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Dear Parishioners,

This week we are onto the history of when bells came into Church worship. The use of bells in the Church dates back to the fifth century, when Saint Paulinus, the Bishop of Nola, introduced them as a means to summon monks to worship. In the seventh century, Pope Sabinianus approved the use of bells to call the faithful to the Mass. The Venerable Bede, an English saint of the eighth century, is credited with the introduction of bell ringing at Requiem Masses. By the ninth century the use of bells had spread to even the small parish churches of the western Roman Empire.

It wasn't until the thirteenth century that outdoor tower bells began to be rung as "Sanctus bells" during the Mass. It is interesting to note that tower bells are still used today as Sanctus bells at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican and a great many other historic churches and cathedrals. A close look at many of these older structures will often reveal a series of sighting holes (and sometimes mirrors) that were once used by bell-ringers to monitor the celebration of the Mass from bell-lofts so that the bells could be rung at the proper time. Many churches, particularly in England, later placed small Sanctus bells atop the rood screen (between the chancel and the nave of the church) as a refinement of using large, outdoor tower bells.

These tower bells were rung at the consecration and presentation of the Eucharist. First and foremost, the Sanctus bells were rung during the Mass to create a joyful noise (often in conjunction with select musical instruments such as the lyre) to the Lord as described in Psalm 98:4:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

The practice of ringing bells to create a joyful noise for the Lord during the Mass is based to some degree on the use of tintinnabula (or tiny bells) or crotal bells that were a part of ancient Judaic worship.

Ringling the bells also gave notice to those unable to attend the Mass (the sick, slaves, outside guards, etc.) that something divine and miraculous was taking place inside of the church building. The voice of the bell would allow people to stop what they were doing to offer an act of adoration to God. Additionally, the bells helped to focus the attention of the faithful inside the church on the miracle that was taking place on the altar of sacrifice.

Eventually, handheld bells, sanctuary-based chimes and sacring rings or "Gloria wheels" (commonly used in Spain and during the Mission Period in Alta California) began to replace the tower bells rung during Mass — largely for convenience.

Nearly 350 years after the introduction of the Sanctus bells rung during the Liturgy, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) formally mandated their use during the celebration of the Mass. Thus, for the first time, the use of the bells became a required part of the official rubrics of the Mass. Ringing the bells is still required for the "Tridentine" Mass; though the practice was made optional when the post-Conciliar Missal was promulgated by Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1969.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

There will be First Friday Adoration on September 1st after the 11:30am Mass in the Chapel. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Liturgical Ministers for September 2/3, 2017

| MASS | LECTOR | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 4:00PM | B. HECKMAN | C. WITTINE, J. FLYNN, D. LIVINGSTON | S. PHILLIPS, N. AND A. WEBB |
| 8:30AM | M. LATINI | T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY | J.,S., D. KLOTZ |
| 11:30AM | M. ESLING | T. MARION, D. LIVINGSTON, M. ADAMCIK | M. FEDRIZZI, M. LAUTURE, S. MASCI |

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4.

We currently have a few spaces available in our church bulletin for advertisements. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please call the parish office. Some of the funds received allow us to do our many building projects like the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Please assist us in this effort in garnering more advertisements.

Sunday, Sept. 17th is our Annual Parish Picnic at Riverside Park. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. **Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and an item according to your last name (enough for approximately 8 people).**

**Last names: A-G Appetizer or Snack
H-P Dessert
Q-Z Salad or Vegetables**

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Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office **before Monday, September 4th**

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The 2018 Mass Book will open on: Tuesday, September 12th from 9:30am-12:30pm **Wednesday, September 13th** from 9:30am-12:30pm and from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

The Annual Backpack Blessing will take place on Sunday, September 10th at the 8:30am Mass.

Starting **Monday September 11th** we will have a weekly holy hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Chapel dedicated for an increase in vocations to diocesan priestly vocations. A priest will be available for Confession at this time as well. Please note, that hopefully this will allow more people an opportunity to go to Confession that might not be available for the Saturday 3-3:45pm time frame. Even if you can only stop in for five minutes, it will not be a wasted five minutes.

Also, starting on **Monday September 11th** Father Newcomb will start a class on prayer which will use the Formed.org website class on it. The class will start at 6:30pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Please contact the office if you're planning on attending.

Banns of Marriage
Michael Buffamante
And
Meghan Keeler

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 28 (Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
 9:00am Victor Szpakowicz, by Sophie Crawford-Rosso
- Tuesday, August 29 (Passion of St. John the Baptist)**
 9:00am Ruth Heater, by Cheryl Lovelace
- Wednesday, August 30**
 9:00am Ruth Heater, by Frank and Peggy Winters
- Thursday, August 31**
 9:00am George Bennett, by the Foster family
- Friday, September 1**
 11:30am Gaspar and Cesarea, by Maria Esling
- Saturday, September 2**
 4:00pm Heinrich Haering, by Hannelore Kucher
- Sunday, September 3**
 8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's Louis Ponterio and Joseph Cali, by Ann Cali
- 11:30am Eleanor Kowal, by Donna and Ray Calvario
- 1:30pm *Hungarian Mass*



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in Thanksgiving, by Dan and Theresa Kavanagh.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Thomas Davies, Pat Arnold, William Gaide, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Charlie Gard, Marge Evans, Melinda Torres, Kaitlyn Smith, Marianne Ripel, Kathy Barnes, and Jerome Smith.

The first day for Religious Instruction is Sunday, September 10th. Classes will begin at 9:30am and run until 11:15am. If you attend the 8:30am Mass and it is running a little longer **DO NOT LEAVE EARLY**. God is speaking to you and your children at Mass and that is of most importance. We will know if there is a longer Mass than usual.

The collection for August 19/20, 2017 was \$4,769.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.