



Welcome to . . .  
**TRIUMPH OF THE  
HOLY CROSS  
PARISH**

*With Homes at:*

**Saint Clare of Assisi  
Church**

460 Reed Street  
Clairton, PA 15025

**Saint Elizabeth  
of Hungary Church**

1 Grove Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**Holy Spirit  
Church**

2603 Old Elizabeth Road  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

**Saint Thomas à Becket  
Church**

139 Gill Hall Road  
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

*Called to Love, Learn and Live Jesus*



*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

**JULY 5, 2020**

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THE FOURTH OF JULY

This Fourth of July weekend feels so different than the ones that have preceded it. We are separated by social distancing for safety's sake. There are no firework displays or traditional celebrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our schools closed early this spring and we are visiting our relatives and friends in personal care facilities by peering through outdoor windows. Parish events have been scaled back or canceled. The Mass is beginning to be celebrated in many churches with fewer people allowed to be present. It all seems crazy! But God is with us in the midst of all things.

Though there's much that makes us feel separated from one another, really, we are not. That's because we are always one in Jesus, and this is what needs to be our focus.

Living in the shadow of the cross, Jesus is the perfect source of unity. Separated by sin and division, Jesus came to reunite us with our heavenly Father and one another. Jesus continues to bring and restore life.

On the other hand, it is the evil one who divides and continues to bring disunity and suffering into the world. Nothing makes Satan happier than when the flock is scattered and pitted against one another and our good Lord. Very simply, this is the state of sin. For all humanity, the healing remedy is to turn from sin and to turn to God.

And Jesus, who has freed us from sin and death makes this kind of change possible.

Tensions are felt in every parish grouping and newly formed parish across the diocese. Admittedly few people like change. That's because with change there are uncertainties and the old familiar looks better than the new unknown. Just as with Moses in the desert, the Israelites complained greatly about their circumstances and wanted to go back to being slaves under the weight of Pharaoh's rule. They grumbled and said that at least there they had food to eat and a sense of familiarity in Egypt. But through Moses, God wanted something more, something greater for His people—the Promised Land. Now, like then, we need to be united and move forward lest we miss the blessings that God has intended for us. Friends, we have been charged with truly rebuilding God's Church.

Let this Fourth of July holiday serve as a reminder not just of the unifying of our nation, but of what we are to be about as a Church and citizens of the kingdom. We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We can do this—together. Think before you speak, and pray before you think. Be intentional about building up the Church and not tearing it down by your attitudes, words, and actions. The present and future generations are counting on us to be resolute in transmitting the gospel and the sacramental life of the Church on to the end of time. Begin each day by putting on Christ. Appreciate that you—yes, you, really do make a difference, either for better or worse, but there is no standing still or sitting on the sidelines. Jesus is calling us to be all-in!

I look forward to being a part of that new Church—God's church, and moving forward *On Mission for The Church Alive!* as a member of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish. We are not just a parish in the South Hills; we are literally a city set on a hill for all the world to see. Know that I already and will continue to grow in love with you.

So, this Fourth of July, let's celebrate our dependence

on God who never abandons His Church but leads it through the Holy Spirit. He invites us to accept a meaningful role in rebuilding the Church - one soul at a time. Even in these awkward times, let us gather physically, virtually, or spiritually around the altar Jesus made holy. Nourished in word and sacrament, be filled with confidence and be about God's work, not our own. Remain one in the love of Jesus both here on earth, and forever in heaven. These are exciting times though not without challenge. And we are called to make a difference for and with Jesus.

## CHRISTMAS IN JUNE!

Not long after it was made public that I was being reassigned, a parishioner from my soon to be a former assignment in Wexford asked me, *why do you think Bishop Zubik reassigned you?* Besides stating the obvious that I have been there for a remarkable 22 years, I told him, *I have been reassigned because the Bishop loves me.*

From the bottom of my heart, I truly believe this. Though I will deeply miss my Wexford family whom I have gotten to know, love, and be loved by, I am convinced that God renews His promises each day. I have heard wonderful things about my new parish family from a number of brother priests. I am looking forward to getting to know, pray with, and accompany you on our earthly pilgrimage.

But besides loving me, Bishop Zubik *loves you*, the good people of Triumph of the Holy Cross community. I say that because following the ordination of three young men to the priesthood this past Saturday at Saint Paul Cathedral, Bishop announced that one of the newly ordained, **Father Michael J. Faix** (*pronounced Fakes*) is being assigned to us. How fantastic is that! I will let Father Faix tell you more about himself after he arrives. But for now, just PRAISE GOD!

His assignment begins on July 13. Be praying for him and his two classmates, **Father Jeffrey Craig** and **Father Matthew Hawkins**, who will also begin serving in their new assignments that same day. God is *so good!*

In addition to this good news, I learned that our community has a young man studying for the priesthood at the Franciscan University of Steubenville while residing at Saint Paul Seminary here in Pittsburgh. He is **Nicholas Wytiaz**, Wow, twice blessed! Nick is the son of Nick and Phyllis Wytiaz who are long time parishioners at Saint Elizabeth.

Friends, we have been given these two great gifts – men of discernment and witnesses of discipleship. However, each of us needs to acknowledge and embrace our responsibility to foster a spirit of holiness in our homes and among our families so that Jesus is always welcome and the one sought after.

I look forward to doing more to foster a culture of vocations in our parish. As I have often said, **vocations to the priesthood do not grow on trees!**

**They come from families – like yours.**

Pray with me in thanksgiving for these two men and for all our young people who are discerning how they are to respond to God's love.

The Lord is doing *amazing* things in His Church, and our parish is being blessed by His graces.

Always, *Praise God!*

In Jesus' love,  
*Fr. Zywan*

# TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

## CLERGY

Father Paul Zywan, Pastor  
Father William R. Terza, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Father Kenneth E. Kezmarsky, Senior Parochial Vicar  
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## MASS SCHEDULE DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Our public celebration of the Mass this weekend:

**Saturday, July 4 at 4:00PM** and  
**Sunday, July 5 at 9:00AM**

Both Masses are celebrated at  
**St. Thomas à Becket in the Church.**

The Saturday anticipated Mass is broadcast on  
**YouTube** at 6:00PM and available to view  
at any time afterwards.

**Weekday Masses are at St. Thomas à Becket  
from Monday through Friday at 8:00AM in the Church**  
and available for viewing at home at 9:00AM.

## HOURS for Private Prayer at each Church: 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Monday thru Friday.

The areas open for private prayer will be clearly  
marked. In addition to daily cleaning and sanitizing,  
the use of masks and social distancing (maintaining a  
distance of at least 6 feet) is required for any use of  
the Church buildings. Restrooms remain locked.

Sign-in upon entering the Church.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS and FUNERALS

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30am at St. Thomas à Becket parking lot, drive through.
- The celebration of **Baptisms** (one family at a time) can be scheduled with cleaning/sanitizing guidelines in place and are limited to only 25 people in attendance. The use of masks and social distancing is required.
- Limited **Weddings** with cleaning/sanitizing guidelines in place, expanding to groups of no more than 25% capacity of the Church building. The use of masks and social distancing is required.
- Limited **Funerals** with cleaning/sanitizing guidelines in place, expanding to groups of no more than 25% capacity of the Church building. The use of masks and social distancing is required.

## GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

- At present we will be using only the St. Thomas à Becket Church because it offers the highest seating capacity and largest parking lot.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended until further notice because of the pandemic. No one is obligated to attend Mass. Anyone who is feeling sick should stay at home and pray.
- People who are at risk because of underlying health issues, or who are elderly or sick, are **strongly encouraged to stay home** for their own health and to avoid the risk of contracting the virus. This includes anyone over 65 or anyone who has a fever or cough, diabetes, other chronic illness or has a compromised immune system.
- All who attend Mass must wear a mask and practice social distancing (except for families who live together). The Church has marked pews to best practice social distancing.
- Hand sanitizers have been placed at the entrance of the Church and all must use them as you enter.
- Please follow the direction of the ushers and greeters who will show you to your pew. Please do not sit at the end of the pew but move in so no one has to climb over you.
- Things you'll notice: fewer people in the sanctuary, no Offertory procession and no Sign of Peace, no Holy Water, no Hymnals, Choirs are not permitted, distribution of Holy Communion is only the Sacred Host and will not be distributed until after the final blessing and dismissal. Collection boxes will be available as you exit the Church.
- Please allow the ushers to invite you from your pew to approach the priest for communion while practicing social distancing of six feet between persons. Please exit the Church as soon as you have received (please don't return to the pew). Also note ... the Bishop has strongly urged that everyone receive Communion in the hand to protect you and the priest and those coming after you. Please remember again the distribution of Holy Communion is only after the Mass ends with the dismissal.
- Please be patient with yourselves and others. We are still learning and making adjustments to ensure everyone's safety.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Although we are not yet able to fill all of our churches for daily and weekend Masses during the COVID-19 pandemic, your previously scheduled intentions are being fulfilled each day by Father Zywan, Father Bill and Father Ken. (See table below) DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS À BECKET WILL BE CELEBRATED BY FATHER KEN.

**Please note:** Your Mass may be said on a different day than previously scheduled due to the pandemic.

The church where the Mass was originally scheduled is indicated in parentheses.

(CA) St. Clare of Assisi (EH) St. Elizabeth of Hungary (HS) Holy Spirit (TB) St. Thomas à Becket

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| Saturday, July 4                                   | Fr. Bill — Jim Succop <i>Requested by</i> Paul & Chris Armbruster (TB)<br>Fr. Ken — Concetta Gaitenella <i>Requested by</i> Joe & Nancy, Michael & Family (TB)<br>Fr. Zywan — Frances Colonna <i>Requested by</i> Dean & Tammy Maksin (CA) |
| Sunday, July 5                                     | Fr. Bill — Anthony Gambino <i>Requested by</i> M/M Ted Puckett (CA)<br>Fr. Ken — Joseph Kampe <i>Requested by</i> Gary & Kathy Maglicco (TB)<br>Fr. Zywan — Pauline Kennedy <i>Requested by</i> Bernie McGinty (CA)                        |
| Monday, July 6                                     | Fr. Zywan — Jerome Adams <i>Requested by</i> the Dunlop Family (TB)<br>Fr. Ken — Helen Yanik <i>Requested by</i> Family (CA)<br>Fr. Bill — Al Morrone <i>Requested by</i> the Leshen Family (EH)   |
| Tuesday, July 7                                    | Fr. Zywan — Vincent DiLorenzo <i>Requested by</i> Susan Quinque (CA)<br>Fr. Ken — Maxine Phillipy <i>Requested by</i> the Drebaugh Family (TB)<br>Fr. Bill — Joanne Cassano <i>Requested by</i> Ron & Kathy Einwag (EH)                    |
| Wednesday, July 8                                  | Fr. Zywan — Regis Brown <i>Requested by</i> Beverly Gaidosh (EH)<br>Fr. Ken — Jack McNeil, Sr. <i>Requested by</i> Bill Bittle (CA)<br>Fr. Bill — George Brinkner <i>Requested by</i> Carey Thomas (TB)                                    |
| Thursday, July 9                                   | Fr. Zywan — Millie Orpilkowski <i>Requested by</i> Pat Yekich (TB)<br>Fr. Ken — Michael Pavlocsak <i>Requested by</i> Anita & Paul Parker (CA)<br>Fr. Bill — Patricia Butrym <i>Requested by</i> Saint Elizabeth Sr. Citizens (EH)         |
| Friday, July 10                                    | Fr. Zywan — Bob Kiefer <i>Requested by</i> Shirley Peluso (EH)<br>Fr. Ken — Ann Regina Kohl <i>Requested by</i> Stephen & Tracy Dunlap & Family (TB)<br>Fr. Bill — Janet Berggren <i>Requested by</i> Donald & Ruth Chiapetta (CA)         |
| Saturday, July 11<br>(NO SATURDAY<br>MORNING MASS) | Fr. Zywan — Bob Guidish <i>Requested by</i> Patrick Neff (EH)<br>Fr. Ken — Connie DelConte <i>Requested by</i> Natalie & James Quasnock (CA)<br>Fr. Bill — James Robert Clark <i>Requested by</i> Steve & Vanessa Bronder (TB)             |



Congratulations to Royelle Criner who will receive her First Holy Communion on July 6 at St. Thomas à Becket Church.



## ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS ...

Since the closure of all churches in March due to the coronavirus, the Mass intentions that were scheduled in our four churches continued to be said at private daily Masses celebrated by Fr. Cain, Fr. Ken and Fr. Bill.

All Masses scheduled until July 1, 2020 were said on or near the day they were requested. No Mass intentions were accepted after July 1, 2020 because of us becoming one parish and the possibility of a Mass schedule change when that took place. Then the coronavirus complicated things.

As we began to reopen on the weekend of June 6/7, we had a limited schedule because of sanitizing and coronavirus restrictions. Also, our new Pastor, Fr. Paul Zywan, will begin his ministry on July 1, 2020 as we become Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish, maintaining our four churches. We will continue our present schedule until he has had the opportunity to determine how we should proceed in the immediate future. Because of this, our Mass schedule may change from week to week as we may be able to open more buildings. Please be patient as we move through this process.

However, since NO MASSES were scheduled in any of the four churches after July 1, 2020, we are now opening up your ability to schedule dates in July and August, **beginning with July 13**. Only a specific date can be requested and not a particular church until we are back to the original schedule at all four churches. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THAT WILL BE.

Until then, we will continue to have a weekday Mass (MONDAY - FRIDAY) at 8:00AM at St. Thomas à Becket which will be available on line at 9:00AM for those who cannot attend. One priest will say that Mass and the other two priests will continue to say private Masses. On Saturday, there will be a concelebrated 4:00PM Vigil Mass and a Sunday 9:00AM Mass, both at St. Thomas à Becket. The Saturday Vigil will be available online at 6:00PM and thereafter. THREE Mass Intentions can be scheduled for each day. **There will NOT BE a Saturday morning Mass after June 27**, because of weddings, funerals and memorial Masses that must be satisfied.

**ALL MASSES MUST BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING LYNETTE BALDWIN at 412-655-2885.** There will now be one Mass Book for all Masses scheduled for TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH. When, and if we are able, we will schedule them at the individual churches.

PLEASE BE PATIENT until the future allows us to expand this procedure. Each person can only schedule ONE MASS.

## Vigil Lights



The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle  
at **St. Thomas à Becket Church**  
will burn this week

*~ In Loving Memory of Anita & Bill Lazzarini ~*  
from Claudia Godlewski

The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle  
in the **Chapel at St. Thomas à Becket Church**  
will burn this week

*~ In Loving Memory of Billie McCormick ~*  
from Brad & Sue Weber

The Vigil Candles at the Tabernacle and at the  
Statue of St. Clare at **St. Clare of Assisi Church**  
will be lit this week

*~ For a Special Intention ~*

If you would like to have a candle lit for a special intention, please mail your intention(s) with a check/cash to the Church Office. You can also call the Church Office to request that a candle be lit for a special intention. Candles may only be lit by staff at this time.

## Rest in Peace

*Remember our faithful departed in your prayers ...*

Bernard Joseph Perun  
Edward Puskar

## HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?



Submit them by emailing:  
**ourprayerrequests225@gmail.com**  
If you would like to be one of  
our "Pray-ers" you must be  
registered on Flocknote.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIG MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS!

Monday — Harry Kiefer  
Tuesday — Donna Dietrich  
Wednesday — Janice Tischler  
Thursday — Deb Connors  
Friday — Annette Corigliano  
Saturday — Bridget Fuller