

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 7/26	Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of BVM Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35 12:15 pm MASS (IT): <i>Anonymous Intention</i>
Tuesday 7/27	Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday 7/28	Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46 6:00 pm MASS (IT): <i>pro populo</i>
Thursday 7/29	St. Martha Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,11; Jn 11:19-27 10 am – 8 pm ADORATION (IT)
Friday 7/30	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Dr. of the church Lv 23:1,4-11,15,16,27,34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10,11ab; Mt 13:54-58 9:00 am MASS (PE): <i>pro populo</i>
Saturday 7/31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67:2,3,5,7,8; Mt 14:1-12 6:00 pm MASS (IT): <i>+Patricia Derry</i>
Sunday 8/1	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ps 78:3,4,23-25,54; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35 9:00 am MASS (PE): <i>+William Servis</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>+George & Katherine Vojtas</i>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, July 31, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):	Mares Vanderploeg
Sunday, August 1, 9:00 am Mass (PE):	Joanne Donohue
Sunday, August 1, 11:00 am Mass (IT):	Courtney Patrick Ellie Steinhorst

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Saturday, July 31, 6:00 pm Mass (IT):	Zachary Mikulka John Raducha
Sunday, August 1, 9:00 am Mass (PE):	Daryl Trefil
Sunday, August 1, 11:00 am Mass (IT):	Chuck Wieferich Al Ramereiz

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we hear the famous story of Christ feeding the multitudes with only five barley loaves and two fish. In my homily I will address how this miracle can be applied to our daily lives as Christian witnesses. Here, however, I want to address a terrible explanation for the miracle that has made its way around the Church for at least the past decade and a half.

It's the notion that Christ gave thanks for the barley loaves, and fish, and then the members of the crowd who had brought their own food began to share what they brought with each other, and that was the miracle: sharing. Now, I'm all for Christians to share their abundances with others, especially when rations are scarce, but give me a break! This is a classic way in which the Evil One tries to deceive us into thinking Christ is less powerful than he is. He will present something that is good like sharing, and then he will use that good to detract from a greater good: the omnipotence of God.

Jesus is the Son of the Father; God from God; Light from Light; True God from True God; begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through him all things were made! If through him all things were made, then certainly he has the power to make more what currently exists. To disregard this miracle is to disregard the omnipotence of God. This will eventually erode one's faith in the Eucharist, and the divinely inspired Scriptures. It can play into the notion that Jesus of Nazareth is one of many great teachers, but no greater than Aristotle, Marcus Aurelius, or Buddha. All of this leads to religious indifferentism, and bleeds into lapsed Catholicism.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb 13:8) He is the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6) He is not one of many ways, one of many truths, and one of many lives. So, we believe he multiplied the bread and fish, and to believe otherwise is to be anathema.

prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART****ST PAUL PARISH: 7/11/2021: \$ 4,258.00****CMA 2020-21**

The Christ Mission Appeal for the fiscal year 2020-2021 has been met. Stay tuned for the next appeal that will be launched in October of 2021

LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH... **THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Mary Zamarron

... **THE MILITARY:**Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager
*Remember those who have no one to pray for them.***LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun 8/1	
Mon 8/2	St. Martin Altar Society 7 p.m. Linda Shepard's Home
Tues 8/3	
Wed 8/4	
Thurs 8/5	
Fri 8/6	FIRST FRIDAY
Sat 8/7	FIRST SATURDAY Praying Rosary prior to Mass CCW Mini Retreat 9 a.m. St. Agnes Church, Freeland LIVING ROSARY (Next Mystery) please check chart in vestibule
Sun 8/8	Praying Rosary prior to Mass

ITHACA AND PERRINTON:

If you would like to help in any capacity at our parish, please let us know by contacting the office, or Fr. Dwyer directly. This can be in areas where we already have volunteers, or to begin new endeavors to reach new people

ST. MARTIN ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

St. Martin's Altar Society will have a meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Shepard. All women of the church are welcome to attend. If directions are needed, please contact Linda at 989-640-1199.

READY TO TRAVEL AGAIN

You are invited to join Father Marcel Portelli on a 2-day spiritually edifying pilgrimage to pray at two soaring cathedral basilicas, a historic shrine, and several other beautiful churches in Ohio and Kentucky. Deluxe motorcoach departs September 14 from the Diocesan Center, Saginaw. \$155 includes hotel. Info call (248) 250-6005.

**K of C GOLF OUTING**

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus Council 8785 is hosting its 23rd annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 21, at North Star Golf Course at 9 am. Cost per four-person team is \$200 for golf/with cart, light lunch, dinner, and prizes. Individuals, families, businesses, and corporations can donate \$50 towards a hole sponsorship (tax deductible) by July 15th. Contact Paul Hornak at p1hornak@gmail.com or John Pohl 989-640-6081.

AREA CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

St. Cyril, Bannister – 11:30 a.m. on Sundays
Nativity of the Lord, Alma – 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays
St. Vincent, Shepherd – before all Masses
Most Holy Trinity, Fowler – 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays
St. Joseph, St. Johns – 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

VISITING OR INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ONE OF OUR CHURCHES?

Please contact the office (989-875-2852) if you would like to speak to Father Dwyer or if you would like to register with our parish.

NEW SHEETS IN THE PEWS

You may have noticed **new white laminated sheets** in the book holders. These sheets are double sided, with Latin songs/responses and a copy of the St. Michael Prayer and the Hail Holy Queen for your reference.

WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Mini-Retreat** for **all women** of the diocese at St. Agnes Church, Freeland, on Saturday, August 7. The half-day activities start at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 12:30 p.m. The retreat leader will be Fr. Adam Maher who will speak on Choosing the Better Part / Adoring Jesus & Bridal Love. The cost for the retreat is \$10 (in advance). This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, rosary, & Mass. Please **RSVP** to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) before **August 3**.

LADIES' SUMMER OUTING

All ladies of our parish are invited to a Summer Outing Monday, August 16, at Space Studio's Glaze Bar in Midland. The carpool will leave St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. We will have brunch at the Midland Bob Evans. Next, will be 12:05 Mass at St. Brigid of Kildare. Then we will enjoy glazing a pottery piece at Space Studio. Each piece has one price, ranging from \$10 and up, which includes glazes, instruction, studio time, and firings. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.