

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2020***

Parishes of St Ann’s and Holy Angels

August 01-02

Sat.	4:00PM Vigil (SA)	+Joanna Pelkey
Sun.	8:00AM (SA)	+Alfred Bertrand
	10:00AM (HA)	+Chandler Deyo

August 03-07

Mon.	8:00AM (HA)	+Ronald Boulrice
Tues.	8:00AM (SA)	+Leo Gadway, Jr.
Weds	No Mass Scheduled	
Thurs	8:00AM (SA)	+Clifford E. Boulrice
Fri.	8:00AM (HA)	+Charles Sellin

August 08-09

Sat.	4:00PM Vigil (SA)	+Robert & Joan Monsees
Sun.	8:00AM (SA)	+Keitha Brunell
	10:00AM (HA)	+Deceased family members of Weldon Blondo

Giving Report

St. Ann’s:	\$4,869.00
Holy Angels:	\$1,681.00
Sanctuary Candle:	(SA)
	(HA)

***Blessing of New St. Ann’s:** Bishop LaValley has scheduled to be present for the 4PM Mass on Saturday, October 10th for the blessing of the new appointments in St. Ann’s Church. This date could change should there be restrictions in relation to the pandemic guidelines.*

***Confirmation:** Bishop LaValley will be present, unless there are pandemic restrictions, at Holy Angels Church for the sacrament of Confirmation on October 11th at 10AM.*

Reasons the priest might say Mass with his back to the people.

- I was trained to say Mass facing you because I was ordained a priest in July of 1992. Since then Pope Benedict gave permission for all priests of the world to have the option to go back to the Latin Mass or to say Mass “ad orientum” or with his back facing the people. Many priests have considered using this option and many do.
- The wisdom of facing you when saying Mass is that we engage one another in our prayers to God. Vat. II felt this was a positive thing and it is. The wisdom of not facing you is both collective and personal: with his back to you the priest leads you, as is proper, in the prayers of the Mass. You see, the prayers of the Mass are not those everyone says but the priest says them properly. When facing away from you he can also focus more specifically on what he is saying and doing...this is a great personal benefit. Believe it or not, some of you are distracting...
- Mass said facing the tabernacle is like the leader of a pilgrimage leading you forward on a journey of discovery. In this model you follow him through the Mass: this used to be called “hearing” the Mass. But more importantly it gives emphasis to the role of the priest leading toward

God as compared to the priest gathered around a table having a meal with one another.

- Latin was universally used prior to the 1960’s because it was one of the three languages marked on Jesus’ cross at Calvary. It has always been understood that with Aramaic and Greek, Latin were languages most irritating to the devil because they were used at the death of Jesus. Although some Latin is occasionally used as the norm today, Fr. Gallagher is not intending to have Mass all in Latin. This is about the very same Mass we are used to hearing being said by him in a different position.
- I think it is important to say that Mass as we are used to it since the 1960’s is a legitimate, valid and prescribed way of saying Mass. It is also important to admit that the Mass as done over the ages prior to this time is also legitimate, valid and prescribed. Different things speak differently to people and Fr. Gallagher wants you to be free, in your parish, to experience all the richness of the Mass. You may like one way of the other better and that is fine however it is important that we can appreciate all the richness of the Mass in our parishes.
- Some may feel that this is a return to “tradition” or the “old ways” of doing things. In some sense that is true, but in another it is a recognition of the richness of our tradition as a Catholic Church throughout the ages. Attending Mass is the most powerful and most needed of prayers in our world. By it and because of it we will one day realize how much our own lives are changed in attending Mass. To have in our parishes the familiarity of Mass said as it is available to all Catholics for a variety of reasons isn’t being old fashioned but rather being thoughtful and caring of all the souls who will be touched by and spoken to by God in it.