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2020

ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY ARE YOU
STANDING THERE STARING AT THE SKY?
THIS JESUS WHO HAS BEEN
TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN
WILL RETURN IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU
HAVE SEEN HIM GOING INTO HEAVEN.

Acts 1:11



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Father Tom is available for Confession
by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Currently suspended.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a
hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing
by Fr. Tom.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the parish office to request
a meeting with Fr. Tom.

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Information During This Special Time

Our parish office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The church is unlocked every day by 8:00 am and locked by 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to go in the church for private prayer, just keeping your social distancing, if others are there also. To receive the bulletin by email, just send us your email address. Printed copies are also placed in the church vestibule.

PARISH OFFICE

Temporary Hours:

Tues. & Thurs., 8:30 am—4:30 pm
(Closed 12-1 for lunch)

Email: church@olqpbethalto.org

Website: <https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parish/>

Office Manager: Terri Zykan

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 23	Easter Weekday Rudy Papa
Sun., May 24	Ascension Sunday For the Parishioners
Mon., May 25	Easter Weekday Ed Pilgrim
Tues., May 26	St. Philip Neri Charles Calhoon
Wed., May 27	Easter Weekday Ray Matthews
Thur., May 28	Easter Weekday Sharon Forrester
Fri., May 29	Easter Weekday Dorothy Stutz
Sat., May 30	Easter Weekday Edna Sears
Sun., May 31	Pentecost Sunday For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Mary Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Linda Leverich, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke, Ben Schwandner.  Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com

PARISH OFFERINGS

Many, Many Thanks to all who continue to send in your parish contributions!! They are greatly needed to keep our parish and school running! **There is a mail slot** on the outside of the office door for anyone who would like to drop their donation off. We are in the parish office on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, you can **make donations on-line** by setting up an account at www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. Once you set an account up, you have complete control of every donation you make. You can start and stop at any time.

Week 46	May 16 & 17	Total to Date
Loose	\$41.00	\$27,113.30
Envelopes	\$10,545.00	\$458,758.69
On Line Giving	\$1,963.00	\$87,917.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$589.37
Total	\$12,549.00	\$574,378.36
Operating Budget	\$13,910.25	\$639,871.50
ACSA Budget	\$1,516.98	\$69,781.08
Difference	(\$2,878.23)	(\$135,274.22)

Envelopes received: 31 of 798
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$15.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$190.00

Dear Parishioners,

This past Sunday was a true blessing for me and I hope for all of you. Not only did we have the joy of being "together" for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but we also had the blessing of receiving our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion. I know that it was a touching moment for many of you because there were more than a couple of you that had tears running down your faces. Spiritual communions are a blessing but they cannot take the place of the reception of our Lord Jesus in His Real Presence. Our Catholic faith tells us that Jesus is present "body, blood, soul, and, divinity" in our communion. As we anticipate the opening up of our churches once more, let us continue to put up with the restrictions imposed on us and not give in to discouragement.

This weekend we will have the same format of last Sunday. We will have the broadcasting of the 10:30 Mass and the distribution of Holy Communion in the parking lots with the three stations. I would remind everyone that they are to receive communion in the hand without a glove on their hand and to be wearing a mask. Let us also say a prayer that the weather is a little bit better than last Sunday. I will also be keeping the same time on Saturday for the Sacrament of Penance. I will be in the cry room from 1pm through 3pm.

Lastly, let us pray that the governor will lift the restriction of ten people in a gathering for the down state counties. We could fit a much larger number of parishioners in the church and still keep the six foot distance requirement.

May the Risen Christ bestow His blessings and mercy on all of you,

Father Tom

Attention Men of the Parish

Fr. Tom's Steak, Scotch and Cigar night, **May 31**. This is a fun night and ALL the proceeds go to Father Tom to help for people from our Parish in Financial need, donation \$100.00/person. IF you are not able to donate \$100.00, donate what you can. Dinner includes Black Angus Steak, Castelli's salad, bread, and pasta. Bring your favorite Scotch (or other beverage) to share, beer will be furnished, starting time is 5:30 P. M. The event will be held at Rich and Sue Hayes home at 668 Monaco Drive in Holiday Shores (Edwardsville) we are limiting this to 20 people. To reserve your place please e-mail richardhayesllc@gmail.com or text Rich at 618-407-5400 please do not use our land line it is there ONLY to support our computer service.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Friedrich**, father of **Mary Haynes**. May God grant him eternal rest.

Dioc. Victim Assistance Coordinator

And liaison between the Diocese and anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, Alison Smith, **217-321-1155**.

May 24, 2020

OLQP School Job Openings

Playground Supervisor: This involves every school day from 12:15-1:00 on the playground (pay negotiable).

Music Teacher: This is a 2 ½ day position. For more information or questions about either position, contact: Eve Remiszewski at: eremis@olqpbethalto.org

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

We participate again in this very worthwhile fundraiser to assist **Thrive Metro East** (formerly **Options Now Ministries**) in the work they do for moms and babies in need. Every donation to this ministry helps in reaching women at risk for abortion and save more babies. (The cost to save the life of 1 baby is \$1,200.) Bottles are in the main entrance of the church or in the church office. Pick up of filled bottles will be **June 20-21**.



Catholic Charities Reschedules Dinner/Dance

To all of our wonderful parishioners:

Catholic Charities has rescheduled their dinner/dance to August 15, 2020 at Bluff City Grill. The drawing for the \$10,000.00 will take place that evening. If you need raffle tickets or dinner tickets, Martha Smith can get them for you. Many, many thanks to everyone who bought tickets they were impressed with the number sold in Bethalto. Please keep Catholic Charities in your prayers!

Youth Seeks Summer Job

Youth parishioner Bryce Davis is looking for summer work of mowing, yard clean up, and/or other small odd jobs. Need a helping hand? Call Bryce @ 530-0846 or Chas @ 540-0502.

Protecting God's Children Class Update

Listed below are the classes tentatively scheduled in the coming months for *The Protecting God's Children Program*. The classes are 2 hours long. Be sure to check the Diocesan website (www.dio.org) or contact the parish where the class is being held to confirm it will still be offered: **-St. Paul's Parish, Highland:** June 7, 1 pm; July 2, 6:30 pm; August 6, 6:30 pm; September 3, 6:30 pm; October 1, 6:30 pm; November 5, 6:30 pm.

-St. Boniface, Edwardsville: June 11, 6:30 pm

-St. Francis Solanus, Quincy: June 1, 6:30 pm

Can You Help?

It has recently come to our attention that there are some parishioners who do not have access to email or Facebook, in order to keep up to date with parish news. If you know of anyone who may not be receiving any of the communications from the parish, please call us in the parish office, and we will send them a printed copy of the bulletin each week. We especially want to make sure everyone is aware of the distribution of the Eucharist on Sundays. Thank you!

10 Ways to Grow in Friendship with Jesus & Mary

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

(continued from last week)

5. WWJD/WWMD.

Related to living in the presence of God is a daily effort to imitate Christ and His Mother Mary. One of the most famous books ever written was the [*Imitation of Christ*](#) by Thomas Kempis. Our daily aspiration and yearning should be to imitate both Jesus and Mary. The youth used to wear a wristband with the four letters WWJD—meaning, “What would Jesus do?” A great question! Let us accept the challenge. WWMD?—Let us add to it: what would Mary do? May we always have both Jesus and Mary before our eyes as our models!



6. The Penitential Life.

Even though it goes against the grain of the flesh and our fallen human nature we should try to live a penitential life-style. If we really love Jesus then we should be willing to sacrifice ourselves for love of Him and the salvation of immortal souls; read the lives of the saints as our models and examples. Jesus Himself reminds us: “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny himself, take up His cross and follow me.” If you are not in the habit of practicing penance start with something that is small and build on it!

Athletes start small, build up their wind and will-power and keep adding more. We are all called to be athletes for Christ, to run the race and receive the merited crown which is the eternal glory of heaven. A life of ease, leisure and laziness does not harmonize with the following of Christ! Upon entering a Carmelite cell there is a cross without the corpus on it. Why? Because the Carmelite nun is called to mount the cross and live a life of denial for love of her mystical spouse, Jesus the Lord.

7. Be Merciful and Learn to Forgive.

It is impossible to live in this life without being hurt or wounded by others. There are two reactions to being hurt by others: revenge and bitterness or forgiveness and mercy. If we want to be pleasing to Jesus and Mary, best to choose the hard path of mercy and forgiveness. Jesus challenges us: “Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.” The English poet Alexander Pope reiterates the same theme: “To err is human, to forgive is divine.” A key element in forgiveness is to do it right away. The Word of God reminds us: “Do not let the sun go down on your anger.” This is especially pertinent for husbands and wives in the married life.

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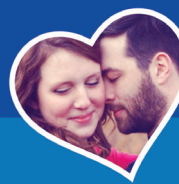
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