



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  
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**Saint Thomas à Becket  
Church**

139 Gill Hall Road  
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

*Called to Love, Learn and Live Jesus*



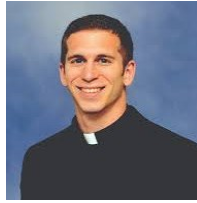
*“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”*

**JULY 19, 2020**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MEET FATHER MICHAEL ...

We extend a warm welcome to our new Parochial Vicar, Father Michael Faix. Father Michael was ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 2020.



Growing up, he was a parishioner at Saint Martin de Porres Parish (now Mary Mother of God Parish) and attended McKeesport High School. During his later years at Allegheny College in Meadville, where he studied physics and music performance, he committed himself to daily prayer. After college, he weighed a lot of options for his next step, including grad school and teaching. But through all the time that Father Michael had spent in prayer, the Lord made it clear that He was calling him to mission work.

After joining NET Ministries, a mission organization that encourages young Catholics to dedicate their lives to Christ and live by the Church's teachings, he worked for a year on a mission team at All Saints Parish in Lakeville, Minnesota, where he helped with parish outreach, development and youth programs. Father Michael then worked for two years as a NET supervisor at its headquarters in St. Paul.

"The call to the priesthood came about in the course of daily prayer, living in community and living out the mission of evangelization," he said. Even though hesitant to begin telling people that he felt this call, the Lord provided for him. "With every concrete step I took in faith, I was filled with peace."

Father Michael entered Saint Paul Seminary in the fall of 2013. During his time in seminary, St. Teresa of Avila's writing on prayer profoundly influenced his own prayer life. He also grew closer to St. Joseph, his Confirmation saint and he seeks to emulate him through his priestly ministry.

Father Michael studied at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. His favorite experience there was praying in the presence of the Eucharist each morning in the dorm's adoration chapel. He looks forward to encouraging the faithful to encounter Jesus in adoration through his priestly ministry.

"Priests put people in touch with God through their witness and their preaching. Christian life is about encountering and meeting the Lord face to face and being in the right relationship with God," he said.

Father Michael encourages any man discerning the priesthood to pray about it deeply. Then, to talk about it with others and seek conversations with priests who can serve as mentors through the discernment process.

We are blessed to have Father Michael at Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish and look forward to the many spiritual gifts and talents he will use to bring people to the healing love of God.

## AT THE HEART OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

On March 14, 2020, our daily routines changed dramatically with the directives handed down to us by government and Church leaders alike. Turning to medical officials and those charged with disease control for our nation, restrictions were put in place. These decisions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic are driven by data that had been collected and analyzed. Though the restrictions called for by civil and Church leaders are not always well received, I do believe they are made out of an abundance of concern and true charity.

Be that what it may be, the number of Masses in our given parishes or groupings in the diocese have been restricted not because of the number of priests available, but the required sanitizing protocol that has been mandated for the safety of all. These requirements for a church building are costly, product is at times limited in availability and requires a significant investment of labor to do the actual work. For said reasons, the decision to use churches for worship is not as easy as you may think.

Here at Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish, Masses have been limited to two Sunday Masses and weekday Masses at Saint Thomas à Becket Church. This site was chosen due to it having the largest seating capacity of the four churches that serve us. With the requirement that only 25% of the seating capacity of any public building be utilized, Saint Thomas à Becket provides accommodations for the largest number of guests. Be clear, it is not an issue of favoritism.

Though these requirements have not changed, the clergy team have begun discussions to expand the number of Masses celebrated on Sundays. I will keep you informed as to any changes decided upon as soon as possible. I hear your concerns and will do my best to respond to your hunger for Jesus. Your want is a beautiful thing.

In the meantime, ***let nothing separate you from the love of Jesus.*** Not even COVID-19 can do that. Know His presence and love that are constant. I encourage all who have not been attending Mass as you normally would, to take advantage of making a spiritual communion by offering the following prayer and welcoming Jesus into your heart. Jesus can and will do that by our asking. Trust Him and continue to pray daily for a cure to the pandemic.

In Jesus' love, *Fr. Zywan*

### A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there; I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

—Amen

# TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

Father Paul Zywan, Pastor  
Father William R. Terza, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Father Kenneth E. Kezmarsky, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Father Michael J. Faix, Parochial Vicar



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

In addition to daily cleaning and sanitizing, the use of masks and social distancing (maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet) is required. Restrooms remain locked. You must sign-in upon entering the Church.

## Sacraments During Covid-19 Restrictions

**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 and are limited to only 25 people in attendance. The use of masks and social distancing is required.

Limited **Weddings**, expanding to groups of no more than 25% capacity of the Church building. The use of masks and social distancing is required.

Limited **Funerals**, expanding to groups of no more than 25% capacity of the Church building. The use of masks and social distancing is required.

## REST IN PEACE

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

Lois Jean (Reich) Kandsberger  
Kimberly Kaskin  
Theodore Lipnicky, Jr.

## VIGIL LIGHTS



The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle  
at **St. Thomas à Becket Church** burned last week for  
**Dr. John Walsh** from the Doctorick & Walsh Family

The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle  
at **St. Thomas à Becket Church** will burn this week for  
**Healing Prayers for Emma Lawrence** from the Kulish Family

The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle in the **Chapel**  
at **St. Thomas à Becket Church** burned last week for  
**Rodney A. Weiland** from Lynne & Curt & the Weiland Family

The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle in the **Chapel**  
at **St. Thomas à Becket Church** will burn this week  
**In Loving Memory of Chas Gillespie**  
from Cindy Smith & Family

## GIVING TO TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

Heartfelt thanks to all who have supported Saint Clare of Assisi, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Holy Spirit and Saint Thomas à Becket Churches. Your faithful stewardship, most especially during this pandemic crisis, has been remarkable and humbling.

Regarding your weekly contributions ...

- Please make all checks payable to **Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish**
- Attention Online Givers ... Since joining together as one parish, Triumph of the Holy Cross, we had to choose one checking account from our four churches to serve our new parish. We chose the Holy Spirit account because they do not charge us fees. You may see “Holy Spirit” on your transactions. This will be changed to Triumph of the Holy Cross in the near future. Please be assured that your donations are going to Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish.
- If you give by way of a bank generated check, please change the “made payable to” name to:  
**Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish**  
**139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025.**

Weekend of  
July 11/12



*Includes Online Giving Donations*

Offertory .....	\$ 21,158.05
Parish Share .....	\$ 3,171.00
Total .....	\$ 24,329.05

## 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.





Although we are not yet able to open all of our churches for daily and weekend Masses during the COVID-19 pandemic, your scheduled intentions are being fulfilled each day by Father Zywan, Father Bill and Father Ken and Father Mike. The asterisk (\*) indicates that the intention will be said publicly at daily Mass at Saint Thomas à Becket.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 18

Father Zywan — Vincent DiLonardo by Susan Quinque  
Father Bill — Helen & Michael Kulish, Sr. by Helen & Michael Kulish, Jr.  
Father Ken — For the People of the Parish  
Father Mike — Marietta Barrett by Greg & Nancy Fitzpatrick

#### SUNDAY, JULY 19

Father Zywan — Joseph Frangona by Wife, Joan & Children  
Father Bill — Billie McCormick by Warren & Kay Dryer  
Father Ken — Ann & William Cavalier by Daughter, Phyllis  
Father Mike — Rita Rinaldo by Bennett Porchiran

#### MONDAY, JULY 20

Father Zywan — Rosemary Denne by Joe & Eileen Hill  
Father Ken — Henrietta Heyl by Mary Martinelli  
Father Bill — Al Morone by Judy Kim  
Father Mike — McCarrell "Mac" Acklin Crumrine\* by Leanne & Doug Sain

#### TUESDAY, JULY 21

Father Zywan — Rose Ann Bohonak by Pat Smithyman  
Father Bill — Albert Herazo by Rick Zollars  
Father Mike — John Garofalo\* by the Minoski Family

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Father Zywan — Angela (Smith) Pikulski by Leanne & Doug Sain  
Father Ken — Chuck McIntyre by Ed & Pearl Grassel  
Father Mike — Eleanor Joyce\* by George & Linda Liotus

#### THURSDAY, JULY 23

Father Ken — Timothy Dremsek by Gary Remlinger & Family  
Father Bill — Barbara Scarlatelli by Pat & Jerry Goslak  
Father Mike — Lundy Thomas\* by Ann Cecconi Achenbach

#### FRIDAY, JULY 24

Father Zywan — Marie Sherman by Mary Ann Fischer  
Father Bill — Rachel Neumeyer by the Schiebel Family  
Father Ken — George Poncione by Joe May  
Father Mike — Mary Durkosh\* by Barbara Shock

#### SATURDAY, JULY 25

Father Zywan — Hugh O'Donnell by Jerry & R.K. McElhinny  
Father Bill — For the People of the Parish  
Father Ken — Joan McGrath by Carey Thomas  
Father Mike — Pietro Carpico by Family

#### SUNDAY, JULY 26

Father Zywan — Salvatore Ficorilli by Nick & Jean Wytiaz  
Father Bill — Harry Reinhart by Polly Teschke  
Father Ken — Sam Bell by Pat Gamble  
Father Mike — Joseph A. Jezewski by Tom & JoAnn Kosek

### MASS SCHEDULE DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Our public celebration of the Mass this weekend:

**Saturday, July 18 at 4:00PM and  
Sunday, July 19 at 9:00AM**

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

### SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS ...

All Mass intentions that were scheduled in our four churches through July 1, 2020 were fulfilled by our priests. Until the coronavirus allows us to get back to a regular schedule using all four churches, we will continue to follow the schedule we have with daily and weekend Masses at Saint Thomas à Becket.

We have opened the Mass Book of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish for you to schedule Masses for a **specific date, but NOT A SPECIFIC CHURCH**, from now until Dec. 31, 2020. **ALL MASSES MUST BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING LYNETTE BALDWIN at 412-655-2885.**

You may schedule one weekend Mass and two daily masses per family. The Masses will be said on the day you request either at the scheduled Mass or by one of our priests who will concelebrate or say mass privately. The Mass Book for 2021 will be opened sometime around November. Please look for further notice.

On the listing of Masses being said by each of our priests, there will be an asterisk next to the one that is being said publicly each weekday. So if you requested that intention, you may want to be present for that Mass at Saint Thomas à Becket Church. All Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions are said by the concelebrating priests in church.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THIS WHOLE SCENARIO MAY CHANGE FROM WEEK TO WEEK AS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OPEN ANOTHER CHURCH(ES). Please pray that this may happen in the near future.

Since there are many dates open from now until December 31, 2020, there may be times when we have to fill in an intention from our book of reserve masses. This might mean seeing the same name appearing a number of times. Please be aware that that family has not been given more than the allotted number of masses that can be scheduled. Please be patient as we move forward!

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who have been practicing good stewardship during these times of social awkwardness. From our greeters and ushers who serve at Mass, the gardeners who are helping to keep the grounds green and beautiful, to those who are wearing a smile or offering a kind word which serves as great morale boosters, and so many others who are quietly and generously doing amazing things, God is well pleased!

Thanks too, to those who without attending Mass, still recognize the financial duties the parish carries and help to meet our responsibilities to our employees, expense of mission and services and utility and insurance bills, just to name a few. This is all part of us BEING Church and not simply attending church. May we continue to raise-up good stewards who are pleasing in the sight of God. God loves a generous giver; He can never be outdone in generosity! ~ *Fr. Zywan*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### *Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments*

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill." meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You don't have to feel alone or disoriented  
by the shadows hanging over our world.  
We find the brightest light in the deepest  
darkness and we can't help but be drawn to it.  
That Light is Christ our Hope!



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STEUBENVILLE *LIVESTREAM*  
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE!

## NIGHT OF HOPE

THIS SUNDAY JULY 19

6:30–  
9:30PM

**Who:** Adults

**Cost:** FREE!

**To Register Go to:**

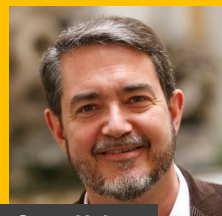
[SteubenvilleConferences.com](http://SteubenvilleConferences.com)

### Featured Speakers:

Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT,  
Bob Rice, Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, and  
Keynote Speaker Dr. Scott Hahn.



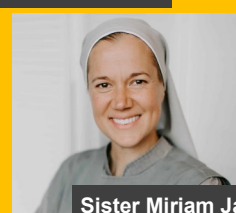
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