

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Pastor: Fr Andrzej Borocho



"He cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. [...] Now many of the Jews [...] began to believe in him." – John 9: 3, 5

St Paul the Apostle Mission Statement

We the Parish of St Paul the Apostle, including the churches of St Martin de Porres and St Paul the Apostle as Disciples of Jesus Christ, accept the call of our Savior, to proclaim God's Word, through worship, prayers, and actions in our respective communities. We take seriously the responsibility of God's call to serve others, live out His word and support His church here on earth.

St. Paul the Apostle Church	St Martin de Porres Church
121 N Union St Ithaca, MI 48847	4101 W Cleveland Rd Perrinton, MI 48871
Mass Schedule: Wednesday: 6 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. (Adoration follows until 8:00 p.m.) Saturday: 6 p.m. (5 p.m. Confession) Sunday: 11 a.m.	Mass Schedule: Friday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.
Office Hours:	Contact Us:
Monday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. * Thursday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Phone (989) 875-2852 Fax (989) 875-7027 E-mail stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com Website https://stpaulparishmi.org/
<i>* Please submit announcements by 12 p.m. on Wednesday. Thank you!</i>	
For Adult/Child Sacrament Initiation: - Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist -	Josh Mikulka (989) 436-3119 Sarah Mikulka (989) 576-3114

“To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.”

-Thessalonians 2:14-15 (ESV)

LITURGY SCHEDULE: ALL MASSES CANCELLED

MASS INTENTIONS
All Mass Intentions will be offered during Fr. Andrzej’s daily private Masses. If you would like to reschedule a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office.

PRAYER
If you would like time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

WATCH MASS ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE
 Mon-Sat: 8 AM | Sun: 10 AM | [Visit Site](#)

WED APR 1
Mass intentions for + Anthony LaBanca

SAT APR 4
Mass intentions for + Stuart Snider

SUN APR 5 PALM / PASSION SUNDAY
Please come and spend an hour with the LORD.

ST PAUL’S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, APR 4	SUNDAY, APR 5
LECTORS	
Maureen Murphy	Jean Raducha Sarah Mikulka
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Kathy McDonald Mary Bowen Joyce Raducha	Mary Ramereiz Patrice Hornak Tony Huntoon
ALTAR SERVERS	
Volunteers	Lydia & Ivy Davenport
USHERS	
Larry Stehlik John Franich	Zachary Mikulka Mark Barrows Chuck Wieferich Dane Longanbach

ST MARTIN’S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS	Tim Donohue
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mel & Julia Wieber Mary Ellen Wiles
ALTAR SERVERS	Parker Hungerford Rylan Huyck
USHERS	Larry Blair Rob Case

UNIFORMITY WITH GOD’S WILL →

BY ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI

Translated by Thomas W. Tobin, C.S.S.R.

5. Special Practices of Uniformity (continued).

St. John of Avila once wrote to a sick priest: “My dear friend,—Do not weary yourself planning what you would do if you were well, but be content to be sick for as long as God wishes. If you are seeking to carry out God’s will, what difference should it make to you whether you are sick or well?” The saint was perfectly right, for God is glorified not by our works, but by our resignation to, and by our union with, his holy will. In this respect St. Francis de Sales used to say we serve God better by our sufferings than by our actions.

Many times it will happen that proper medical attention or effective remedies will be lacking, or even that the doctor will not rightly diagnose our case. In such instances we must unite ourselves to the divine will which thus disposes of our physical health. The story is told of a client of St. Thomas of Canterbury, who being sick, went to the saint’s tomb to obtain a cure. He returned home cured. But then he thought to himself: “Suppose it would be better for my soul’s salvation if I remained sick, what point then is there in being well?” In this frame of mind he went back and asked the saint to intercede with God that he grant what would be best for his eternal salvation. His illness returned and he was perfectly content with the turn things had taken, being fully persuaded that God had thus disposed of him for his own good.

There is a similar account by Surio to the effect that a certain blind man obtained the restoration of his sight by praying to St. Bedasto, bishop. Thinking the matter over, he prayed again to his heavenly patron, but this time with the purpose that if the possession of his sight were not expedient for his soul, that his blindness should return. And that is exactly what happened—he was blind again. Therefore, in sickness it is better that we seek neither sickness nor health, but that we abandon ourselves to the will of God so that he may dispose of us as he wishes. However, if we decide to ask for health, let us do so at least always resigned and with the proviso that our bodily health may be conducive to the health of our soul. Otherwise our prayer will be defective and will remain unheard because our Lord does not answer prayers made without resignation to his holy will.

Sickness is the acid test of spirituality, because it discloses whether our virtue is real or sham. If the soul is not agitated, does not break out in lamentations, is not feverishly restless in seeking a cure, but instead is submissive to the doctors and to superiors, is serene and tranquil, completely resigned to God’s will, it is a sign that that soul is well-grounded in virtue.

What of the whiner who complains of lack of attention? That his sufferings are beyond endurance? That the doctor does not know his business? What of the faint-hearted soul who laments that the hand of God is too heavy upon him?

This story by St. Bonaventure in his “Life of St. Francis” is in point: On a certain occasion when the saint was suffering extraordinary physical pain, one of his religious meaning to sympathize with him, said in his simplicity: “My Father, pray

-----[Or read here: link.](#)

God that he treat you a little more gently, for his hand seems heavy upon you just now." Hearing this, St. Francis strongly resented the unhappy remark of his well-meaning brother, saying: "My good brother, did I not know that what you have just said was spoken in all simplicity, without realizing the implication of your words, I should never see you again because of your rashness in passing judgment on the dispositions of divine providence." Whereupon, weak and wasted as he was by his illness, he got out of bed, knelt down, kissed the floor and prayed thus: "Lord, I thank thee for the sufferings thou art sending me. Send me more, if it be thy good pleasure. My pleasure is that you afflict me and spare me not, for the fulfillment of thy holy will is the greatest consolation of my life."

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**

ST PAUL PARISH

~ No Gifts Counted for Weekend of 3/22/20 ~

Thank you to all who contributed this week! Gifts will be counted at a future date

CSA 2019-20 as of January 31, 2020	
Total Pledged: \$19,235.00	Total Paid: \$19,235.00
Pledged & Unpaid: \$0.00	Target: \$34,072.69
Our parish needs: \$14,837.69	

Thank you all for your pledges and payments!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Tina Abell | Linda Palmer | Mary Ellen Pitkowski |
| Kevin Leonard | Keith Peters | Mike Bowen |
| Ethel Thomas | Tom Keiffer | Florence LaVoy |
| Holly Holland | Joan Abell | Josephine McCliggott |
| Shirley Czape | Betty St Pierre | Julie Ahern Saunders |
| Gloria Abell | Gordon Gladden | Sue Bowen-Harteg |
| Don Williams | Karen Barrows | Ron Zyzelewski |
| Jeff Watson | Kathy Vojtas | Willie LaFreniere |
| Don Macha | Terri Grierson | Mary Narodowicz |
| Vincent Strouse | Tony Huntoon | Judy Wischmeyer |
| Anna Sanchez | Emily Sanchez | Jonathan Fenner |
| | | Stephen Zamarron |

Remember those who have no one to pray for them, and also the men and women who are serving in the military.

Scripture Readings for the Week (3/30-4/5)

M	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Ps 23:1-6	John 8:1-11
TU	Numbers 21:4-9	Ps 102:2-3, 16-21	John 8:21-30
W	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Daniel 3:52-56	John 8:31-42
TH	Genesis 17:3-9	Ps 105:4-9	John 8:51-59
F	Jeremiah 20:10-13	Ps 18:2-7	John 10:31-42
ST	Ezekiel 37:21-28	Jeremiah 31:10-13	John 11:45-56
SN	Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11	Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24	Matt 21:1-11 Matt 26:14-27:66

RICE BOWLS, LITTLE BLACK BOOKS, AND FEBRUARY DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

BULLETIN MEMORIALS | \$50 EA. NOW DUE MAY 1, 2020

CANCELLATIONS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

In light of the Bishop's Message on March 25, which can be found at our website on the pop-up parish updates after 3/26 or [here](#), all public Masses and service for Holy Week and Easter have been cancelled.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus have cancelled their April business meeting and the coffee and rolls. Their next meeting will be May 3rd.

GRATIOT COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER

Because the Homeless Shelter has been on Lockdown, we are no longer in search of filling shifts this month.

SACRED HEART FISH FRIES

Sacred Heart Fish Fries have been cancelled until further notice.

STATE CCW CONVENTION

Our Detroit Province CCW, which includes all seven dioceses of Michigan, will hold our convention on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center.

We will have six bishops celebrate Mass with us and several will attend our banquet. Sheri Wohlfert will be one of the outstanding speakers. For a convention registration form and information about hotel reservations see the flyer in the parish bulletin and in the church vestibules or call Joyce Raducha 875-2650.

SERVICES & SACRAMENTS AVAILABLE

If you need access to one of the following, contact Mary Weeber at (510) 676-9137:

- Sacrament of Penance
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Funerals

PRAYERS & READINGS AVAILABLE

Lenten prayers are available on our website stpaulparishmi.org under "Bulletins" so that you can pray at home.

Spiritual Reading sites are available on Parish Update page.

2 WEEKS AFTER WE BEGIN SERVICES AGAIN, the "Pray for the Sick" List (left) will be starting over from scratch. Please contact the office with any names that you would like to add to the NEW Sick List, even if they are already listed.

Thank you!

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS THURSDAY WILL PERMANENTLY CHANGE TO 10AM - 3PM WEEKLY AFTER OFFICE OPERATIONS RESUME.

ALTERED OFFICE HOURS | Mon – Sat: 2pm – 3pm

Please contact Mary Weeber with any concerns:

(510) 676-9137 cell (can text or leave voicemail)

stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com

Calls and e-mails will be checked periodically every day of the week. Please do not hesitate to call/e-mail!

← READ DAILY READINGS HERE: [LINK](#)



***In loving memory of those who remain
forever present in our hearts.....***

In loving memory of JOHN HARUSKA & HARUSKA FAMILY MEMBERS

In memory of ANTON & ANNA SMOLKA, HELEN (SMOLKA) STRATTON, ANDREW, JOSEPH, AND TONY SMOLKA

In memory of JOSEPH & ROSE STEHLIK & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STEHLIK & BARTA FAMILIES

In loving memory of LOUIS, BERTHA, & DONOVAN DZIURKA, BALWINSKI & NETZLEY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

In loving memory of LAMEY, WAGNER & DAMASKO FAMILIES

In loving memory of RAYNOLD & RITA MILLER & BETTIE HILLABRANDT

In loving memory of BURTIS BLAIR, LOUIS & MARY KUPRES

In loving memory of the members of THE BOWEN, DIONISE, FORTINO & TOWN FAMILIES

In loving memory of EDWIN R OLSZEWSKI & GRANDSON MARK GREENING

In loving memory of GAVENDA, CASNOVSKY & SPIECE FAMILIES

In loving memory of JOHN, JOHANNA, & JAMES RADUCHA

In loving memory of THOMAS, ANGELA, & JEROME SAGER and DONNA & JERRY HICKEY

In loving memory of TOM ZAMARRON AND SONS, TOM & LARRY, ARTHUR & CLARA ST PIERRE,

AMELIA & TRINIDAD ZAMARRON & SZYBOWICZ FAMILY

In loving memory of MARY SNIDER & SON AUGUST SNIDER

In loving memory of GEORGE & MARTHAJEAN FRANICH, RONALD & MARY LOCKE

In loving memory of JOSEPH & PHYLLIS TREFIL, DEANNA TREFIL

In loving memory of LOUISE (LOU) GOOSEN, LOUIS & ROSE GOOSEN, ART & BETTY KLEIN

In loving memory of ROBERT A KRISTIN

In memory of BILL (SONY) LAFRENIERE

In memory of BETTY FINCH

In loving memory of GEORGE VOJTAS