community Garden coordinator at rdluzen@ihmsisters.org or 734 240-9720.**

Peace & Justice

St. Joseph Catholic School, Erie

Information for Students with Special Needs from the School Aide

People who can benefit from this resource: Students with special needs, those with accommodations or just needing extra help academically or socially; teachers of students with academic or social needs.

Basic information about the resource: The school aide meets with students individually or with a small group to assist with school work, provide extra practice of certain skills, or lessons, assist teachers in helping carry out accommodations for those students who have them, and offering suggestions for ways to support students with special needs in the classroom.

Additional information on sports program: Students at St. Joseph Catholic School are eligible to play sports for all Michigan and Toledo Catholic High Schools. St. Joseph Catholic School is the only elementary school in Michigan whose students have this eligibility.

For more information, please contact Julie Miazgowicz, School Principal, julie.miazgowicz@stjosepherie.com, or 734-848-6985.

.If your parish provides resources for people with disabilities, please contact Valerie Tyldesley, valerie.tyldesley@gmail.com, so the information can be published in the Monroe Vicariate Newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT
on ministry

Vocations



Holy Hour for Vocations and Priests

Thursday, May 9

St John the Baptist • 7:00 pm

511 S. Monroe St., Monroe, MI 48161

Join in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent deaconate and for our ordained priests. **Sponsored by the Vicariate Vocation Committee.**

Monroe Vicariate Mass for Vocations

Divine Grace Parish, Carleton

Tuesday, May 14, 7pm

Fr. Michael Woroniewicz, Vicar for the Monroe Vicariate will preside and priests from all the vicariate churches will concelebrate the liturgy. Hospitality and light refreshments will follow the Mass in the St. Patrick gymnasium.

All are welcome to join in this special liturgy to pray for vocations to the priesthood, permanent deaconate and religious life. We also acknowledge and give thanks to those women and men who have answered God's call to consecrated and ordained ministry.



Divine Grace
3rd Annual

Prayer, fellowship and lunch
Blessing at noon by Fr. Mike Woroniewicz.
May 11th • 11 am - 1 pm

St. Joseph Campus, 9207 Joseph St.,
Maybee. Canned goods and fundraiser for
Oaks of Righteousness Homeless Shelter.

**For more information call J.T. Stevens
734-755-3926**

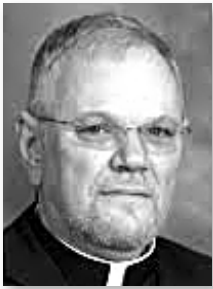
Evangelization and Catechesis

► **A Healing Prayer Day**, sponsored by the Monroe Vicariate Evangelization and Catechesis Committee will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 1pm to 3pm at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2420 N. Dixie Hwy., Monroe. What is Healing Prayer? It is asking God to heal us emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically, especially any hurts or painful memories that have interfered or prevented us from knowing and loving God. Members of the prayer team stand with you in prayer and in His desire to heal you. All are welcome, and no appointment is necessary.



**Need more details for events? Check our event calendar at
www.monroevicariate.com or our Facebook page for full details!**

Priest Profiles



FR. GIANCARLO GHESSI
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ST. MARY, MONROE

Priest Profiles are brought to you by the Monroe Vicariate Vocations Committee.

Fr. Giancarlo was raised in a small town near Milan in Italy, 64 years ago. His parents have always been close to the Church and raised their children in our Catholic faith. When Father was 17, his grandfather passed away, and his death was a wake-up call and it was a reminder that sooner or later everything in our life comes to pass, even our life itself. Father started reflecting more seriously about the meaning of life and realized that we have just one life and we don't have the luxury of wasting it. At that time the assistant parish priest was leaving the parish. He decided to go to Zambia, in Africa, as a missionary. This fact fascinated him very much and he started dreaming of becoming a missionary.

Not too far from his house, there was a PIME community of missionary priests and brothers. The name PIME is an acronym, its four letters are the beginning of four Italian words: Pontificio Istituto Missioni Estere. In English PIME stands for it means: Pontifical Institute for the Foreign Missions. Fr. Giancarlo started visiting regularly, and desired to spend his life for evangelization

of non-Christians. In a few months, he decided to join PIME. With the consent of his spiritual director, he applied to the seminary and eventually I was accepted. It was in September 1974. Father attended PIME seminary in Milan and was ordained priest on June 9, 1984 by the late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, whom he admired because he instilled within Father a great love for the Gospel.

After ordination, Fr. Giancarlo was assigned to work as vocation director for four years, then sent to the Philippines where he served as pastor of a rural community in the mountains of Mindanao. The parish was comprised of 34 little communities, which he visited at least once month.

To be a missionary was both challenging and rewarding. It was challenging because Father had to adapt to new food, learn a new language and long walks to reach the many villages. The farthest village was about five hours away from the mission center. It was also rewarding because for almost a month he lived with the family of a parish worker, sharing food, work and moments of prayer. One day Fred, the husband, came home from the market with a special "pasalubong" (a Filipino word for gift); pasta and tomato sauce. He knew that Italians love spaghetti

and he wanted to cook a special Italian dish for Fr. Giancarlo. Father was really touched because Fred had spent 60 pesos that was half a daily wage for the celebration. Fr. Giancarlo left his country and family to love and give to the poor in the name of Jesus; he learned to be humble and accept love and what hospitality means!

In 1997, he came to the U.S. for biblical studies at CTU in Chicago. At the end, he was assigned to a PIME community in New Jersey and served as a vocation director. For the past six years, Father has ministered to an American-Hispanic community at All Saints parish, in South east Detroit. When the parish was closed at the of 2017, Father was asked to be parish administrator at Divine Grace in Carleton, and the Hispanic ministry at the shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. In July 2018, Fr. Giancarlo was assigned at St Mary in Monroe as the associate pastor in ministering to our parish community and assist with the Vicariate Hispanic ministry. Father is happy to be here in Monroe and feels at home.

I always remember what a PIME missionary in Myanmar, Blessed Clemente Vismara, wrote in a youth magazine:

"Life is beautiful when we love another. Love makes life successful, as I have found out in my victories and losses throughout these 63 years of missionary life.

Life is meant to expand horizons, to go beyond the expected. If it remains confined within our limits, it cannot flower.

If we keep life only for ourselves, then it withers.

Life is radiant from the moment we give it to others."

Youth Ministry


► Catholic Youth Group (CYG)

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend the next Catholic Youth Group gathering on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 6-7:30 pm. Located at the school hall of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Rockwood. Youth will embark on fun and spiritual activities with their peers of the Catholic faith. Private, public & homeschool students from ALL Catholic parishes are welcome!

CYG meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. May's theme is; "Our Lady of Fatima", with special guest: Fr. Jim Rafferty! No FEES to attend and dinner will be provided. Parents may stay or drop off. **Please RSVP to: catholicyouthgroup@yahoo.com or text (734) 244.6883. Also, find us on Facebook/Catholic Youth Group.**

► Mom 2 Mom Sale

Catholic Youth Group (CYG) will be hosting a Mom2Mom Sale on Saturday, June 8, 2019 9-2pm at St. Mary's Rockwood School Hall Table renters are needed! Tables are \$15 each! Interested sellers can text Melissa (734)244.6883 or catholicyouthgroup@yahoo.com



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Top "Liked" Facebook photos in April



New transitional deacon, Dcn. Mark Tibai and St. Michael's permanent deacon, Dcn. Tracy Esper at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Detroit on Holy Thursday.



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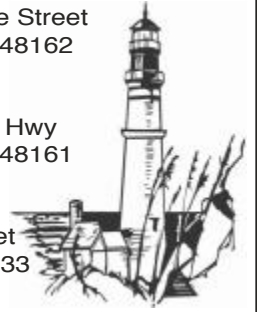
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