

Old St. Patrick



Corpus Christi

Daily Bread

Our broken nature flirts with Satan's fire
While grace doth bid us kneel at pierced feet.
Wherefore, will we not make the time to meet
Our Eucharistic Lord, our only sire?

Our God has deigned, through hand and word
of priest,
To come among the fallen human race,
To fill unleavened bread with holy grace
And bid us all be welcome at his feast.

The sacrificial lamb is slain each day
We, in denial, about our business go.
This vale of tears distracts us even though
We take the name of Christian. Let us say:

“My soul, that you would not forsake this chance
To join with Christ, His love poured out for thee,
To humbly bow and pray on servile knee,
And take your place within th'Eternal Dance.

“Take not for granted, scorn you not the love
Of self-oblated, true-begotten Son
Born from the Virgin's womb, the only one
To heal the breach 'twixt earth and heav'n above.”

'Tis truly He who, veiled in bread and wine
Doth cleanse and call thy sin-stained soul to rise.
Be mindful then, and dare ye not despise
This priceless gift of God, our king divine.

May we, the faithful, ever more and more
Attend unto His presence in the Mass
Until from earthly sacrament we pass
And in His presence, Christ Himself adore.

Mr. Jason Negri
St. Augustine's
HEP Parent



*“If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason:
Holy Communion.” – St. Maximilian Kolbe*

On TEN YEARS of HOLY PRIESTHOOD

NOTES FROM FATHER TOM

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek;” these words, from Hebrews 7:17, which I heard at St. Mary’s Cathedral 10 years ago are always read at presbyteral ordination. Melchizedek was a mysterious figure in the Old Testament who blessed Abraham, the father of the first covenant between God and his people, long before Moses and the Jewish priesthood of Aaron and the Temple. He was remarkable because he was not a Jewish Priest and because there is no record of his birth or death in the bible: *“he has not beginning of days or end of life”* as Hebrews puts it. He is a kind of symbol for the ‘eternal priesthood’ of Christ: rooted in the Holy Trinity, and superior in every way to the Jewish priesthood of the Temple. ¹ The Catechism says that Catholic tradition considers Melchizedek as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ: *“holy, blameless, unstained...the unique sacrifice of the cross...which is made present in the Eucharist.”* (#1544)

It is from this ‘eternal priesthood’ of Jesus that the sacramental life of the Church flows to us through the hands of ordinary men received into Holy Orders whom we call “Father.”

But I wasn’t thinking about any of this on that Saturday night on the feast of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral in 2010. I was only aware that my years of study and preparation were about to be fulfilled, that Bishop Boyea was referring to us as “beloved sons” and that in a moment I would begin to share in the apostle’s own ministry given to them by Jesus. It all seemed to happen so quick! I was shocked when my brother in law informed me that the ceremony took forever in a very hot Cathedral!



June 11, 2010

Those first weeks and months as a priest seemed like a blur. Every Mass was an occasion of thanksgiving, congratulations, and many graces! Everyone likes a “baby priest” and wants his blessing. My first assignment at St. Joseph’s in Adrian (and St. Joseph’s Shrine in Irish Hills) began with some 5 funerals in one week! My pastor was away on vacation, and I had never celebrated a single funeral! It was baptism by fire, but it was good! I relished the way God worked through my priesthood to bring comfort, peace, and sometimes conversion to families in grief. Those first 4 years I learned to be very flexible as a priest: I celebrated Mass at two different churches, once a week in a parish hall, once a month in Spanish on a folding table outside at a migrant farm, in a nursing home, and occasionally in a cramped interdenominational chapel at Adrian College! Then a homeschool family invited me on a white water rafting trip and I ended up celebrating Mass in a log cabin. Each of these experiences was unique and yet the same: Christ made his sacrifice on the cross present and fed us with his Body and Blood and nourished us with his Word. It was His priesthood all the time, I was only a willing vessel, a co-worker, in His ministry.

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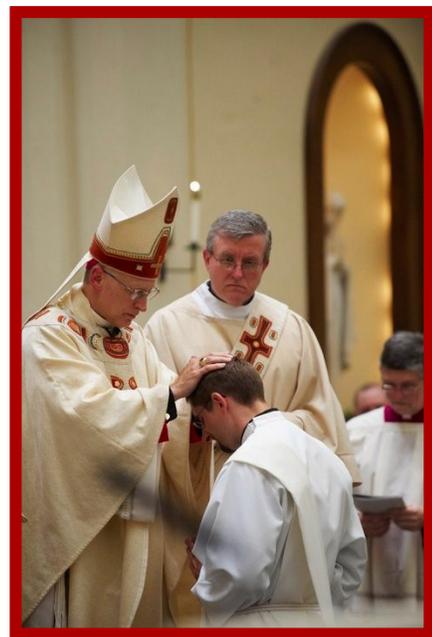
In July of 2014 I received my second assignment as parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi in Ann Arbor. This was a total change in my ministry: from two small churches to a big parish with a school, from rural to city, from parishes practicing mainstream theology to a parish practicing more liberal theology. I also had a great model of administrative genius in my new pastor. The associate pastor at St. Francis visits hospitals twice a week and works with couples preparing for Baptism. This became a big part of my priesthood: spending time at UM Hospital and St. Joseph's Mercy, was a great grace. I remember one boy who was wasting away from a difficult disease and could not walk, I would visit him regularly and he didn't seem to be getting better. I was at the end of my rope, I already anointed him and prayed with him a number of times to no avail. It was then that I realized sometimes my priestly presence is all that's needed in the face of extreme human suffering. It was a lesson in mercy and it affected my priesthood.

I would be lying if I didn't say that St. Francis was a difficult assignment for me. I struggled to try to bring the difficult truths of the Catholic faith on abortion, homosexual marriage, contraception to a parish where historically these topics were not taught. It was a busy parish with long hours of work and I pushed myself hard. Towards the end of my 2 year assignment there I experienced a break in my emotional health which made celebrating Masses impossible. At the same time Bishop Boyea informed me that he would like me to become the next pastor of Old St. Patrick's. It was a confusing and difficult time, yet the Blessed Virgin Mary seemed to let me know that everything would work out. It was obvious that I needed healing and I left for several months of medical leave at a Catholic clergy center in PA. Those were months of difficult work on myself and of many graces. Working through a major anxiety condition and learning to live with it has certainly changed my life and priesthood. By the time I came to Old St. Pat's I was ready to put into practice all I've learned at the center and in my

previous parishes, but I was still shaky in my health.

Over the next few years, I learned what it means to be a pastor, and the unique and beautiful parish that Old St. Pat's is! It has been a great joy (and envy of my brother priests) to serve people devoted to the Catholic faith and the Church's teachings on marriage and family. Being at a 'homeschool parish' is not without its own unique challenges, of course, and I have seen God use my priesthood here for his glory. I don't know what God has in store for the future, or where and when he'll take me next. I would be happy to stay at Old St. Pat's forever if it was up to me. In all these assignments over the last 10 years, God has used my priesthood to serve his purposes and his people. I was astonished many times when he would send someone in confession to me who happened to need an answer that only my own personal experience could provide. The longer I'm a priest, the more I become convinced that the gift of ordination is all His work and very little mine. Truly there is only one "eternal high priest" who serves us through His Church!

¹<https://thecatholicspirit.com/faith/focus-on-faith/sunday-scriptures/the-priesthood-of-melchizedek/>



Congratulations and Welcome



Father David Pellican

Fr. David was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 6, 2020. His first assignment is Parochial Vicar at the Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn, MI.



Virtual Gala

June 25, 2020

celebrating life and all those who defend it
to benefit

6:30 PM

Arborwoman Health

a division of Emmaus Health Partners



MASS INTENTIONS

TUE 700: Emily Lizzio

WED 830: Sylvester & Mary DeLellis

THU 830: Sheriffs in the USA

FRI 830: Reparation for irreverence to the Eucharist

SAT 400: Robert Kwansy †

SUN 800: Dennis Gregoire †

1030: Parishioners

TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

• **Please pray for those in need, including:**

Patricia Fuller, Lisa Ann Kozakowski, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Kathy Cooley, Robin Fahmie, Karen Prins, Sandra Adams, Richard Pelkey, Pete Siebertz, Nicole Brcic, John Dziuban, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Wayne DeForest, Ron Fuller, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Chris Dreffs, Caroline Pribble, Emma Thompson,

Howard Pease, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Paul Massimilla, Lois Roth, Mary Boudreaux, Clara Peterson, Marieke Carter, Magdalene Trabanino, Teri Kuzniar, Lynn Matta, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh

• **Please pray for those in the military, including:**

Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell,

Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter

• **Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Michael Kunitz: Byzantine Catholic

ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 14

Corpus Christi

8:00 Mass

10:30 Mass Outdoors

11:30 Corpus Christi Procession

TUESDAY, June 16

5:30 Adoration (Confessions in the parish hall)

7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, June 17

8:30 Mass

THURSDAY, June 18

8:30 Mass

FRIDAY, June 19

Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 Mass

OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM

Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

EF/TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM

Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer

Thur. 8:30AM

First Saturdays 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM

First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjapp@umich.edu to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Office: 734-662-8141

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Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to bulletin@stpatricka2.org by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor or pastor.

What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?



Something catchy!

What part of a fish weighs the most?

The scales.



ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY 4:00/June 20

J. Wild

SUNDAY 8:00/June 21

J. Hayes

SUNDAY 10:30/June 21

D. Galbraith

W. Kummert

A. Russell



2020 Diocesan Service Appeal

69 families from Old St. Pat's have pledged or given to this year's DSA which is 60% of our goal of \$32,243. If you have already contributed, thank you! Donations can be mailed to the parish office or made online at dioceseoflansing.org/DSA. Make sure you check the box for St. Patrick Ann Arbor.

ONLINE GIVING

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." Proverbs 3:9

easy · fast · secure

Online giving is a great way to support our parish during this time of quarantine. To sign up visit our webpage at stpatricka2.org and click on the online giving button located on the left side of the page.

Online Giving

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH

Restoring the Beauty

A great big thank you to our parishioner Ethan Hayes. Ethan has been restoring the beauty back to the statues in our parish. Recently he restored the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue and is currently working on St. Patrick. Many of you are aware of the work Ethan has done on the communion rail, next time you are in the church take a peek.

Does your family have a religious statue in need of repair or a touch-up? Ethan can professionally restore your piece to its original grandeur or better for an affordable price. Visit E. A. Hayes Studio on Facebook.



Diocese of Lansing Newly Ordained

Congratulations newly ordained Priests and Deacons for the Diocese of Lansing. Please keep these men in your prayers.



Fr. John Vinton



Fr. Michael Cassar



Dcn. Migual Colunga



Dcn. Mark Martin

Pray for the Priest in the Diocese of Lansing

Each month on the Lansing Vocations Facebook page the diocese posts a prayer calendar for our priests. Remember them daily; they will especially need our prayers in this time of slowly bringing our people back to the liturgy in our churches.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pope Francis I <i>Fr. Thomas Sparks</i>	2 Bishop Earl Boyea <i>Fr. Alphonsus Oik</i>	3 Fr. Joseph Rinaldo <i>Fr. Gilbert Rahrig</i>	4 Fr. Darin Robert <i>Fr. Mitchell Bednarski</i>	5 Fr. Jeffrey Robideau <i>Fr. Joseph Robb</i>	6 Fr. John Rocus <i>Fr. David Cunningham</i>
7 Fr. Robert Roggenbuck <i>Fr. Albert Schmitt</i>	8 Fr. James Rolph <i>Msgr. Lawrence Soest</i>	9 Fr. David Rosenberg <i>Deacon Richard Cesarz</i>	10 Fr. Paul Ruddy <i>Fr. George Horkan</i>	11 Fr. Donald Rusch <i>Fr. Randall Miller</i>	12 Fr. Mark Rutherford <i>Fr. Robert Handley</i>	13 Fr. Bogdan Rybchuk <i>Deacon Joseph Kratofil</i>
14 Fr. Dieudonne' Nkarutimana <i>Fr. Norman DuKette</i>	15 Fr. Philip Schmitter <i>Fr. Jonathan Wherle</i>	16 Fr. Phillip Schweda <i>Fr. Edwin Schoettle</i>	17 Fr. Phillip Sessions <i>Fr. Michael Cassidy</i>	18 Fr. James Shaver <i>Fr. Philip Cook</i>	19 Fr. Carl Simon <i>Fr. George Zabelka</i>	20 Fr. Anthony Smela <i>Fr. Richard Grace</i>
21 Fr. Nathaniel Sokol <i>Fr. Frank Jansen</i>	22 All Retired Priest <i>Fr. Louis Gauthier</i>	23 Fr. David Speicher <i>Fr. Brendan K. Ledwidge</i>	24 Fr. Denis Spitzley <i>Fr. Patrick McGuinness</i>	25 Fr. David Stawasz <i>Fr. Francis McCormick</i>	26 Fr. William Stevenson <i>Fr. Neil Cornelli</i>	27 Fr. Anthony Strouse <i>Fr. Nicholas Ritter</i>
28 Fr. Michael O'Brien <i>Fr. Joseph Noeike</i>	29 Fr. James Swiat <i>Fr. John Bosco</i>	30 All Seminarians <i>Fr. William Cogley</i>				<i>Italicized Name= Deceased Priest/Deacon</i>

In fulfillment of our Blessed Mother's request to pray for our priests. Priests not listed this month will be included on next month's calendar.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those who have received First Holy Communion. Due to the pandemic, our children received the Sacrament individually this year. Bernadette Jean, Zachary Azar and Helena Eldersveld will receive the sacrament this weekend.



Jacob Schloss



Michael Brighton



David Humphreys



Reyna Benitez



Anna DeJak



Juan Benitez



Sebastian Lussier



Ian Scanlon



Alphonse Nelson-Daniels