

Saint Mary University Parish



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

Memorial Mass for Delaney Bush

This past week, we were all shocked to learn of the death of Delaney Bush, who finished her freshmen year at CMU in May. Delaney participated in Mass and one of our bible study groups here, and she attended the SEEK Conference in San Antonio, TX this past January with other SMUP students, as well. We shall remember her and her family in our Mass today. Next Sunday (July 30th) at our 6 pm Mass, I shall offer a Memorial Mass for Delaney. After we begin the academic year, we shall invite her family for another Memorial Mass for Delaney. Let us keep her and her family in our prayers.

Looking Forward to the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means we are obliged to participate in Mass (since the solemnity falls a Tuesday this year, we are not dispensed). St. Mary University Parish will offer two Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, August 14th at 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass) and Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 pm. Both Masses will fulfill one's obligation.

What is our teaching on this feast – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

In the only declared exercise of papal infallibility, Pope Pius XII, after consultation with all the bishops of the Catholic Church, on November 1, 1950, proclaimed the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a doctrine of the Faith. The dogma of the Assumption states that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven, after the completion of her earthly life (in theological terminology, her dormition, or falling asleep in the Lord), since by reason of her Immaculate Conception she should not suffer the consequences of original sin.

While there is no direct biblical evidence of the Assumption, the Church has long held, on the basis of theological reasoning and Tradition, the implicit belief in Our Lord's taking His mother to Himself from the moment of her passage from this life, since she is declared "full of grace" or "highly favored daughter" of God the Father (Lk. 1:28)....

The feast of the Assumption was celebrated by Christians as early as the seventh century. Today it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation in the United States on August 15.

Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia, revised ed., pp. 110-111.

Summer Vacation

The Diocese of Saginaw affords four weeks of vacation each year to pastors. In January, I used one week when I attended the SEEK Conference in San Antonio, TX. Between the morning of Tuesday, August 1st and noon on Friday, August 18th, I shall use my remaining three weeks. Nevertheless, I shall celebrate Sunday Masses as St Mary University Parish during my vacation.

COLLECTION

July 16, 2017: \$1,006.59

Thank you for your generosity.

NEW OFFICE LOCATIONS

The Office Manager, Director of Student Outreach, and Director of Sacred Music now occupy the three offices located in the west are of the parish center.

July 23, 2017 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass readings: *Journeysongs* #993

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24th

Mass: Noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15 - 11:45 am

Thursday, July 27th

Mass: 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:15 - 8:45 am

Sunday, July 30th

Mass: 6:00 pm (*Memorial Mass for Delaney Bush*)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:45 - 5:45 pm

2018 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGETO IRELAND

Join Bishop Joseph Cistone on a Pilgrimage to Ireland and sample rural life as you learn about the Emerald Isle and meet its friendly people from September 25th - October 4th, 2018. The Pilgrimage will include daily Mass at a variety of sites, including Cathedrals, abbeys, and small village churches. The Itinerary includes visits to Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, and the villages of Adare and Sneem as well as sites such as the Knock Shrine, St. Patrick's Well, Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Bay, Shannon River, Blarney Castle and the Blarney Stone, Rock of Cashel, Trinity College, and much more.

We have a limited number of spaces so we encourage persons to register early. For all who sign up by August 21st, 2017, there is a \$100 early booking bonus. An informational meeting will be held on September 17th, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Center for Ministry. To receive a brochure, please leave a message for Annette O'Brien at 989-797-6696 or email her at aobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC, JONATHAN KORPI

It is good to back with you! The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) convention was an amazing experience. The theme of the conference focused on unity: How can music bring us together to form a closer relationship with our Lord. Monday began with my master course in choral conducting techniques, followed by the opening ceremony and Mass. The Mass was extremely moving as the music and the rest of the liturgy were beautiful. Later that evening, I heard the Cathedral Choir of St. Peter in Chains; their music and singing were breathtaking. The workshops were informative and helpful in both music and liturgy. The Taize prayer service was moving and the connections made with other music directors, the sharing of ideas among organists, and the workshops were all worth the time spent. What I enjoyed most about the conference was getting to know better the music directors within the Diocese of Saginaw. We have some amazing music directors with whom I enjoy collaborating.

STUDENT OUTREACH—AND FACULTY & STAFF, TOO!

My name is Scott Opperman, and I now serve the parish as Director of Student Outreach. I am elated to be back in Michigan and on the campus of CMU. These next six weeks will afford me a period, albeit short, to settle, to learn more about the parish and university, and to discern the needs and desires of students here, as well as faculty and staff.

During the summer, there is a remnant of CMU students residing in Mount Pleasant. If you are one of them, I would enjoy meeting you one-on-one or with others, whichever you prefer. Please drop by or call the parish office, send me an email (for now, scott.opperman@icloud.com), or call or text me on my cell phone at 734-735-7133 to set-up a time to meet. We can get together at St. Mary or elsewhere for coffee/other beverage or a meal. The offer is the same for CMU employees. I welcome the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, regardless if they are parishioners at St. Mary.