



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

No Ordinary Doorkeeper

When I heard recently that the eighth graders at St. Christine School were headed to Detroit for their graduation trip, there were two reasons that I was pleased.

The first was that I believe they truly deserved the trip and I was pleased that the parish and school made it possible. The second reason was more personal: They were going to visit the Solanus Casey Center, and Solanus, a Capuchin friar who died in 1957, is a personal faith hero of mine.

I love the story of Father Solanus' life because it is a story of how God sees gifts where others might see pure ordinariness or even abject failure. After struggling in the seminary, his own religious order designated him as a "simplex priest," meaning he could celebrate Mass but not preach or hear confessions.

While others might have felt slighted, Solanus accepted the role that his order assigned to him: Porter (doorkeeper) in their monasteries. He was to handle the humble task of welcoming visitors and listening to their requests for spiritual guidance and help.

Some doorkeeper! Soon it became clear that folks were coming hour after hour by the dozens to pray with this extraordinarily gifted man and share their spiritual struggles. Over the course of time he is said to have prayed with some 20,000 persons, becoming a beloved figure. Eccentric, too: At breakfast, he would famously pour orange juice, milk, and fruit into his cereal and consume them together.

Today, the Solanus Casey Center welcomes thousands of visitors each year. When we were there some years ago, the Center and its displays and contents were a revelation: All that spiritual beauty and sacredness, alongside Solanus' burial site, in the heart of a very rough area filled with burned out houses, cars up on cement blocks, and graffiti sprayed everywhere. But still the visitors come, seeking to pray where this gentle man lived out the humblest of occupations — and through a gift from God, saw deeply into their hearts and minds to give them the spiritual wisdom they sought.

Blessed Solanus, pray for us and for the St. Christine graduates, that they may grow ever closer to the Lord you served so well.

— Lou Jacquet

Community Outreach Scheduled

Please be sure to mark Tuesday July 30 on your calendar from 5-6:30 p.m. for the St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Community Outreach evening in our gym.

Groceries, hot meals, and free clothing will again be offered to West Side residents at no cost. Dinners will be cooked by Father Jerek and brought to the site. Boxes of groceries will be available. But volunteers are needed to make it a success.

Parishioner Joe Vivacqua, an SVDP official, coordinates the event. Come to volunteer or simply to join the gathering. Please bring used clothing to share as well. Information (Joe): 330-506-0879.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office in the rectory will be closed on Thursday July 4 and Friday July 5 for the national holiday. The office will reopen on Monday July 8 for usual business hours, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, when secretary Jackie Niznik can be reached at 330-792-3875.

Please Turn in Keys

Father Jerek has asked that anyone who has a set of keys to the rectory, church or school should please turn them in at the rectory office Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thank you.

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Sandy Mihalik by Family

Wednesday, July 3

9:00 a.m. Catherine Rosser

by Toni and Jack Shina

Sunday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Paul and Kathy Limongi

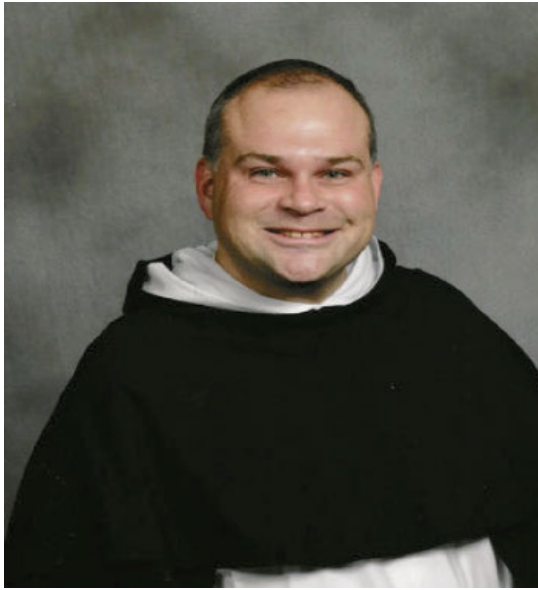
by Kinnick Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Fr. Paul Marich Named Pastor in Columbus

It is with great pride and God's blessings that St. Brendan Parish congratulates Fr. Paul Dominic Marich O.P. upon his appointment to pastor of St. Patrick Church in Columbus, Ohio. Although his duties as shepherd began in early June, the official installation occurred on Saturday, June 29th with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Fr. Paul served his diaconate year at St. Patrick Church and has been the parochial vicar there since his ordination in May 2022.



graduate degree from Franciscan University and attended seminary at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He is a friar of the Province of St. Joseph.

Please pray for Father Paul as he begins a new chapter as the leader of a flock that numbers over 1200 with five weekend Masses. May he always be faithful and diligent in this great responsibility through the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Dominic.

Fr. Paul Marich can be reached by email at pastor@stpatrickcolumbus.org or

Fr. Paul is a son of our parish having attended St. Brendan elementary school where he received several sacraments. Fr. Paul graduated from Ursuline High School, received his under-

via mail at St. Patrick Priory 280 N. Grant St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

—Rosie Marich

Early Bulletin Printing

The July 7 Sunday bulletin went to press on Thursday June 28 because of an early printing deadline for the Fourth of July.

The July 15 bulletin goes to press on Tuesday July 9. Deadline is Monday July 8, 9 a.m.

Photos of events will be behind an issue or two as a result. Thank you for your understanding.

Sunday's Scriptures: Death, Where Is Your Sting?

The readings for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time are from Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15; Gospel of Mark 5:21-43.

Today's readings cause us to meditate on the difficult topic of death. We live in a modern age of advancements in science, technology and medicine, and yet we all struggle with the inevitability that our life on earth will come to an end. Like people throughout history, we ask the question of why such a beautiful thing as life must end. Is God not completely good? Is He unjust?

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom attempts to answer these questions by explaining, "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living. For He fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome....for God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature...but by the envy of the Devil, death entered the world."

In the Gospel, Jesus is approached by Jairus, a synagogue official, with an earnest plea to come to his home, lay hands on his dying

daughter, and heal her. By the time Jesus arrives at Jairus' house, the young girl is dead. Death has won and claimed the child.

Jesus, who is Lord of the living and the dead, enters the room, takes the child's hand, and says, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, I say to you arise!" A miracle takes place. Jesus reverses death and the little girl comes to life again. Jesus has power even over death. Yet we know that at some time in the future she will again be confronted by the specter of death.

The only way that death loses its stranglehold is by Jesus Himself entering freely into death through His crucifixion and conquering death through His resurrection. He will never die again. Death has no more power over Him. He is the firstborn of the dead, and in Him we, his brothers and sisters, will face death and will conquer it by rising to new life to live eternally with Him.

With St. Paul, we cry aloud, "O death, where is your sting, O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin. But thanks to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

— Geri Jacquet

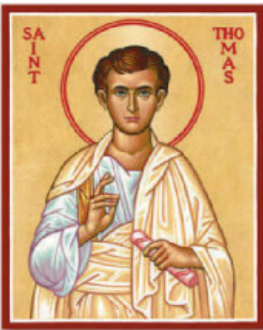
Summerfest Set at St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Parish in Struthers will hold its Family Summerfest 5 p.m.-9 p.m. July 12-13 with foods, kids' activities, a gift card auction and baked goods booth, and more. Indoor/outdoor event, rain or shine. Food served inside the Great Hall. Information: [cosp@St. Nicholas Great Hall](mailto:cosp@St.NicholasGreatHall)

Dor. Day House Seeks Volunteers

The Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, which provides services to the homeless and low-income in the Youngstown community, is looking for volunteers. We offer an evening meal service on Mondays through Wednesdays, with plans to begin a Thursday evening meal service at the end of July. We also have a need for volunteers to assist us with showers on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Dan at 330-770-

Prayer: St. Thomas, Martyr



"Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the Blessed Apostle St. Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: July 3

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Mass 9 a.m.

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Father Stephen Zeigler

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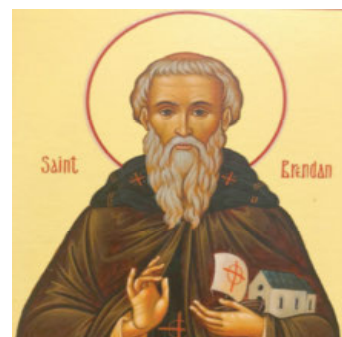
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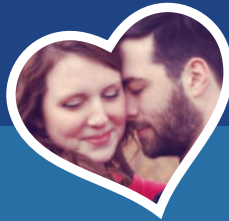
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