

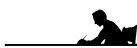


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, June 28 - St. Irenaeus**
8:00 Rose Luchterhand *by Patty Blazck*
- Tuesday, June 29 - St. Peter and Paul**
8:00 Departed Souls
- Wednesday, June 30 - The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
5:30 John Maginnis *by David and Grace Burkhardt*
- Thursday, July 1 - Blessed Junipero Serra**
8:00 Harriet Gaglione *by Tony and Arlene Scheeda*
- Friday, July 2**
8:00 Nancy Marks *by Joan Wysocki*
- Saturday, July 3 - St. Thomas**
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Andrew Korszykowski *by Joe and Mary Jagodzinski*
- Sunday, July 4 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 Little Rebecca Ziarniak - 5th Anniversary *by mom and dad and family*
10:15 Michael Kelly *by Lee Coyle*

Scripture Readings for the Week

-  **Monday** - Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday** - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
- Wednesday** - Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday** - Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday** - Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday** - Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
- Next Sunday** - Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



PASTORAL SHARINGS

The gospel selection today is the beginning of the "journey" section in Luke. Unlike Matthew and Mark, Luke makes a great production of this journey. The section begins with the statement that the days were fulfilled for "His being taken up."

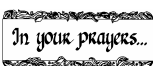
At the beginning of the journey, Jesus must correct erroneous views of His followers and would-be followers. First, they start to go through Samaria, but the Samaritans harass them. The "sons of thunder" (James and John) want to call down God's wrath to destroy them. Jesus corrects them.

Next, a man wants to follow Jesus, but he obviously expects to find an easy life. Jesus tells him that He has no permanent home. Another wants to follow Jesus after burying his father. The request seems simple enough. But Jesus uses the occasion to teach that the kingdom must be more important than any considerations in this world, however important they seem to us. The selection concludes with the statement that whoever starts plowing but then looks back is not fit for God's kingdom.

His journey and His call to complete obedience to His summons to follow Him was picked up by thousands of people in the years following His death and resurrection. With a little stretch of the imagination, we are among them. For an equal amount of years people have picked up and mobilized their journey not just to Jerusalem but to the civilized and not-so-civilized worlds.

The response to the call of Jesus is a mixed one. Jesus was from Galilee. The high-toned Jews of Jerusalem gave no credence to the itinerant preacher and healer from Galilee; after all, He was barely schooled in the Torah and culture. Apparently word hadn't gotten to them of His teaching in the Temple as an adolescent. Perhaps they were on holiday in Haifa. That didn't deter Jesus and company. In fact, some of them picked up with the entourage Jesus was gathering. All were on their way to Jerusalem, which might have confused some of His critics! But then, they didn't know the whole story of why Jesus was going on this journey.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That we will take every opportunity to share our faith and love of Christ with those along the way; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Julie Carlo, Julie Conschafter, Pamela Rodgers, Rita Matynka, Dan Roland, Roxanne Gabbey, Kevin Bowerman, Ed Buekers, Fred Pask, Nancy Wittman, Edward O'Donnell and Lucy Kedzierski. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world, especially Kenneth Pask.

Ministers for July

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Mary Ann Torrelli; 8:00 am - Phil Wittman; 10:15 am - Patrick and Patricia Buczek; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Carl Patterson; 10:15 am - Deb Hilton; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Joseph Bergman, Simon Wulf; 8:00 am - Nicholas Flumerfeldt, Skyler Earle; 10:15 am - Felicia Fortunato, Elizabeth Kaufman, Erin Adderly



Congratulations to our 2010 High School Graduates:

Caleigh Alterio	Luke Bacon	Abigail Bradley
Steve Carver	Dominic Cianfrini	Colleen Daddario
Nathan Flumerfeldt	Samantha Halicki	Dominic Laurienzo
Amanda Mayle	Matthew Mesavage	Dominic Militello
Angela Poblocki	Elizabeth Root	Alec Short
Trevor Short	Christine Sowinski	

College Connection Initiative - This fall, many Catholic high school graduates will become freshmen on campuses where their faith will be tested. Catholic campus ministries offer strong support but, because of privacy laws and competing activities, struggle to connect with freshman students. The U.S. Council of Serra developed the College Connection Program to help make this connection. If you would like to make this connection for yourself, your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or other relative, you may enroll them in several ways:

- Enroll online - www.dobyouth.org
- Fill out a College Connections Postcard available from the above website
- Email their name, email address and their college to gcoogan@buffalodiocese.org
- Call The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 847-8793. This information is communicated to the campus ministries only and, otherwise, will remain confidential



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket for the weekend getaway package at Salvatore's Grand Hotel that they were giving away this month. The winner was Ron Mayer from Lancaster, New York.

Take a Reflective Moment . . . Quiet Please . . .

In our own age the idea that religion belongs to our private life—that it is, in fact, an occupation for the individuals hour of leisure—is at once paradoxical, dangerous, and natural. It is paradoxical because this exaltation of the individual in the religious field springs up in an age when collectivism is ruthlessly defeating the individual in every other field....There is a crowd of busybodies, self-appointed masters of ceremonies, whose life is devoted to destroying solitude wherever solitude still exists. They call it “taking the young people out of themselves,” or “waking them up,” or “overcoming their apathy.” If an Augustine, a Vaughan, a Traherne, or a Wordsworth should be born in the modern world, the leaders of a youth organization would soon cure him. If a really good home, such as the home of Alcinous and Arete in the *Odyssey* or the Rostovs in *War and Peace* or any of Charlotte M. Yonge's families, existed today, it would be denounced as *bourgeois* and every engine of destruction would be leveled against it. And even where the planners fail and someone is left physically by himself, the wireless has seen to it that he will be—in a sense not intended by Scipio—never less alone than when alone. We live, in fact, in a world starved for solitude, silence, and privacy, and therefore starved for meditation and true friendship.

C.S. Lewis—from “Membership”

Look up—if heaven is that pretty
on the bottom, think how it must look on the top.



- **Saturday, July 3 - First Saturday Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions: 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**



God of Love,
You call us to live in your love through the grace of our baptism. Bless us with the courage to carry out the mission of Jesus. Grant us open and generous hearts to see the needs of others and to respond with compassion. May the Church be blest with women and men who are dedicated to you through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and the consecrated life. It is in Christ and through Christ that we offer ourselves to you now and forever. Amen.



Cameron lost his VISA card so he called the bank that had issued his credit card. Six menu options later, he was once again speaking to a real person. But if that lady had come with her own personal list of menu options, “helpfulness” would not have been one of them. “Just call the number on the back of the card,” she told him hurriedly. “Excuse me?” he asked. “If you’ll turn the card over, you’ll see a line that says, ‘For lost or stolen cards, call this number.’” And with that, she hung up! “How can I turn the card over and call the number on the back if I’ve lost the card?” He barked at the phone and all he got was a dial tone.

BOTTOM LINE:

Don't take a vacation
from God.