Masses

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am

Holy Days:
7:00pm (Vigil on the eve)
9:00 (on the day)

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm (Large Church)
or by appointment with a priest

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Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Prayers for the Sick

Karen Ann Hughes
Andrew Webster
Charlie Swift
James Wilkinson
Elizabeth Daconto
Joseph Gagliano
Rosalie Kalinowski
Primo Carlos
Jennifer Lombardi
Alice Nolan
Peter McCombs

Oliver Burkhardt
Bob Sherwood
Dennis T. Fitzimmons
Darling Fitzimmons
Anne Martin
Frances Reilly
Joe Panarello
Lori Grace
Gina DiMartino
Luhur Budiarjo
Kevin Williams
Therese Hopper

Please Pray for Our Deceased

Ursula Gouhl
Elizabeth Lombardi
Mary Stanganelli
Peter Kokell
Anna Marie Vallone
Ellen Schon Lee
Salvatore Richard Materia
Peter DiChiaro
Tony & Roseanne Curiale
Tony & Teena Loreto
Elizabeth Hamilton
Robert Santiago Leon
Robert Caruso

Mass Offerings this Week

Saturday, 5 pm: James Wilkinson, for healing
    By Leslie O’Connor
Sunday, 9 am: Joseph Brostek
    By Elizabeth Patterson
    11 am: Ursula Gouhl
    By Sheila Henck
Helen Derby
    By Tom Derby
Jeanette Simon
    By the Simon Family
Monday, 9 am: No intention
Tuesday, 9 am: No intention
Wednesday: Alfred Nolan
    the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate
Thursday, 9 am: Frederick Kocher
    the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate
Friday: No intention

Altar Flowers for the month of June

are offered in memory of

Patricia Butler

by the Butler Family
“I don’t know how to explain to you that you should care for other people.”

There was an interesting exchange recently between Republican Representative Pete Olson of Texas and Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a member of the White House coronavirus task force. Olson noted that his area of the country — the Houston area — is dealing with a particularly pronounced outbreak. Olson had strong words for young adults who have flouted social distancing guidelines while reemerging in society.

“This is because of their attitude,” Olson said of rising numbers among young adults. “My former boss, [former senator] Phil Gramm [R-Tex.] said it best about these people — how they view this crisis. Bending the covid curve and ending the pandemic ‘is like going to heaven. Everyone wants to go there, but fewer and fewer want to do the hard work to make it happen.’ I call this the ‘Bad Attitude Curve.’”

“Like going to heaven....” Precisely! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Yaphank Middle Island Road in Middle Island has a message sign out front. One of the messages it displays is, “God is still in control.” While true, I can imagine a lot of people thinking, “Oh yeah, doesn’t look that way to me” How exactly is God in control?

Senator Gramm has it correctly...through our hard work! This is how the “Kingdom of Heaven” is in our midst, as Jesus puts it in the Gospel. Once the world was wrecked by sin, God promised to put things back together, a recreation of the first creation, and the chosen people were chosen to bring this promise to all the nations.

This new creation would not be done like the first one... entirely by God. This time the light the chosen bring to “the nations” is that we are all in this with god as partners.

We pray, “Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.” Wearing the mask, and doing all the other difficult non-normal things to stop the spread is precisely the hard work of helping God’s Kingdom to be unveiled in our midst. This is how God is still in charge.

Lotta folks don’t get it! Dr. Fauci doesn’t know how to explain the caring part. Senator Gramm and Representative Olson are stumped too. Jesus “explained it” by doing it. So here’s to everyone who does get it and is doing it, especially by putting up with the annoyance of masks and distancing, and all the rest. These are the ways we honor heroes who are up close to the virus every day.

The graphic says it all! Perhaps masks and hand cleaner are the new sacramentals, things to remind us we are working with God, who is still in charge.
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
So shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

PSALM:
The seed that falls on the good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

SECOND READING:
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as
nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
(Rom 8:18)

GOSPEL:
“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear.” (Mt 13:8-9)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020
Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECT

FIRST READING
The prophet Isaiah assured the captive
Israelites exiled in Babylon that God’s
word is reliable and purposeful. Does
this bring you comfort or distress?

SECOND READING
Paul speaks of a spiritual connection
and yearning for freedom
(redeemption) shared between us and
creation itself. What do you think a
redeemed creation looks like?

GOSPEL READING
Why do you think Jesus explains the
parable of the sower to his disciples
but not to the crowds?
LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God’s Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life’s concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God’s seed is sown, it doesn’t always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

The things that we love tell us what we are.
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

Healing Mass for the Sick

Do you know someone who is battling a serious disease or someone suffering a health crisis? Or in need of spiritual comfort? You may now offer a Mass for these friends and loved ones who are dealing with physical, mental or spiritual difficulties. Visit the weekend office after Mass or stop by the rectory to arrange to have a Mass said for them.
GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn’t even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn’t the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn’t work that way. Planting the seeds isn’t the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient-rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word.

What do we do with them?
If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God’s Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God’s seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God’s Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God’s Word could produce in us!

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

- Mt 13:22–23


SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS
Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.
As we reopen...
We return to the Sacrament of Baptism and the Funeral Mass.
Please contact the rectory for more information.

CONFESSIONS
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
NOW FROM 4:00 TO 4:30
EVERY SATURDAY
In the Library of the Large Church

Mary’s Mantle Prayer Shawls are made available after all Masses the second weekend of every month. Members of this ministry pray for those who receive them as they knit and crochet, and these shawls hold the prayers of all Mary Immaculate parishioners for the well-being of those who receive them.

Honor the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the altar flowers & candles, or the wine & hosts for one month.
Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin for the month.
We ask a donation of $50 for the wine & hosts and $100 for altar flowers & candles. To remember a friend or loved one in this special way, please stop by or call the rectory office.

Mass Intentions
Now, perhaps more than ever, we can gain comfort and offer consolation to others during their time of grief by having a Mass said for a friend or loved one.
Mass intentions can also be said to celebrate an occasion like an anniversary or birthday, or in thanksgiving for blessings received.
Stop by the rectory office to make arrangements.

Wedding Banns
Sabrina Leggett & Connor Cipp
Anne Herd & Michael DeMaio
Rachel Tirelli & James Russell
Registration is now Open

Register by visiting our website and either use the on-line registration or print out a form and return it to the office. You can pay on-line or write a check. Payment must be received with your registration form. Placement will be on a first-registered, first-placed basis and will be confirmed after payment is received. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Faith Formation coordinator, Fran Bursztyn, to discuss payment options.

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Vacation Bible School Returns!

Help build up the Kingdom of God
with our
CONSTRUCTION VBS!
Monday, August 17 - Thursday, August 20
10 am to noon  $30 per child
Contact Miss Fran or visit our website to register.

Calling All Teens!

Steubenville LIVE - Virtual Youth Conference
July 17-18
https://steubenvilleconferences.com/live/

Every year during the month of July, LifeTeen sponsors an event for teens through Steubenville Ohio Franciscan University called the Steubenville Youth Conference. This year the event, for obvious reasons, will not be live-in-person; but will be live streamed to youth and families.

The link will give you more information. Check it out and discover other teens that want to help build the Kingdom of God here and now! Who knows maybe next year if they have it live-in-person we can get a group together and have an experience of a lifetime!
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank to your generosity, during the month of June, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help 60 families which included 181 children, 271 adults, and 10 seniors. Volunteers prepared and distributed 438 bags of groceries.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS.

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

The need is great, and if you can, we invite you to donate on Sunday, August 16th, from 9am to 3 pm.

Appointments will be necessary.

You can sign up to donate after all Masses beginning the weekend of July 18th.

OUR THRIFT SHOP HAS REOPENED!

We’ve been stockpiling some amazing offerings!

Stop and shop during our normal hours

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
from 10 am to 2 pm.

Face coverings are mandatory.

One family or 3 individuals in the store at one time please.

Explore the World into which Jesus was Born CONTINUES...

Have you ever said to yourself, “I really don’t understand the Bible, and I wish I knew more about it!? Here’s your chance!

You can watch the recording of the first session on our Facebook page or by visiting our website.

Dr. Judy Travers, Professor of History at Suffolk County Community College, will offer 3 one-hour talks designed to explore the world into which Jesus was born and in which Christianity developed. By learning about the people and culture of Jesus’ day, we can gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the teachings of our Lord.

This series will be presented in the Large Church at 7 pm on Thursday, July 9th, Monday, July 13th, and Thursday, July 16th.

If you’d like to attend the 2nd and 3rd sessions but haven’t registered, please contact the office, 631-286-0154 or email eileen@miparish.net
Some seed fell on good soil. It grew well. That’s like people who hear God’s Word and obey.

Match the shapes.

- being fruitful
- growing
- seeds in good soil
- understanding God’s Word

The Parable of the Sower

Jesus told a parable. The people listened.

(Circle) the people’s ears and count how many.
Trace the correct number.

10 12 14
Some seed fell among thorns. It started to grow, but weeds choked it.

Circle the picture that is different.

Find part of the parable. Use the picture code to fill in the blanks.

“... the ground is like people who hear with but have no

seed joy root rocky people

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