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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7:30AM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30AM & 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30-5PM (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call to arrange for date and instruction.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory office at least one year prior to the marriage to make arrangements.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in prayer and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might bring the Eucharist to them at home.

Your Family Parish

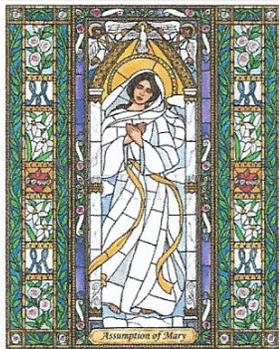
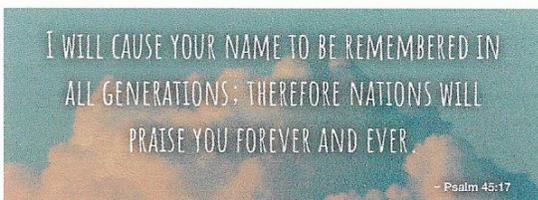
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM

Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$	-
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	\$	-
Fuel	\$	-
Total Collection for 8/8/21	Not	Available

Next week our special collection will be for the Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal. We will be supporting the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador. Please give from the heart and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. We will share a little more about their work next weekend. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!



Our Lady of the Assumption

O Mary, God's Son became your Son and you became both our Mother and our Queen. From your heavenly throne, Intercede for your subjects who are daily confronted with life's trails. Help us to find comfort in our recourse to you and bring us ever closer to your Divine Son whose glory & honor we proclaim forever. -Amen

Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

- Sat Aug 14th** 5:30pm Mass †Dorothy Morvillo, requested by her husband Dario
- Sun. Aug. 15th** 8:30am Mass †Janice Nedzialkowski, requested by her sister, Elsa Polewarczyk
- Sun. Aug. 15th** 10:45am Mass of Health and Healing for James McDonald, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald
- Sat Aug 21st** 5:30pm Mass †Lorraine and George Cedar, requested by Denise Davis
- Sun. Aug. 22nd** 8:30am Mass of Health and Healing for Brian Flynn, requested by the Family
- Sun. Aug. 22nd** 10:45am Mass †John Wrobel, requested by the Family

Week Day Mass Schedule

- Mon Aug 16th** 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
- Tues. Aug 17th** – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
- Wed. Aug 18th** – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
- Thurs. Aug 19th** – 7:30am Mass †Celia Tokarz, requested by the Family
- Fri. Aug 12th** – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Holy Saints this Week

- Fri. Aug. 20th –*St. Bernard*
- Sat. Aug. 21st –*St. Pius X*

Intercessions for Life

For those who are gravely ill or dying:
May our Blessed Mother ease their pain and fears,
and by her glorious Assumption,
console them with the hope of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord

Tabernacle Light, August 15th – August 21st

In loving memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” -Luke 1: 46
After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

Prayers for the sick: Nancy, James, Chris, Eleanor, Grace Shelia Chace, Maryanne MacLeod, Skip Spinney, Wes, Judy, Paul, Kayleigh, Jerry, Mary, Marty, Jean, Ed, Theresa, Laura, Jacqui, Lindsey, Terry, Mary Baer, Elsa Polewarczyk, Ray Renzoni, Cathy Simmons, Mark, Karen Baum, Jason, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Evelyn Centeno

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Aug 14th– 5:30 pm

- Altar Servers:**
- Acolyte:**
- Lector:**

Sunday Aug 15th- 8:30am

- Altar Server:**
- Acolyte:**
- Lector:** Lucille Roux

Sunday Aug 15th- 10:45 Mass

- Altar Server:**
- Acolyte:**
- Lector:** Jim Wrobel

Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider, Today's feast is the completion of the Blessed Virgin Mary's earthly life, when she was raised up to heaven for all eternity. The readings tell us she was saved from harm by the "Evil One". When the angel Gabriel visited the young virgin Mary with the momentous, shocking news that she would be the mother of God's Son, she responded faithfully. "May it be done to me according to your word." When a woman spontaneously praised his mother, Jesus told the crowd, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." As we listen to God's word today, let us consider how we assent to God's will and incorporate God's word in our lives. The Blessed Virgin Mary carried our Lord in her womb and nursed him at her breast, and those roles were indeed unique. However, we all have the ability to internalize the word of God in our hearts and nurture God's word in the world through what we do and how we do it. Christ has accomplished the victory over sin and death. By baptism, we have been promised a share in this victory. This feast celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven, body and soul. The *Magnificat*, taken from Luke's Gospel -1:46-55, is the Blessed Virgin Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord. Does your soul magnify the Lord? We may never be able to approach Him from Mary's level of sanctity as the Mother of God. Your good example, like our Blessed Mother's, can help others in their spiritual growth. Do people see Christ's love & goodness in you? Are you letting God work within you to accomplish His will? Let Mary help give you the graces you need to follow her Son in praying the *Magnificat*. St. Ambrose once said in referring to this wonderful prayer, "Let Mary's soul be in us to glorify the Lord; let her spirit be in us that we may rejoice in God our Savior." Mary has shown us the way. She trusted in God from the start, willingly consented to God's will, became her Son's first disciple, mourned him at the foot of the cross. May her heavenly reward be ours. In Mary's assumption we get a glimpse of the heavenly reward God has planned for all who hold Christ dear in their hearts. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, so Mary is raised to high by God. It is a promise by the Lord that we too will be taken up to heaven at the end of time.

NIECH BEDZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSZTUS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! - Fr. Tom Tokarz, Pastor

Summer Stretch: Expand Your Faith

The rosary has 59 beads, a crucifix, and a medal, with certain prayers for each of these different pieces. With the prayers of the rosary, we ask Mary to pray for us and to guide us by the example of her son, Jesus. There's a rhythm to the rosary. As you enter into that rhythm, you'll begin to think less about the words and more about the meaning of the words.

That's when you begin to unlock the power of the rosary. If you are new to the rosary, take some time to familiarize yourself with the beads themselves. Practice holding the rosary in your hand and feeding the beads between your fingers. See if you can remember which prayers are prayed at each point in the rosary. Just say a rosary today!



And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars (Rv 12:1).

BLESSING OF THE HERBS AND FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

In Poland, the Feast of the Assumption is also called Matka Boska Zielna – Blessed Mother of the Herbs, or Our Lady of the Herbs. The Blessed Mother is seen as the patron and keeper of the earth and all of its abundance.

All-powerful and ever-living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives & reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever & ever.

Amen



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers that you did for me" Mt 25: 35- 36

Berlin Family Food Pantry will be collecting items Aug 22, the 4th Sun. of the month. Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance. *Thank you for your continued support & generosity!*

Fall Fair News

Fair will be held Sunday, October 3rd, 2021

Fall Fair Work Party

Please join us for our first work party Sat. August 21st!

We will need strong arms and legs as we empty the garage and sort the booths; beginning at **9:00am** until we are done.

This is the first step and we need all the help we can get!

Another work party is scheduled for **Sat. August 28th!!**

We will be holding regular work parties leading up to the Fair.

"Many hands make light the work!"

"Booth Highlights"

HARVEST AND CRAFT BOOTH

Something new this year is the addition of crafts. If you have a special talent and some crafting savvy, whatever that may be, consider sharing your creations. Donations are welcome. We will also be holding several crafting sessions if you are inspired to help us create some fall themed treasures to offer in this booth.

First session, this coming Wed. 8/18 at 7:00pm in the hall.

Come join the fun and get crafting with us!

57 Days and counting until the Fair on Oct. 3rd

New ideas or suggestions? We would love to hear them!

We welcome & need the participation of the entire parish if we hold a Fair. It's a lot of hard work but a lot of fun too!

*** SEE SIGN-UP SHEET AS YOU LEAVE ***

When you are shopping please add us to your list for the Adult /Children's Portuguese Booths.

Prizes are coming in, thank you! Baskets at Church entrances!

Larger prizes are needed for both booths and the raffle tables.

Grieving with Great Hope St. Mary, Uxbridge will be offering "Grieving with Great HOPE," a five-week grief support workshop from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop is for anyone who has lost a loved one including a spouse, child, parent, sibling, etc. **Thurs. 6:30 pm – 8 pm Sept. 23 to Oct. 21**. As Catholics, we have hope for eternal life in the risen Lord. We journey together as we seek to become disciples of hope. Cost \$10 with a workbook. Reg. call 508-278-2226 or email dmoriarty@stmaryuxbrid...

Furnace Up-Date! The total cost has now been covered!
Thank you to our wonderful, generous parishioners!

REMINDER Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers



Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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Thank you for having us opportunity to share with you our mission work in Korea, China and Ecuador. We are a Sister of Charity of Seton Hill and the mother house located in Greensburg Pennsylvania. Our founder is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American born Saint.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Greensburg, Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time Korea was struggling to emerge from a devastating war. Twenty seven years ago, two Korean Sisters went to Yanji, China and took over an early education center for children with disabilities started by Father Ed Whelan, a Maryknoll priest. We have five sisters ministering there now. In 2012, our Korean Province celebrated its 50th Anniversary. In thanksgiving for all the graces received, the Korean Province decided to send sisters to a poor area in South America. They went to Pedro Carbo to assume the responsibilities of a clinic and school for children with disabilities. This year we are in need to assist both Ecuador and China in providing special equipment, educational supplies and continue the most needed lunch programs.

One day when two of the sisters went on home visits they went to a home of one of their students who is hearing impaired. Even though this home was located in a poor area, in a very simple house, the family happily welcomed the sisters. While the sisters were visiting they realized that the younger brother also had a hearing problem. When they asked the mother why the younger son was not going to school the mother responded, "We don' t have enough money to send both children." The sisters explained that they will be able to find generous people to help and they made arrangements for the younger bother to also attend school. It is because of generous people like you that makes education possible for these children in need. This family said that they can really feel the love and help of the Lord when they know others want to help them.

The Lord helps us through other people. We all have the responsibility and call to reach out to others and become missionaries wherever we may be.



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Please give from the heart to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing especially during these difficult times.

We understand this is the time of crisis and not a proper time for asking the money for help the people those who are poor and have hard situation.

God Bless You for Your Generosity!
The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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Introducing our newest Mission Work in Pedro Carbo, Guayaquil, Ecuador

The Mission: In 2010 the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Korean Province celebrated 50 years in Korea. In gratitude for the Lord's blessings in South Korea and their mission in Yanji, China (1996) started a new mission in a poor area of Ecuador which consists of taking over a clinic, a school for children with disabilities and assisting with parish work.



The Missionaries: Of the thirty-seven sisters who volunteered for this work, four sisters were chosen to go to Ecuador. These four sisters attended an intensive course for new missionaries offered by the Columban Fathers in Seoul. In preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Korean Province, the sisters arrived in Guayaquil in March 2008 and studied Spanish at the Catholic University, Universidad Catolica De Santiago De Guayaquil, for a year. After the completion of their formal language studies they moved to Pedro Carbo. Many people comment on the joy and peace these sisters bring to this area. It is a mission of hope and sharing deeply the love of the Lord. One of the sisters said, "Even though I am living in a different culture and a different land I believe that the Lord's love is strong and will help us become one with the people."

The Project: Sending missionaries to the poor in the world has always been stressed in religious communities. The Korean Bishops' Conference urged religious communities of men and women in Korea to share the blessings they have received with poorer countries of the world. Even though there are many needs in the Korean Province, we wanted to respond to the call to go to the small town of Pedro Carbo in the Archdiocese of Guayaquil, Ecuador in order to minister to children who are physically and mentally challenged and to assume administration of a small clinic, Clinica de Nuestra Senora de Merced.

Father Herbert Leuthner, an Austrian diocesan priest and Ms. Elizabeth Kim, a Korean member of the secular institute Auxilium founded these two facilities and worked here for ten years before the sisters assumed the responsibility.

Since Elizabeth and Father Leuthner knew they would be retiring in 2009, Elizabeth invited the Sisters to come to Pedro Carbo to assume responsibility for the two facilities and also to minister in the local parish which has 50 mission stations and only one pastor.

One of the homes in the area



Clinic in Pedro Carbo with a taxi out front



When the sisters first met the people in the area and experienced their warmth and welcome their hearts burned with the desire to “stay” with them. The area of Pedro Carbo is very poor. There are a large number of children who are physically and mentally challenged in need of education and training and the sisters were happy to take over this very special work. The clinic was originally started because many of the mothers were dying at childbirth. Now it has grown and there are more departments in the clinic to help individuals with other health problems. The clinic provides services to all in the area and the patients at Clinica de Nuestra Senora de Merced are treated with dignity and respect.

Some of the Students with Sister Suk ja Lee



The look of hope!



There is so much to do and so much help needed! These sisters can do the work only if you can help them with your prayers and donations! It is a joy and a blessing to be able to share what we have with others in need! The five sisters who are in Ecuador find many challenges: adjusting to hot weather, learning a new language and culture, experiencing different food, seeing poverty and learning the new work but with your prayers and concern they will be blessed with God’s grace and continue to see the beauty in these differences. The Love of the Lord makes all things one!

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