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## MASS SCHEDULE

- **Limited In-Church Seating for Sunday Masses by reservation via Parish Website**
- **Sunday Masses broadcast to Parking Lot – Parking by reservation**
- **All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website:**  
**Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM**

**Sunday-7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM (5:00 PM cancelled)**

**Monday-Friday - 6:45 AM Only; Saturday - 8:00 AM**

**No reservation required. Sign-in only.**

**CONFESSIONS: Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM**

**Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM**



Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

**Monday, August 10 – St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

6:45 AM – Intentions of our Parishioners

**Tuesday, August 11 – St. Clare, Virgin**

6:45 AM – Charles D. Huxel, req. by Tom Hauspurg

**Wednesday, August 12**

6:45 AM – Christian Ferris, req. by Cyril & Wayne Tomascak

**Thursday, August 13**

6:45 AM – Samuel Fernandez, req. by Jorge Blondette

**Friday, August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

6:45 AM – Rosa Uribe, req. by her children

**Saturday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM – John Stahl, req. by Dn. Peter & Joyce Kuhn

5:00 PM – Pat Malara, req. by his wife, Vilma

**Sunday, August 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM – Gregory J. Tomascak, req. by Cyril & Wayne Tomascak

9:00 AM – Mae Bailey, req. by her sisters

11:00 AM – William Howley Jr., req. by Mary Ann Howley

**NOTE: the Aug. 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

### THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

**FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH AND COMFORT:** Bob Burkardt, Lori and Jack Dunn, Anthony Rigoglioso, Fr. Nick Cirillo, and Alberta Gregus.

**FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFE RETURN OF THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Joshua Jugler, Michael Ayala Lopez, and Michael Moreira.

## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKEND OF AUGUST 2, 2020**

*No results this week due to storm.*

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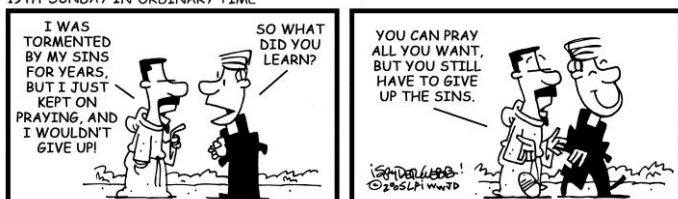
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## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

The Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Bridgeport has launched a series of webinars focusing on racial challenges and the Church.

Entitled "Conversations About Race," the webinars will be broadcast online on consecutive Thursdays at 1:00 PM through September 3, and replayed each night at 7:00 PM. The conversations will be moderated by the Diocesan Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

To join in, register at [formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org).

## HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A BRICK ON OUR MEMORIAL WALK

The Parish currently is accepting orders for new bricks on our memorial walkway. The walkway is an ideal location to honor deceased family members and friends, to celebrate life milestones such as baptisms and marriages, or to simply make a gift to St. Joseph Church.

Bricks are available for \$100 each. Order forms are available by calling the Parish Office at 203-775-1035. *Please order by September 7 for installation after Labor Day.*

## Tee Time at the Vatican

Pope Francis met with his Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of Israel. "Mr. Netanyahu wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths," the Cardinals explained.

The Pope thought this was a good idea, but he had never held a golf club in his hand. "Can one of you represent me?" he asked.

"None of us plays that well," a Cardinal replied. "But there's a man named Phil Mickelson, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a Cardinal, then ask him to play Mr. Netanyahu as your personal representative. In addition, to showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll also win the match."

Everyone agreed it was a good idea and the call was made. Mickelson was honored and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Mickelson reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the result. "I have some good news and some bad news, your Holiness," he said.

"Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Mickelson," said the Pope.

"Well, your Holiness, I don't like to brag, but this was the best I have ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous."

"There's bad news?" asked the Pope.

"Yes, Holy Father. I lost by three strokes to Rabbi Tiger Woods!"





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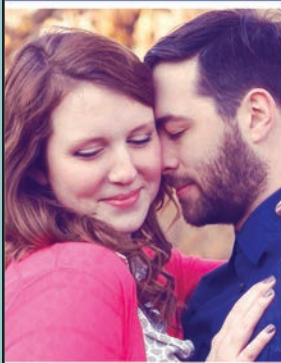
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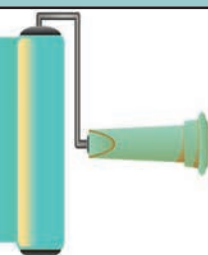
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