

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/02/2017

Amy Lui and Joe Lucci will be wed on Saturday, July 8 at 2:30 pm. Congratulations!
Susan & Tadaaki Hatta are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the 5PM Mass on Saturday, July 8.
Parish Picnic will be Saturday, July 15 from 1 PM – 4:30 PM. Please call the Parish Secretary to volunteer.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Preeminent Threats

The United States Catholic Bishops wrote to us as follows in their document on Faithful Citizenship (2007) about the preeminent moral issues we face in society today. They explain, "In our nation, 'abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others' (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed" (n.22) (www.priestsforlife.org)

REFLECTION: Jesus demanded that his followers to give up wrong attachment to things which do not offer true satisfaction in life. This includes extreme love for pleasures, money, job, food, friends or relatives. He wanted Christians to be loyal to him and put God the priority of their lives above other things. This trust in God becomes the source of transformation which compels Christians to be generous and hospitable to the needy. Christ emphasized on the necessity of Christians to welcome people and give support for them. He clearly said "whoever receives a prophet, righteous man, or give a cup of cold water for my disciple will surely receive the corresponding reward". Let us be reminded of St. Paul's message "Do not neglect to offer hospitality; you know that some people have entertained Angels without knowing it". The demand of Jesus is meant to set Christians free to love God and to be of great benefit to all people.
– Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Cleveland Division will host the Northeast Ohio Fatima Centennial Conference "Our Lady Speaks" July 28 & 29 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence, Ohio in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima. A **limited number of discounted tickets** are available on a first come-first available basis. **For more information, visit www.neofatimaconf.com or contact Tom Dereska at 216-256-2516 or tdereska@bluearmyclleveland.org. To volunteer, please contact: Steffanie Maynard at 440-845-1759 or smaynard@bluearmyclleveland.org.**

A BIG THANK YOU to Griffin Sawyer for choosing the gardens at St. Stephen's for his Life Scout Project! Thanks to everyone who volunteered! The gardens look lovely!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
June 1 & 2	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
July 7 & 8	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PETER'S PENCE Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

1st ANNUAL STEPHENFEST will be held at Lenau Park at The German American Cultural Center in Olmsted Falls on Saturday, August 5 from 5 – 9:30 pm, Tribute Beatles band, *ACROSS THE UNIVERSE*, family friendly fun. See flyer for more info. The Society serves as our Church's "face to the faithful". We provide the monthly German programs, history, religious facts, and traditions to our visitors and parishioners. We are the preservers of this spiritual place we call home. Events like our "Stephenfest" provide the funds for other Church events like St. Nicholas at the Christmas Eve Children's Mass. No child leaves without a gift. Please help us to continue these traditions. Thank you in advance for your support!
www.ststephensociety.org

June 24 & 25 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$2,210.12 Children: \$2.70 (7)
Issued: 208 Returned: 77
Peter's Pence: \$257.00
Cleveland Pregnancy Center: \$74.14
Thank you for each and every contribution!

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Victoria Bailey	Ann Miller Kufner	Burley Blankenship
Agnes Hogan	Judith Kenny	Rose Marie Soeder
Hans Speier	Sidonia Speier	Rosemary Shannon
Wanda Eland	Margaret Clark	Eleonora Kinscher
Sharon Sneed	Dr. Frank Young	Roger Gregory

Our brave military, first responders and safety personnel
If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>July 1 & 2</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Ed Moore, Kevin Young
Euch.Min:	Steve McElroy	John Rieth	
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Lucas & Colin

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>July 8 & 9</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 7/02 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas

Tuesday: Independence Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;
or, for Independence Day, any readings
from the Mass "For the Country or a City,"
nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice,"
nos. 887-891

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

THE FEST – The Reason to Celebrate – As we celebrate our country this Independence Day, remember that we have another reason to celebrate: *A Full Life* that God promises us. A beautiful summer's day, delicious hotdogs, memories with family and friends, incredible fireworks...these aren't just for the 4th of July – they will be at The FEST on August 6, too! Come hear for King & Country, Crowder, Matt Maher and Laura Story and experience *A Full Life* as we celebrate Mass outdoors. For more information, including how YOU can make a difference in as little as two hours, visit www.TheFEST.us

THE PARISH PICNIC – It's FREE! It's FUN! Saturday, July 15 from 1 – 4:30 pm. Free rides on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, free games, food and ice cream. Please come and join us!

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, July 1 Church

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ)
† Dorothy Healey

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, July 2 Church

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Helen Minor Merda

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
External Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul
Intention of Jeff Opincar

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass
† Josepha Ludwig Spaeth

Monday, July 3 Chapel

6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Jankowski Family

Tuesday, July 4 Church

7:00 AM Latin Mass (Feria)

Special Intention of Natalie Rose Grieshammer
Victoria Elizabeth Grieshammer
Benjamin Francis Patrick
Anthony Lucci

10:00 AM English Mass
† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Wednesday, July 5 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Anthony Mary Zaccariah)
Living Members of the Jankowski Family

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, July 6 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)

Intention of Father Pietrzyk

Friday, July 7 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (SS. Cyril & Methodius)
Special Intention of Natalie Rose Grieshammer
Victoria Elizabeth Grieshammer
Benjamin Francis Patrick
Anthony Lucci

Saturday, July 8 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Sunday, July 9 Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Charles Mingo, Sr.

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass
The Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni
† Dawn & Russell Sutherland