



MEMORIAL MASS

The Memorial Mass for the intentions of those who donated money for the Christmas Flowers is January 29th at the 8:00am Mass.

The Mass was REQUESTED BY

Zelma Grostick
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Mr. & Mrs. Steve Willacker
Shirley Dreffs
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Mr. & Mrs. David Eldersveld
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Finch
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Lisa Andrews
Lisa Andrews
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Linda Tite
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Krzesowik
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Krzesowik
Mr. & Mrs. James Beckman
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moloney
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Justin & Christina Scanlon
Mr. Thomas Paris
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford William
Mr. Philip Rutledge
Peter & Mary O'Neill
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Mr Philip Rutledge
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Mr Philip Rutledge
Don & Pam Jesuele
Shirley Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Wilson
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Mass is OFFERED FOR

Robert Grostick Sr.
Ed & Effie Bailor
David Kinjorski Sr.
Val Dreffs
Cyril Dreffs
Edith Henry
Fr. Joseph Immel
Irene Raffin
Lori Eldersveld
Andrew Wright
Marjorie Wright
Debbie Wright
Oliver & Agnes Finch
Al & Betty Mclelland
Murry & Eva Wright
Robert Andrews
Max & Laura Bennett
Hazen Hoskins
Valentine Dreffs
Kzesowik Family
Rojewski Family
Ocie Maddocks
Charles Beckman
Laurie Crane
Pat Moloney
Kevin Moloney
Hue Moloney
Owen, Ian, Aiden & Augie
Joan L. Paris
Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Boyd
Donna Rutledge
Margaret Ann O'Neill
Julian & Margaret Sutton-
Santure Family
Helen Zellman
Rutledge Family
Vincent J. Mangini
Daughter, Cynthia
Leo Kolander
Barb Klingman
Yvonne Perrine

The Mass was REQUESTED BY

Michael & Darlene Laird
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Mr & Mrs Andrew Fox
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Eva Staron
Eva Staron
Mary Tummonds
Mary Tummonds
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Mr. & Mrs. Don Jesuele
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Keiffer
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Skrobola
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Skrobola
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Skrobola
Mr. Nicholas Piklor
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saylor
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saylor
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saylor
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saylor
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saylor
Mrs. Ginny Kolander
Mrs. Ginny Kolander
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Mrs. Ginny Kolander
Mrs. Ginny Kolander
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Heldt
Mr. & Mrs. George Roth
Mr. & Mrs. George Roth

Mass is OFFERED FOR

Bernice Pocock
Gordon Pocock
James Fox
Jean Fox
James Fox
Sue Fox
Stanley Staron
Kathy Todaro
William Tummonds
Josephine Lowe
Sister Pat O'Toole
Donna Rutledge
Val Dreffs
J. Mangini
John North
Nancy Fox
Deceased Members of the Skrobola Family
Deceased Members of the Fox Family
Mr. & Mrs. N. S. Piklor
Joseph Cullen
Jamie Galinis
Edward Zimmer
Living and deceased members of the Nelson, Galinis, and Zimmer families
Miran and Rosella Saylor
John and Emma St. George
Louis V. and Adelaide Marchand
Chris and Jennifer St. George
Frank and Josephine Nehl
Leo E. Kolander
Guslte Kolander
Elmer Kolander
Celvin Kolander
Lowres Kolander
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Van Damme
Mr. & Mrs. Menifee Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Roth

In addition to the people for whom the Mass is offered, the following have also contributed to the donation for flowers.

Mr. & Mrs. WM Thomas Dawson
Daniel Krebs
Mr. & Mrs. David Raupp

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blaszak
Keith & Amy Chamberlain
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Lambert

Mrs. Ann Mary Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. Peter O'Neill
Evelyn Verner



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm welcome, Christmas cards, goodies, and gifts. I am still busy settling in so please accept this 'thank you' in lieu of thank you cards.

I would like to give you a short introduction to your new administrator. By the way, it is the practice of the Diocese, to first name a priest 'administrator' for a year to a parish, and if everything works out to install him as 'pastor'. The title 'administrator' means being in charge of the parish, but without the canonical privileges of a pastor.

As you may know, I was born in Poland, and lived there until 9yrs old when my family moved to the US. I was very blessed to have a lively faith at that young age, and to experience many beautiful traditions of our Catholic faith.

Poles enjoy many devotions and public processions which made a great impression on me. Our family moved to the US during political upheaval in the 1980's when Poland was still a Communist country. My three sisters and I quickly learned to speak English but my parents had a much harder time with it. In fact my father struggled with finding employment and our family fell on tough times. All this had a negative effect on our spiritual life, and as my siblings and I grew up we found ourselves straying from the faith. My youngest brother was born during this time, he is 14 years younger than me. Even at this time I felt a pull toward spiritual things and in particular to the priesthood. My grandmother in Poland, I was told, made a prediction when I was born that I would become a priest. There were other signs that seemed to point to priesthood but I was not open to the idea.

I completed studies at Central Michigan University in English and Geography and began to work in the computer industry but I wasn't happy with the work or where I was in life. My search led me to rediscover a personal relationship with God. I was blessed with spiritual people who helped guide me on the way. I made Christian friends, and one of them told me about Jesus and His great love for me, and that faith in Jesus leads to salvation. I was searching in many Churches, and reading about the Protestant reformation from a Catholic point of view. I learned that our Catholic Church was indeed the Church founded by Jesus, where the fullness of truth dwells.

On a Paulist retreat for young adults I experienced a conversion to Jesus, which changed my life. It became very obvious that He was calling me to priestly ministry, if I was willing to accept it. Over a year of discernment and much prayer in front of the Eucharist I said "yes." I moved back to Michigan and entered Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and was ordained with three other men on June 11, 2010. One of these, Fr Mathias, has been gracious to tell you some good things about me while filling in on a weekend. But I heard he said I was about 5 years younger than my actual age!

My first assignment as an associate was at St. Joe's in Adrian and St. Joseph Shrine in Irish Hills. Then I was an associate at St Francis of Assisi in Ann Arbor for two years. I was very honored to learn that the Bishop was offering me the assignment at Old St Patrick last summer. Unfortunately, I was already experiencing health issues due to severe anxiety which made it necessary to leave ministry. Over the last six months I have been healing and learning how to deal with a health issue which is new to me.

I am amazed at the path my life has taken since coming to the Lord at that retreat with young adults. He has always been there, but I was not always aware of it. I look forward to all God has in store for the parish and my future ministry.



Have a blessed and Happy New Year of the Lord 2017!

Fr. Tom