

# NOTICES

9/1/19



## TODAY'S HOLY MASS INTENTIONS September 1, 2019

9 AM	For the <b>50th Reunion of the St. Thomas the Apostle class of 1969</b> req. by Jack Butler
11:15 AM	For <b>Michael Tenebruso +</b> req. by the Lockemeyer Family

## NEXT SUNDAY'S HOLY MASS INTENTIONS September 8, 2019

9 AM	For <b>Marcy and Lou Gabello 48th Wedding Anniversary</b> req. by the Gabello Family
11:15 AM	For the <b>Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Rochester</b> req. by Claude and Kathy Beauchamp

# CURRENT NOTICES

## RECORD OF GIVING

**XXI SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME / XI SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
8/25/19**

9 AM	Attendance	146	Offerings	\$1,754.00
11:15 AM	Attendance	156	Offerings	\$1,680.00
TOTAL		302		\$3,434.00
<b>Weekly Target Amount</b>				<b>\$4,500.00</b>

THANK YOU for your donations in support of the SKT-LMC. They are certainly needed, as is your ongoing generosity and continued prayer. **FOR DETAILED GIVING INFORMATION**, refer to **Giving Guidelines and Donor Resources** in the ONGOING NOTICES section of this bulletin. God bless you!

## DRESS CODE in CHURCH

...remains in effect for late summer days: Please dress respectfully and modestly when attending Holy Mass, thus showing respect for God and neighbor. Short pants, short skirts, tank tops, halter tops, strapless outfits, tight-fitting outfits, and revealing outfits are **NOT** appropriate. The manner of our dress indicates our attitude towards what we are engaged in doing. At HOLY Mass we are engaged in the worship of the ALL-HOLY-TRINITY as we participate in the HOLY SACRIFICE of the Mass. Thank you, in advance, for your courtesy and cooperation.

## WHEN BABIES CRY IN CHURCH

...please take them out into one of the vestibules (with inside doors closed). The other Mass-participants will be very grateful for this courtesy. When the little children of God settle down, bring them back into the church proper. *Please note:* the South vestibule (parking lot entrance) has a speaker to enable parents to hear the spoken and musical parts of the Mass.

## WELCOME, CLASS OF 1969

Today, at the 9 AM Mass, we are welcoming a number of graduates of the St. Thomas the Apostle School Class of 1969. They have had this weekend their 50th anniversary REUNION, which is culminating in attending Mass here this morning. These St. Thomas School alumni are cordially invited to the Coffee Hour being hosted in the Parish Center immediately after Mass.

## NEW ST. KATERI PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the weekend of **September 7/8**, the St. Kateri Parish Mass schedule will be as follows:

### **SATURDAY VIGILS**

St. Cecilia - 4:00 PM

Christ the King - 4:30 PM

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

St. Cecilia - 8:00 AM

**St. Thomas - 9:00 AM (English)**

Christ the King - 9:30 AM

St. Margaret Mary - 11:00 AM

**St. Thomas - 11:15 AM (Latin)**

St. Cecilia (St. Alban's) 11:30 AM

## SUNG (CHOIR) MASSES: September--December 2019

### **On Sundays at 9 AM English Masses:**

September 29 - XXVI Sunday Ordinary Time

October 20 - XXIX Sunday Ordinary Time

November 24 - Christ the King

December 15 - III Advent (*Gaudete*)

### **On Sundays at 11:15 AM Latin Masses:**

September 29 - St. Michael the Archangel

October 27 - Christ the King

November 17 - XXIII Sunday after Pentecost

December 15 - III Advent (*Gaudete*)

### **On Christmas Eve and Day:**

December 24 - Christmas Vigil at 5:00 PM (English)

December 25 - Christmas Day at 11:15 AM (Latin)

**(Please note: There will be an English "Cantor" Mass Christmas morning at 9 AM, but not a "Choir" Mass.)**

## NEW 9 AM CHOIR INITIATIVE

Can we try again to start a **volunteer choir** for the 9 AM Mass on Sundays? If you would be interested, please see **John Morabito** after Mass or send him an e-mail (address in bulletin). The repertoire for this choir will be selected based on talent level, so no one should feel discouraged by overly challenging music. Rehearsals will take place at a mutually agreeable time for all volunteers.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The time has come to invite adults interested in Catholic faith and practice to consider "inquiring" or "looking into" the fundamentals of Roman Catholicism, with a view to perhaps entering the Church either as a "catechumen" (unbaptized person) or as a "candidate" (baptized Christian seeking full communion with the Church). Or perhaps you are simply "interested" in what Catholic life is all about. The responses to this notice will determine whether the SKT-LMC will proceed with a RCIA program this year (2019-2020). Keep in mind: the desire to know more about the Faith as well as the attraction to participate fully in the life of the Church are signs of the Holy Spirit stirring within us. Contact Father Bonsignore at **244-8692** (leave voice message, please).

## FAITH FORMATION

As families begin to plan for next year, please understand diocesan policies regarding Faith Formation:

Pre - K (3 and 4 yr old) BONUS years. We structure our program very loosely so families can ease their kids into this class. Attendance is not tracked.

K- If child is not attending Catholic School, child should be in Faith Formation

1st grade - If family plans on child receiving their First Communion in the 2nd grade, child must be part of Faith Formation or Catholic School

2nd grade- Child needs to attend Faith Formation Classes and have their First Confession in order to receive First Communion

3-7th grade- If child is not attending Catholic School, child should be in Faith Formation

8th grade-Child must be part of first of two year sacramental prep program in Faith Formation (annual retreat is also required)

9th grade-Child must complete second year of sacramental prep program in Faith Formation, plus annual retreat and immediate prep classes. All are provided by Faith Formation Program

As a reminder, our program is free, but we appreciate donations, especially from those that aren't registered with our Community. Please visit our new web page at [skt-lmc.org](http://skt-lmc.org) and click the tab at the top marked "Faith Formation" for more info and for an online sign up! Or you can always contact Andy Follaco at [andrew.follaco@dor.org](mailto:andrew.follaco@dor.org)

## FAITH FORMATION STARTS NEXT WEEK

We are excited as ever to get back into it for another school year of Faith Formation! If you haven't signed your child(ren) up for classes yet, please do so at [skt-lmc.org](http://skt-lmc.org) and click on the Faith Formation tab at the top of the page.

We are using The Bible more and more in our classes, so we felt it was important to purchase class sets.

## OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel in our Parish Center has been, for over 27 years, an oasis of peace and a powerhouse of prayer for many people who sometimes come from afar to spend time with Our Eucharistic Lord. It is the responsibility and the privilege of the SKT Latin Mass Community to keep this holy place open and available. How many blessings have come to us all because of our faithful adorers! We are so grateful to them for the loving sacrifice of their time and devotion.

We invite and encourage others to join in this beautiful devotion by (1) **signing up** for an hour, especially one that is not currently covered; (2) **becoming a substitute**, which means being available and ready to cover an hour for a regular adorer who has a scheduling conflict; (3) **making an occasional visit**, if only for a few minutes, to experience the peace that Our Lord gives to those who come to Him.

Below is a list of currently open (not covered) hours. If a **new adorer** would like an hour that is already covered, that is fine. Two adorers make for more secure coverage. To sign up, contact Marie O'Leary at 467-1982

### Open Hours for Adoration Chapel

<b>Tuesday</b>	12-1 PM.	2-3 PM.	3-4 PM.			
<b>Wednesday</b>		3-4 PM.	4-5 PM.	5-6 PM.		

## Open Hours for Adoration Chapel

<b>Thursday</b>	12-1 PM.					
<b>Friday</b>		12-1 PM.	1-2 PM.	2-3 PM.	4-5 PM.	6-7 PM.

Would you like to be a **substitute adorer**? To have your name added to the list, contact Marie O'Leary at 467-1982. We will all be so encouraged when we see more people get involved with the Eucharistic Adoration at our beautiful chapel. And we are all so grateful to **Marie O'Leary** and **Dolores Clarke** for all their ongoing efforts to coordinate and keep things going smoothly.

**MAY THE HEART OF JESUS, IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, BE PRAISED, ADORED AND LOVED WITH GRATEFUL AFFECTION, AT EVERY MOMENT, IN ALL THE TABERNACLES OF THE WORLD, EVEN TO THE END OF TIME. AMEN.**

## COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee hour after the 9 a.m. Mass.

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The building maintenance and repair initiative is off to a good start. A significant number of projects and needed repairs have been identified. We need your talents, skills, thoughts and ideas. Support at ALL levels is needed to organize the best approaches to accomplish the repair tasks. Are you a skilled craftsman, a handyman, an organizer, or a willing assistant? We need you! We have started several projects and have tons more to accomplish. Please consider sharing your time, talents, and ideas. We are also in need of licensed tradesmen, e.g. plumbers, electricians, carpenters, masons, who are willing to volunteer some of their time. If you can share your talents and give a little time, you can make a big difference in our community here at St. Thomas the Apostle. Please contact Lou Gabello at 756-6375 to help us to forward. Thank you!

## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS (UPDATE)

Thanks to everyone for maintaining their individual parcels during the past year. With a new year comes spring cleanup on these parcels. The weather is finally to the point where we can clean up the grounds from all the winter debris. It would be appreciated if those responsible for each parcel would start/continue the cleanup process within the next couple of weeks. The majority of the work will naturally occur during this clean-up period. The rest of the summer and fall will also require general maintenance. Please continue to do your part. If by chance you can no longer help, please let me know as soon as possible. If anyone who has not signed up but would like to help out with the grounds

maintenance, you are most welcome. There are large trash bags available in the parish center vestibule to assist you with your clean-up. You can put these bags next to the dumpster when finished. Thank you for your help in keeping our grounds beautiful! Please feel free to call Bill May at 544-7604 with any questions or concerns.

## ROSARY

Just a reminder that the Rosary is prayed in the church every Monday through Friday at 8:15 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Enter at the southeast entrance (the one nearest the sacristy).

## PARKING ETIQUETTE

Please *do not park* on the grass or sidewalks on the St. Paul side of the church. We are blessed with a large parking lot. Besides, a brisk walk is good for you! Also, when using the St. Paul side driveway circle, use the *West side only*. (the side away from the front entrance), so as to leave a passageway for emergency vehicles and to keep the steps and ramp accessible. Courtesy and consideration make for good parking etiquette. Thank you!

## PRAYING FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE....

Chris Martino, Army Special Forces  
Larry Oldenburg, Army Ft. Bragg, NC  
David Rodriguez, US Air Force  
Robert Bohner, USMC  
Christopher Butler, USMC  
Steven Sawdey, U.S. Army

*May the Lord protect them as they protect us. May they be blessed for the selfless acts they perform for their country and for the world. May Our Blessed Mother watch over them and may their Guardian Angels shield them from all that would harm their souls and bodies. (If you would like to submit names of military personnel to pray for, simply write their names on a slip of paper and place it in the regular collection basket.)*

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM

**Judy Burns** has volunteered to coordinate the SKT-LMC bulletin listing of sick and infirm members, relatives, and friends. The list will be there so that we might *pray* for them. Please note that **NO** health information will be printed in this bulletin. Judy will coordinate the names: long-term? Short-term? When to take off list? *etc.* To put names on the list, contact **Judy Burns** at (cell) **585-738-5156 OR** (e-mail) **burnsie320@yahoo.com**.

### PRAYER LIST

Rocco DeLuca	Peter Calviera	Craig Crutcher
Eleanor Maguire-Diamond	Susan Esary	Jimmy Spano
Sharon Mooney	Mary Sanders	Christopher Boehm
Joanna Ilievski	Ardi Wazelle	Hank Petrucci
Anne Marie Hetzer	Evelyn Caro	Carolyn Tschechti
Patrick Bleier	Marie Sanders	Dr. Tom & Jeanne Sweeney
Rose Marie Veltre	Evelyn Wolter	Bonnie Snelgrove
Jamie Slade	Robert Cascino	Gene Cherkis
Mary Echaniz McMahon	John Rieman	Anthony Leavy
Mary Ann Egan	Joan Marie Gray	Kaitlyn Schulz
Bernie Verhagen	Peter and Connie Karekos	Bill Schlueter
Helene Stevens	Patrick Grisdale	Adriana Hoppe
Cindi Burke	George A III	Dennis O'Connor
John H	Jim Curran	Ron Blaessig
Judy Shanahan	Michael Miller	Shirley Carroll
Martha VanSavage	Mary Ann Harper	Judy Sargeant
Elizabeth Alisankus	Mary Jo Maurer	Karen Adams
Anthony Vaiana	June Patella	Mary Taliento
Kathryn Arilotta	Don Burns	Kayte Citron
Veronica Czerniak	Grace Hubbel	Doug Smith
Sheila McShane	Jim O'Leary	

**May the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies help and heal them, through His Divine Mercy.**



# ONGOING NOTICES

## IF YOU HAVE FOUND A SPIRITUAL HOME...

...in our Latin Mass Community here at St. Thomas', please consider registering with us. Use the census forms found in brown envelopes on the literature racks in the church vestibules. Place completed forms in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

## BOOK STUDY GROUP

Book study is held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Join us for spiritual study and conversation. Contact Karen (kmiller05 at frontiernet dot net) with questions.

## GIVING GUIDELINES AND DONOR RESOURCES

Your donations pay the bills to keep the LMC financially healthy. Your generosity is necessary and vital to our mission to teach, preach, and bring souls to Christ. Thank you! All gifts are tax deductible according to law. Help us keep track of your giving:

- 1) Please consider using [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) for automatic electronic payments using a credit or debit card, or direct debit to your bank account. This is the preferred method of giving because it is accurate, dependable, and reduces volunteer workloads. See our website for the signup link. (When registering, choose "online giving.")
- 2) If you give via check (payable to SKT-LMC) or cash, it is important that you use your pre-printed envelopes. If you forget your envelope or are an unregistered guest, please use a blue envelope, provided on the usher tables, and include your name, address, and phone number. (When registering, choose "envelopes.")
- 3) You may want to set up online banking to send paper checks on the cycle of your choice to: SKT-LMC at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester NY 14617-1802. Please include the word "donation" and your parishioner number, if known, in the memo or note section. (When registering, choose "bank.")
- 4) Anonymous cash donations or loose checks can be put into the collection basket; however, despite our volunteers' best efforts, loose checks may not be properly matched to parishioner accounts or recorded for year-end statements.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Tricia Laufer ([tricialaufer @ gmail.com](mailto:tricialaufer@gmail.com)) or Ken Roush (see Contacts on the back cover).

## VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Do you have experience in retail, accounting, or other business? Have you always been a wiz at balancing a checkbook? If so, please consider becoming a volunteer collection counter. Counters serve

every few weeks after Mass to count the collection and complete the paperwork required for accurate donation tracking and accounting. Your gift of time will help the SKT-LMC conduct professional business operations that are vital to our community's growth. To find out more or sign up to shadow experienced counters contact Tricia Laufer (tricialaufer @ gmail.com) or Ken Roush (see Contacts page).

## **KEEP YOUR CONTACT AND PERSONAL INFO UPDATED**

When you register as a parishioner of the SKT-LMC by completing a Census Form (available in all Church foyers or on our website) your information and preferences are entered into the diocesan database and linked with our Community. If for any reason your contact or family information changes, complete the top two lines of a Census Form along with the changes, and drop it in the collection basket. If you use envelopes, your next batch of envelopes (mailed four times per year) will bear any changed information. If you want to retain your registration at another parish but would like to be included in our mailings, event notices, or other communications, simply complete the top two lines of a Census Form and conspicuously write "INFO ONLY" somewhere on the form, and drop it in the collection basket.

## **PERSONAL USE OF ST. THOMAS FACILITY**

Sometime requests are made to use portions of the St. Thomas the Apostle church, parish center or grounds for personal meetings, parties or gatherings. Unfortunately Diocese of Rochester and St. Kateri Tekakwitha policies do not allow our parish facilities to be used for any of this type of use. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## **WEBSITE**

Please check out our website at [www.skt-lmc.org](http://www.skt-lmc.org) to see this and all previous notices as well as upcoming events.

## **A MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE**

...takes place **every Monday at 10 AM** in the St. Thomas the Apostle Adoration Chapel. In addition to every Monday at 10 a.m., there will be an evening opportunity to pray for priests: **Tuesday at 7 PM**, in the Adoration Chapel. Please consider joining in this much needed prayer time for our priests.

## **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Each Sunday throughout the year, SKT-LMC collects donations of non-perishable food items for local food cupboards, for the purpose of alleviating hunger caused by poverty in our area. The need is very real, even though we may not "see" it close-up. Donations may be placed in the green baskets in each of the church vestibules.

## FACILITIES ACCESS PERSON

Do you need to access the church or parish center for an important reason? Who to call? **Lou Gabello** has agreed to be "the one to call." His contact information will be printed regularly in this bulletin on the **SKT-LMC CONTACTS** page (near the back of bulletin).

## RELIGIOUS PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS

Each entrance-way to the church now has a number of religious pamphlets and booklets in the book racks. These items are being supplied, thanks to a generous donation by one of our members. Please feel free to take any material that is of interest. *Please note that nothing should be placed on the book racks or on the bulletin boards without first obtaining permission from Father Bonsignore.*

## REQUEST AND SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

To request and schedule intentions for both of our Masses, contact Lou and Marcy at **lgmail@rochester.rr.com** or **585-756-6375** or **585-739-3832-cell**, to reserve a date **before paying for a Mass**. The stipend check *must be made out in the exact amount* of **\$10** per Mass and made payable to **SAINT KATERI Parish (not SKT-LMC)**. Please use the Mass Intention envelopes located in the **literature racks** at all entrances to the Church. Drop your envelope in the collection basket **or** mail it our Parish Center address. (not to St. Kateri Parish) at SKT-LMC @St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd. Rochester, NY 14617

## VOTIVE SANCTUARY CANDLES

**SANCTUARY CANDLES** burn in the Lady Chapel (in the Church), and the Adoration Chapel (in the Parish Center). Would you like to have a dedicated candle burn in memory of a loved one **OR** for a special intention? To schedule a dedicated candle intention call **(585) 388-7734**. Donations for 7 day Church Tabernacle and Adoration Chapel lamps are \$10.00 each. Donations for the 3 day hanging lamps in the Lady Chapel are \$5.00 each. Envelopes for candle donations are available at all church entrances in the literature racks. Checks should be made payable to SKT-LMC. Place envelopes in the collection basket.

## BEQUESTS

TO REMEMBER THE SKT-LMC IN YOUR WILL, the following phrasology should be used to direct a monetary bequest (2 options):

- 1) *I give and bequest the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to St. Kateri Tekakwitha -Latin Mass Community for its general purposes (or for a specific named program \_\_\_\_\_). OR*
- 2) *I give and bequest \_\_\_ % of the remainder of my estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and family bequests have been paid, to St. Kateri Tekakwitha-Latin Mass Community for its general purposes (or for a specific named program \_\_\_\_\_).*

## CHURCH ETIQUETTE

**WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH**, please turn OFF all cell phones, hand-held electronic devices, pagers, watch alarms, etc., and anything else that can disrupt our sacred time with God. It *is* possible for messaging and texting to *wait* until later!

**DRESS CODE:** Please remember to dress appropriately for divine worship: *neatly* and *modestly*. Holy Mass is not an occasion when we "dress down" or appear "super-casual"! REVERENCE for God and RESPECT for neighbor should determine what we wear. Think about it. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THERE ARE (AT LEAST) THREE REASONS** to maintain a prayerful, quiet atmosphere in the church proper before and after services: (1) RESPECT for the House of God, (2) REVERENCE for the Blessed Sacrament, and (3) REGARD for those who want to pray in peace. The guiding principle should be **DEVOTION NOT COMMOTION**. Please carry on your friendly conversations in the church vestibules (with inside doors closed), outside, or at the coffee hours. Reverence and friendliness can and should co-exist—in their proper settings!!

## SPEAKING OF CHURCH ETIQUETTE...

... We should make a determined effort to be *on time* for Mass, and we should make the little sacrifice to stay until Mass is over (that is, when the priest-celebrant leaves the sanctuary). When it becomes necessary to conduct children to the bathroom, please do not travel through the church during the CONSECRATION of the Mass. This will involve only a few moments of delay.

## ADDENDUM TO HOLY COMMUNION GUIDELINES

Catholic couples in **cohabitation** (living together without the Sacrament of Matrimony) or in **irregular marriages** (without the blessing of Christ's Sacrament) are advised not to receive Holy Communion. These brothers and sisters of ours are of deep pastoral concern to the Church. Hopefully they will soon take steps to rectify their situation

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# **GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNION**

## **FOR CATHOLICS**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

## **FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS**

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

## **FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

## **FOR NON-CHRISTIANS**

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

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