



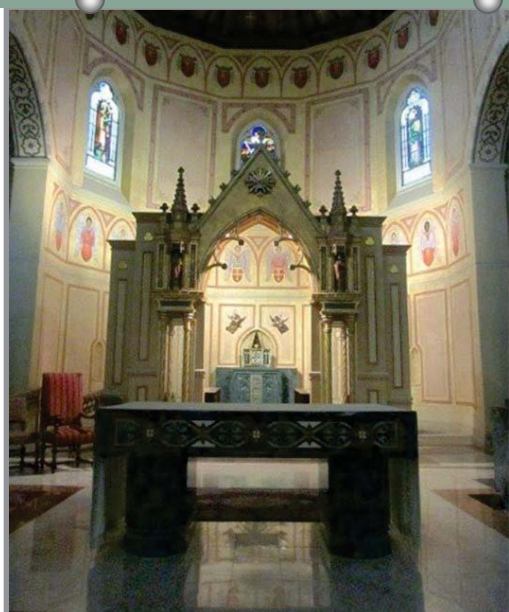
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**Saturday: 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM**

**Cable: NCTV 191 & 192**

**Mon: 12:00 Noon,**  
**Wed. 8:00 AM, Sat: 8:00 AM**

## Weekend of Jan. 23-24

Sat.	4:30 PM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun.	8:00 AM	+ Florence Cancelli
		By Friends
	10:00 AM	+ Robert Trottier
		By his Family
	5:00 PM	+ Grace Rett
		By Friends

## Jan. 25- 29

Mon.	8:30 AM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Tues	8:30 AM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Wed.	4:30 PM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Thurs.		No Mass
Fri.		No Mass

## Weekend of Jan. 30-31

Sat.	4:30 PM	+ People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun.	8:00 AM	+ Florence Cancelli
		By Friends
	10:00 AM	+ Robert Eaton
		By his Family
	5:00 PM	+ Grace Rett
		By Friends

The Mass book is open for the months of January-March. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

**The Sick :** Please pray for all those in need of God's healing touch, especially: Gary Duquette, Tom Eldridge, MaryJane Gendreau, Pauline Pierce, Edward Saksa, Barbara Scott, Mary Marini , Gloria Matpowski and all those in our special intentions prayer book.

## Reflections :

When I was in my early 20's, my friends and I were fascinated with improvisational music. The many hours we spent together were consumed by listening to, dissecting, discussing and trying to imitate music from a variety of genres. In 1992, we did a gig in Port Colborne, Ontario at the Jacar Cafe. We called ourselves Maha Pravda and The Third Rail and we were performing A World Out of Time. I have no idea what any of that meant, but our guitar player who booked the gig, assured us that it meant something. The music we played was a mix of world music, jazz, circus music and other unidentifiable sounds. It was all improvisational which meant that we didn't practice, there was no set list, and none of us knew what was going to happen. This was exciting when we were playing close to home, but in Canada, at the Jacar Cafe, which was more of a bar than a cafe, we began to wonder if this was the wisest choice. It's Important to note the instrumentation of our band. There were four of us, and aside from the guitarist, the rest of us were contributing with recorders, finger cymbals, kitchen utensils, and various other percussion. So, even if we decided that we should maybe just do a Led Zeppelin set, we wouldn't have been able to.



The idea of the band was to explore the 'in between' that exists in music, and to take it as far as we could. To work off each other to create the hint of something that the ear could put together, then deconstruct it immediately and arrange it a different way. It was a constant walk on that fine line between order and chaos. At least that was the intent. Thankfully, back in those days, there was no YouTube or anything like that. Otherwise, our parents would surely have wondered how years of practicing 5 hours a day could have possibly lead to something like that.

Anyway, we decided to stick to our maracas and do our thing, whatever that was. The response was great. The audience, while really not knowing what to do with what they just heard, kept asking us to do more. They appreciated the fact that they'd never heard those combinations of sounds and rhythms before and would never hear them again. We had all had a collective experience that could only come from that exact experience, if that makes any sense.

Why the heck would I share a story like this?

In our Gospel this week, Jesus is beginning to call disciples to follow him. That calling continues today. Jesus is always calling us to follow Him, to know Him deeper, and to continue His ministry. But it's not just that, Jesus is calling others to Him through us. We all come in different shapes and sizes, and sometimes it can be easy to overlook those who do things and look or act differently than we do. But, just like that crowd who got more than they bargained for in Ontario, but nevertheless opened their hearts to a band of misfits, we can open our hearts to those who don't give us what we necessarily expect, to those who think differently than we do, and with our actions of love, we can bring light into corners of our world that need it. Chris

### some facebook posts from FR. TOMASZ

**I will stick with love. MLK never gave into violence as he pursued the DREAM. That is what Christianity is all about.**

**USA is facing: Covid-19 crisis; Economic crisis; Climate crisis; Racial crisis; Leadership crisis– we need to start praying.**

**MLK DAY 2021 Praying for leaders who know what it means to lead selflessly, loving, and humbly and not merely represent. :)**

**If you want your dreams to come true, you got to wake up and face the reality face to face.:)**

**I pray God gives you peace tonight. With God all things shall be well. Keep loving friends.:)**

**I'm feeling sadness of not being able to see you all in person in church and casual encounters. It has been a long year.**

**Be still and know, God is there with you right now. God will guide you through whatever you're going through.:)**

**God meets you where you are and will never leave you where you were found.:) That's love at its best.**



***The Sacred That Surrounds Us –Everything in a Catholic Church Points to Heaven\****  
**What's What Explanation of What Surrounds Us In Our Church**



***Nave (also, the Vestibule or Gathering Space)***

Nave comes from the Latin word *navis* (meaning “ship” ), as in “navigate.” The nave is the area of the church where everyone gathers for the actual celebration of the Mass. It is the “ship” of the church. Sitting in the nave, we are facing the sanctuary as we worship the Lord with others in the congregation. Every pew in the nave should be focused on the same thing: God in the sanctuary.

After the legalization of Christianity, new church building were constructed with open naves in which people stood or knelt down. They were also once separated by gender as they worshiped, continuing the similar practice of separation that took place in the Jewish synagogue. The function of the nave remains. It is not a theater or auditorium, but a place for worship where earth meets heaven.

As we enter into the nave, we are invited to renew our baptismal promise at the holy water font. We then proceed into the pews, where we kneel, sit, and stand throughout the Liturgy. We are called to be active participants in the Mass, building each other up in the Lord. We proceed through the nave toward the sanctuary (toward heaven) to receive the heavenly food of Holy Communion. As we come to the Lord in the Eucharist, we can imagine the multitude of all our guardian angels adoring God. They see the divine realities behind what we see with our human senses. We are strengthened by God's word and the Eucharist while on the ship to salvation.

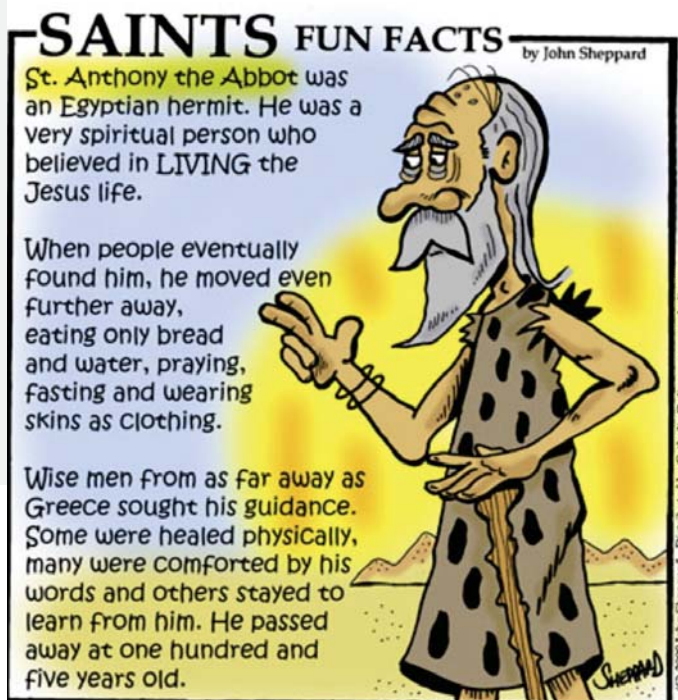
(\*Taken from the book of that name by Andrea Zachman)



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***RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, teaches the history, tradi-***

***tions and Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Catholics or Catholic Adults seeking information about full initiation into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, should contact Deacon Chris Finan at (508) 234-5656.***



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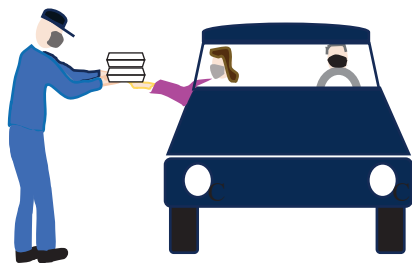
**Jan. 24: Catholic Home Mission**

**Feb. 7: The Church of Latin America**



## "Carrying-On With Carry-Out"

*"Come and eat breakfast, Jesus told them." (John 21:12)*



Despite all the precautions required with the Covid-19 pandemic, *John 21 Community Breakfast* still has found a way to carry on this important ministry by providing "carry-out" breakfasts delivered curbside to people free of charge.

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### New from the Vatican, Jan. 10, 2021: Pope at Angelus Reminds Us to Cherish Our Baptismal Identity

Marking the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis reflected on the Liturgy of the day that tells of how Jesus' public life began. Speaking from the Apostolic Library during the Sunday Angelus, the Pope noted that after the feast of the Epiphany, the Liturgy takes a leap of some 30 years, "hidden" time spent by Jesus with his family, obeying his parents, studying and working. All of the evangelists, he said, narrate his public life that they say spanned about three years. It is striking, he said, that the Lord spent most of his time on earth living an ordinary life, without standing out.

"It is a fine message for us: it reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in the eyes of God of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple and hidden," he said. After these 30 years of hidden life, the Pope continued, Jesus' public life begins with the baptism in the River Jordan. He explained that John's baptism consisted in a penitential rite: "it was a sign of one's willingness to convert, asking forgiveness of one's sins. Jesus surely did not need it." And although John the Baptist tries to stop him, the Lord insists, he continued, because He wants to be with the sinners: "for this reason he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do. He goes down into the river to immerse himself in the same condition we are in."

On the first day of his ministry, the Pope said, Jesus thus offers us his "programmatic manifesto", telling us that "He does not save us from on high, with a sovereign decision or act of force, but by coming to meet us and taking our sins upon himself." This is how God conquers worldly evil, he said, "by humbling himself and taking charge of it. This is also the way, he emphasized, that we can lift up others: "not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by becoming neighbors, empathizing, sharing God's love. "Closeness," he reiterated, "is God's style with us!"

Pope Francis went on to explain that after this act of compassion by Jesus, another extraordinary thing happens: "the heavens open and the Trinity is finally revealed." As the evangelist Mark tells us (Mk 1:10), the Holy Spirit descends from the heavens like a dove and the Father says to Jesus: "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." God, the Pope explained, "manifests himself when mercy appears, because that is his face." This episode shows us how Jesus becomes the servant of sinners and is proclaimed the Son, he continued: "He lowers himself upon us and the Spirit descends upon him."

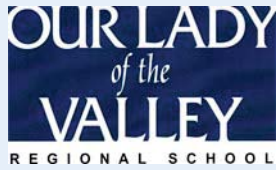
"Love calls for love", the Pope said, and this applies to us: "in each act of service, in every work of mercy we perform, God manifests himself and sets his gaze upon the world." This reveals to us the Pope explained that even before we do anything, our life was marked by mercy and it was laid upon us. And this, he said, happened on the day of our Baptism: "There, we were immersed in the love of Christ who died and rose for us. There, we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. There, the Father said to each one of us, as he did to Jesus: Thou art my beloved Son".

God's mercy is so great, the Pope continued, that even those who are not baptized receive it and can trust in the resurrection if their hearts are open. "We may think the wrong things make many mistakes," the Pope concluded, "but we always remain God's beloved children. It is our deepest identity: "May Our Lady, to whom we now pray, help us to cherish our baptismal identity, which lies at the base of faith and life."

After the Angelus Prayer Pope Francis appealed for reconciliation in the United States in the wake of the assault on Congress on 6 January and said he is praying for the five people who lost their lives in the violence.

(from Vatican Media)





## Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Update

Welcome to the OLV update, a biweekly entry to your parish bulletin. Here we will post news, updates and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by Good Shepherd Parish, St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support.

We continue to experience renewed interest in our Catholic school community and are pleased and proud to report that our enrollment has increased significantly since the start of the school year. The excitement surrounding The Grace Center building addition, our success in managing the pandemic and our continued commitment to academic excellence and faith-based curriculum and instruction have impacted enrollments to the point where we presently have waiting lists in four of our grade levels. At the same time, we are focused on planning for next school year. Beginning next week, our current families will register their students for 2021-2022. On February 8th, available spots will then be offered to new families. Understanding that corona virus guidelines and requirements might still influence decision making, I would advise any interested families to contact the school immediately. While we will not be able to offer an Open House anytime in the very near future, we can arrange for families to tour the school, to meet personnel and to learn more.

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support! Please continue to spread the word about Our Lady of the Valley Regional School and the wonderful things happening at our school. Please follow our Facebook page at Our Lady of the Valley Regional School and share the updates with family and friends.

God bless You and Yours!

Ed Reynolds

Principal

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School

Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.



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*Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen*

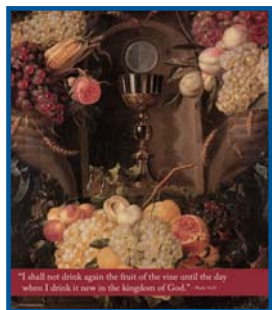


**Please remember the following service personnel in your Prayers as they serve and protect our country:**

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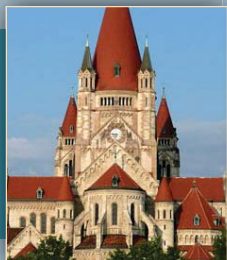


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