

7 July 2024

XIV Sunday after Pentecost (New Calendar)
VII Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) and 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 8 July St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 9 July St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Pr. & Comps., Chinese Martyrs
8 AM For: Megan Roberts+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Lohr
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 10 July Sts. Rufina and Secunda, Martyrs
7 PM For: Special Intention
Req: Charles Anderson

Thu. 11 July St. Benedict, Abbot & Founder, Father of Monks
8 AM For: Lawrence Droz+
Req: Drs. James & Irene Vanderhoof

Fri. 12 July Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin, Parents of St. Therese of Lisieux
8 AM For: Luella Rose+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. David Rose, Sr.

Sat. 13 July St. Henry II, Emperor, Husband, Patron of the childless
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Dennis Loughran+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Sun. 14 July XV Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
VIII Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Katie Mazor+
Req: Dina Anderson

9:30 AM For: Crescent+ & Alice Amodeo
Req: Marianne Quinn

11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN: ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will have to try two separate sessions: one for Novus Ordo (English) Mass servers, and one for Latin Mass servers. So: the Latin Mass servers will be trained on **MON. 8 JULY AT 6 PM**. The Novus Ordo Mass servers will be trained on **TUE. 9 JULY AT 6 PM**. Both training sessions will be held at the Church, and will go for 45 minutes.

Any young man in the parish who is already “on the altar”, or who is in fourth grade or older, is welcome to serve Our Lord on His altar.

MOTHERS OF SERVERS

Would any of you be willing to help sort out the cassocks and surplices for the Altar Servers? Some are missing so many snaps or buttons that they should be either replaced or repaired. And the surplices are showing their well-worn usage. Please let Father know if you are willing to help with this project.

PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

We are still examining possibilities for a summer pilgrimage. A couple of people sent suggestions or “votes” for the ones mentioned last week: (i.e. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Lourdes Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD; or National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia).

I had another thought: The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Fort Tryon Park, New York. Right next to it are The Cloisters, which are a part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This is a medieval monastery brought over from Europe and reconstructed overlooking the Hudson River. It is chock full of beautiful pieces of art, sacred vessels, and wonderful gardens.

After visiting the Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, where her sacred relics lie exposed, we could visit the Cloisters. Of course, there is a fee for entrance to the Cloisters: as near as I can figure out, after several phone calls, it would be \$20 per person, \$17 for seniors and children under 12, free.

Please let me know what you think. The cost of the bus is really getting outrageous, and makes it difficult for long-distance travels for our parish budget!!!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY FOR 2024-25

We have been notified by the Diocesan Schools Office of our responsibility for the support of diocesan Catholic schools for the coming academic year.

The subsidy is based on our income from contributions throughout the previous fiscal year. In 2022, our Schedule A income was \$241,638. (Schedule A means income from Sunday and Holy Day collections). So last year, our subsidy was \$18,731. Our Schedule A income for 2023 was \$253,372, so the subsidy for this coming year will be \$19,641.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued and wonderful support of our parish. We are blessed in that we are able to meet these levies of the Diocesan administration, given the colossal pay-out we were required to make to cover the cost of the sex abuse bankruptcy: \$344,000!

Biden and Trump: Both Err on Abortion

In the recent presidential debate, the subject of abortion was brought up and both candidates tried to lay out their position on the most important social issue of our time. Both of them got it wrong. The following analysis comes from Monica Miller, President of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, which was published in *Crisis Magazine* (online) on 3 July 2024.

First of all, when Biden was asked whether or not he would support any legal limits on abortion. He responded that he supported *Roe vs. Wade*, which divided pregnancy into three trimesters. He said that in the first trimester, the decision whether or not to abort is left up to the woman and her physician. This is simplistic, but basically true. In short, abortion in the first trimester is unrestricted by state law. However, he made it seem as though *Roe* only permitted abortion in the fourth to the sixth month “for an extreme situation”, i.e. rape, incest, fetal deformity, maternal health, etc.. Of course, tens of thousands, if not millions, of children have been aborted in states that allow abortion-on-demand well into the second trimester. Actually, *Roe* ruled that abortions in the second trimester could not be restricted, but only regulated “in ways that are related to maternal health”. This was Biden's most egregious error on the abortion subject. *Roe* ruled that states had a compelling interest in protecting “potential life” at the point of viability, which it determined began at 28 weeks of pregnancy, the beginning of the third trimester. And in claiming that in the third trimester, abortion is between “the woman and that state”. Assuming that he meant that the state may at this point proscribe abortion, except when it is necessary to preserve the life or the health of the mother, he gave the impression that abortion is meaningfully restricted in the third trimester. Not true. *Roe* only permitted states to proscribe abortion, and did not mandate it. Pointing to *Roe*'s companion ruling in *Doe v. Bolton*, what constitutes maternal health can be a very broad category, and so renders proscription of abortion in the third trimester meaningless.

As for Trump, he revealed he is hardly a pro-life champion. When asked if he would block abortion medications (i.e., the “abortion pill”), Trump said, that since the Supreme Court “approved” the abortion pill, he agreed with their decision, and that he would not block it. (The SCOTUS did not “approve” the abortion pill. The Court unanimously threw out a challenge by some doctors to the FDA's Mefepristone policies, arguing that they “lacked standing”. In other words, Trump supports the killing of unborn babies in the early weeks of pregnancy. He also showed a flawed understanding of the goal of the pro-life movement, in that he maintained that returning the question of the abortion to the states was what was desired. What he should have stated was that the overturning of *Roe* was just the beginning of ensuring that all human beings, including the preborn, are protected by law, and that, as president, he would do what he can to advance that justice. He should have stuck to his own party's platform, which clearly states, “We assert that sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a right to life which cannot be infringed. We support an amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the XIV Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.”