Pastor's Column:
Instead of the confessio nal hour being in the church does not mean that everything is back to normal. Instead, the confessio nal hour will be reduced to 30 minutes prior to Mass. The Church is roped off. The limited access and shortened hours are due to the required cleaning and sanitizing that is still feeding the hungry there today.

In failing health, Solanus was transferred to the Capuchin novitiate in Huntington, Indiana, in 1946, where he lived for ten years until needing to be hospitalized in Detroit. Father Solanus died on July 31, 1957. An estimated 20,000 people passed by his coffin before his burial in St. Bonaventure Church in Detroit.

At the funeral Mass, the provincial Father Gerald said: “He was a life of service and love for people like me and you. When he was not himself sick, he nevertheless suffered with and for you that were sick. When he was not physically hungry, he hungered with people like you. He had a divine love for people. He loved people for what he could do for them—and for God, through them.”

In 1960, a Father Solanus Guild was formed in Detroit to aid Capuchin seminarians. By 1967, the guild had 5,000 members—many of them grateful recipients of his practical advice and his comforting assurance that God would not abandon them in their trials. Solanus Casey was declared Venerable in 1995, and beatified on November 18, 2017.

Novena Prayer
Blessed be God in all His designs. Praise Him as our good Father who is attentive to our needs and hears us when we pray. He told us, “Ask and you shall receive.” With the same confidence that permits us to say “Our Father,” we approach God now with our intentions, through the intercession of His holy servant Solanus Casey.

(State your intentions here.) Blessed Solanus Casey, you once wrote that detachment from earthly affections is a first step toward growing in holiness. Pray today that the earthly desires of my heart may be replaced with a burning desire to pursue God alone. Heavenly Father, I pray for the advancement of Blessed Solanus Casey’s cause for sainthood, that more may become aware of him, and that many people may be led to You by seeking his counsel and blessings, just as they were during his earthly life. Amen.

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel You have answered the call! At this moment all the Chapel hours are filled. You are welcome to visit. We ask that you wear a mask, sanitize, and practice social distancing. “Can you spend just one hour with our Lord?” Contact: Glorita Murren (717-479-1071)

The John Gastley Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Sat. Aug. 15th at Flatbush Golf Course. $75 per player or $285 for a foursome includes Green Fees, cart, food, drink and prizes. Registration begins at 7:00a.m. with Shotgun Start at 8:00a.m. For more information call Ken Zinn at 717-633-9876.

**Mass Intentions**

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**Saturday**

- Earl T. & Dorothy Brady

**Sunday**

- The People of the Parish
- Joyce Hudak

**Monday**

- Terri Neiderer

**Tuesday**

- M. Alice Sraillinger

**Wednesday**

- Ellen Lee

**Thursday**

- Jean M. Smith

First Friday 7pm

- Jean Rosner

**Saturday**

- Benjamin Prin

**Sunday**

- Bernadette Pevarnik
- The People of the Parish

**The Readings for this weekend are:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-3

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 31-39

**The Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

Our most heartfelt thanks for those who are mailing or dropping off their envelopes! There is a box on the front screened in porch of the Parish Office if you would like to drop off envelopes or other communications.

We have been informed by the Bishop's office that during the green phase, distancing is to be maintained; masks are required. Masses of Obligation will be in the Church. The current Mass schedule is Saturday at 5:30p.m. Sunday at 7:30 and 10:00a.m. The Church will open 30 minutes prior to Mass.

The Church is open daily from Noon – 5:00p.m. Please use the flat handicap parking lot as only Mary’s side is open, the rest of the inside of the Church is roped off. The limited access and shortened hours are due to the required cleaning and sanitizing that must be done before re-opening the next day.

Confessions are at 4:00p.m. on Saturdays in the Church but instead of the confessional a portable confessional is set up at the Daily Mass Chapel.

Pastor's Column: August 2, 2020

We are currently in the green phase according to Governor Wolf. The red, yellow and green coding adopted by the Governor gives us a false notion of what is permissible. Green does not mean go and being in the church does not mean that everything is back to normal.

The same general rules apply in the church that applied in the hall: masks are required along with individual hand sanitizing.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation so far. I know that it has been hard on many and your continued goodwill is appreciated. On Thursday, July 30 the Church celebrated the feast of Blessed Solanus Casey, a Capuchin priest. During his life, he was known as a very holy man whose prayers were very effective since many were healed after he prayed for them. He had a very difficult time with his studies in the seminary and was ordained as a simplex priest, meaning that he was ordained to celebrate Mass but not allowed to preach or hear confessions because his superiors thought that he did not have the mental ability or knowledge to do those. The following is excerpted from Franciscan Media:

Barney became one of Detroit’s best-known priests even though he was not allowed to preach formally or to hear confessions!

Barney came from a large family in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. At the age of 21, and after he had worked as a logger, a hospital orderly, a streetcar operator, and a prison guard, he entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and studied law. He left there, and in 1896, joined the Capuchins in Detroit, taking the name Solanus. His studies for the priesthood were again arduous.

On July 24, 1904, Solanus was ordained, but because his knowledge of theology was judged to be weak, he was not given permission to hear confessions or to preach. A Franciscan Capuchin who knew him well said this annoying restriction “brought forth in him a greatness and a holiness that might never have been realized in any other way.”

During his 14 years as porter (door keeper) and sacristan in Yonkers, New York, the people there recognized Solanus as a fine speaker. James Durnan, his biographer writes, “For, though he was tormented to deliver and sermons, he could give inspirational talks, or feverinos, as the Capuchins termed them.” His spiritual fire deeply impressed his listeners.

Father Solanus served at parishes in Manhattan and Harlem before returning to Detroit, where he was porter and sacristan for 20 years at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Every Wednesday afternoon he conducted well-attended services for the sick. A co-worker estimates that on the average day 150 to 200 people came to see Father Solanus in the front office. Most of them came to receive his blessing; 40 to 50 came for consultation. Many people considered him instrumental in cures and other blessings they received.

Father Solanus’ sense of God’s providence inspired many of his listeners. “Blessed be God in all his designs” was one of his favorite expressions. The many friends of Father Solanus helped the Capuchins begin a soup kitchen during the Depression. Capuchins are still feeding the hungry there today.

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The seating in the church is reduced due to the distancing requirements but families will be able to sit together. Holy Communion will be distributed directly following Mass.