

St. Mary's of Parma, OH Monthly Newsletter

A PARISH OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 2022

Pastor: Rev. Jason H. Soltysiak
frjason82@gmail.com
Cell: 216-978-6645
Office hours– Mon & Fri 10-2

Parish Chair: Mrs. Susan Boehnlein
sboehnlein66@gmail.com
Cell: (440) 781-7912



St. Mary's P.N.C.C
5375 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

Office/Hall Phone: 216-661-9246
Email: stmarypncc@sbcglobal.net
www.stmaryspncc.org
Like us on Facebook-St. Mary's Parma OH



A Memorable Weekend

The first weekend of September 2022 brought excitement, action, people, and tremendous spirit to the people of the Polish National Catholic Church in Parma, OH.

Branch #29 of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection (YMSofR) played host to the 8th Annual PNCC National YMSofR Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 3rd at the Briarwood Golf Course in Broadview Heights.

Planning began months earlier, when Branch #29 was tabbed to play host, as it did for the first 2 tournaments. The

branch began to reorganize while planning the event, allowing us to be fully prepared to operate and host visitors from across the Polish National Catholic Church.

George Bennett and Bruce Bogzevitz were the dynamic duo, the dream team of leadership in charge of the golf-course event planning. Many visits, calls, and emails were made to find an appropriate venue and date. Chuck Repede, Fr. Jason, Mark Avondet, and Gene Stepanik also offered support in the planning process for the

event and dinner.

Friday afternoon, the hospitality room at the hotel was stocked and visitors began coming in, partaking in the array of food and drink available. After a feisty 4 hours or so, we actually closed down about an hour before our 11pm stop time, as the course registration was at 7am the next day.

And what a beautiful day on a beautiful course! It was a summer Saturday, warm and steamy. The registration process was headed up by some cheerful volunteers from

the parish. After everyone arrived, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky led us all in a prayer and well wishes while Bishop Jerry Rafalko offered comments and blessing as well.

After hearing some rules and regulations, the golfers were off, chased down at random spots by our talented event photographer, Eliza Dreger. She was escorted in the golf cart by her grandmother, the lovely Barb Bogzevitz.



Above: Golfers bowed in prayer. Far left: Prime Bishop Mikovsky & Bishop Rafalko. Near Left: Under the watch of Bruce Bogzevitz & Bob Samelson, Parish Vice-Chair Mike Wisniewski (probably) sinks an 80 foot putt. Right: Fr. Jason hits the opening tee shot of the tournament about 30 yards too far to the right.



St. Mary's of Parma, OH Monthly Newsletter

Memorable Weekend (continued)



A hot dog, drink, bag of chips at the turn and 18 holes later, the golfers regaled each other with stories of long putts, lucky shots, long drives, and more.

Though health prevented him from golfing (probably superbly, as usual), George Bennett was there to collect scores and more at the end of the round.



With a little break in store to wash up or grab a quick refreshment, the happy hour was set to take place in the upstairs fellowship hall of St. Mary's. Our chef-du-jour, Mrs. Rose Kazinetz, had prepared some Italian snacks while Gene Stepanik had the bar loaded and ready to go. Did anyone try the patented "St. Mary's Mulligan"?

Having partaken upstairs, all were called downstairs for the real show – a full Italian Dinner, with all the trimmings. The meal was opened up to members of the parish as well, and many signed up for this banquet for the golfers, family, and friends.



After dining sumptuously, awards were handed out for winning golf teams, closest to the pin, longest drive...and a couple of booby prizes as well. Many thanks to Steve Fesz, who once again provided homemade trophies for our golfers as he did nearly a decade ago. Door prizes were also offered to each golfer, as well as for the kids and a few other special guests in attendance. The official "YMSofR Golf Tournament" t-shirts were a hot mover!

His Grace, the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky as well as His Excellency, the Rt. Rev. Jerry Rafalko, offered words for us as we awaited delicious ice cream sundaes on an increasingly hot late

afternoon. Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Chancellor of the PNCC Western Diocese, made his presence felt at dinner as well as he did on the golf course!

Dinner was concluded and a rousing ovation given to the kitchen staff made up of Rose, Wanda, and all others who helped in the preparations. Damion and Makenzie served as waiters and dishwashers – two amazingly helpful people!

Branch #29 and St. Mary's looks forward to hosting the Golf Tournament next year as well. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th – more details to come in the new year!

Confirmation

The busy weekend continued at St. Mary's as the Sacrament of Confirmation was scheduled to take place at 9am Holy Mass on Sunday, September 4th. A number of golfers stayed in town to worship our Lord and to offer support for our two young confirmands, Makenzie and Damion.

Makenzie and Damion had attended classes with Fr. Jason for about a year and a half, with classes usually 75 to 120 minutes long. They were both eager students whose relationship grew to something akin to "frenemies" with the dozens of hours spent together in class as well as Sundays on the altar as acolytes. They were extremely competitive with each other, with a year-long battle of earning "gold stars" for answering religious questions outside of what we were studying that they had "no business knowing the answer to". Damion ultimately prevailed by one point (Makenzie didn't allow him to use stars, only blobs to put on the sticker board, which makes perfect sense if you know them!)

A final class and the Sacrament of Penance was administered by Fr. Jason a few days before Confirmation. They arrived with their sponsors (grandfather George



Memorable Weekend (continued)



for Damion, Dr. Natalie Soltysiak for Makenzie) for a short rehearsal early on Sunday morning.

Holy Mass was an event! The Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the PNCC served as the Main Celebrant of the concelebrated Mass.

The Rt. Rev Jerry Rafkao concelebrated, offered the homily as well as administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the kids of his diocese. Prime Bishop was welcomed by Parish Chair Susan Boehnlein in English and Bishop Jerry was welcomed by Director Barb Wisniewski in Polish. Both were presented with the ceremonial bread and salt.

Fr. Jason Soltysiak, Pastor of St. Mary's, Fr. Greg Gronn, retired priest, and Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, National Youth Chaplain of the PNCC (and traveling through Cleveland this particular morning) also served as concelebrants. Cleric Doug Scott of All Saints Cathedral assisted at the altar along with St. Mary's own Chuck Repede.

Mr. Gene Stepanik provided pictures for the Sunday event. Pictures took place immediately following Holy Mass. A head table was set up in our Fellowship Hall for Prime Bishop and his wife Carol and Bishop Jerry. A pancake breakfast was served to all in attendance with all the fixings, a real treat for everyone. It was a day of celebration and enjoyment, with Bishop Jerry presenting the children with the certificates of Confirmation as well as a gift from him.

Thank you to our visiting clergy,



to all who provided food, set-up, clean-up, and more, to the guidance that the families of our confirmands provided, and for the true and sincere prayers and support offered by our people on this special day in the life of our parish.



Night at the Races

On Saturday evening, September 24, St. Mary's played host to a "Night at the Races" fundraiser at the VFW Post 1974 Hall on Woodrow Ave in Parma.

The event was pushed at the parish as well as through friends and family of some parishioners. Dale Dotson led the planning and execution of this complicated event for our parish, even providing what many called "the best pulled pork I ever had!" It was slow cooked on Dale's smoker in preparation for the event. Hot dogs with all sorts of trimmings, veggie lasagna, coleslaw, cake, coffee, beer, soda, and water and more were all available throughout the majority of the night.

Part of the preparation included the sale of naming rights for the horses over the first 9 races – 90 in total. Unsold horses were of "St. Mary's". There were also sideboards as well as the ability to place a bet on any horse during any race. A basket raffle was set up as well. With the proceeds going for the church, many people were more than willing to make sure they enjoyed themselves! The evening was fast-paced and fun, with many looking forward to St. Mary's playing host again in a year or so time. Amongst the biggest winners of the evening were our very own Tom Kugler and Katie Repede!



Many thanks to Dale and Pattie Dotson, for all who prepared food and did purchasing for the event, all who donated items for the basket raffle, anyone who worked the event for the parish, and of course, all who attended. It proved to be a profitable venture.



Trunk Sale

For the first time, St. Mary's made the bold move to have not one, but two trunk sales in a year. Our second sale took place on Saturday, September 10th from 9:30am-2:30pm in the parish parking lot, right alongside the thousands of cars driving by on Broadview Road.

There was an itch in the community to participate, as a record number of spaces were sold to people to sell their wares. With our auxiliary parking lot available, it was ideal for people to park, cross Marietta Avenue and walk right over to have a glance at all the available items from parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Steve manned the grill once again, the smell of his famous hamburgers filling the area. A successful bake sale took place as soon as people entered the church facility, and our fellowship hall remained open for people to enjoy their lunch or their dessert. Many thanks to all who participated in this event, as well as for Susan Boehnlein, who took the lead once again on this event.

Trunk Sale



Sacrament of Baptism

Young Nicholas was baptized into the faith on Sunday, September 11th, battling through feeling well “under the weather” that morning. But, with the prayers of all and his family urging him through Holy Mass, he received the Holy

Spirit and was welcomed into the faith through the cleansing waters of Baptism.

Afterward, the Heifner family provided a wonderful spread for all church attendees, honoring young Nicholas. We look forward to his growth of spirit and in the life of our parish.



Prayer Blankets Blessed

On Sunday, September 18th, blankets prepared by the Mission Team's monthly workshops were blessed for loved ones from the families of our parish. All were called forward to lay their hands and offer a prayer after each were blessed.



Fr. Gronn at Holy Cross 100th Anniversary

Fr. Greg Gronn traveled to Holy Cross PNCC in Hamtramck, MI to participate in the Holy Mass celebrating their centennial on Sunday, September 25. Fr. Greg served as a concelebrant of the Holy Mass. We appreciate Fr. Greg representing our parish on a Sunday morning where no one else would have been able to attend. Congratulations to our sister parish of the Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese, and may God grant you success, growth, and powerful Spirit going forward.



National Liturgical Meetings

Fr. Jason traveled to Scranton, PA to participate in the biannual meetings for the PNCC National Commission on Liturgy. The meetings are held in the PNCC National Church Center, hosted by the Prime Bishop and his staff. Much of the work of this meeting went towards the upcoming liturgies of the General Synod as well as the 125th Anniversary Mass of the Polish National Catholic Church.



Various Announcements

ST. MARY'S BOWLING LEAGUE has begun, taking place at Red Circle Lanes on State Rd. This league is open to all level of bowlers—even someone who rolls in the 60's is a huge help to a team, as all scores are set to an average. If interested, please see Elaine Ploskonka.

BIBLE STUDY – Is there a different time of day or day of the week that you may be open to participate in a Bible Study? Let Fr. Jason know! We are looking for some ideas to have other people participate in what is Sacrament in the PNCC.

ACME—We are participating in the Acme "Community Cash Back" program which runs through Christmas Day. Turn in your receipts! St. Mary's receives 5% back from each Acme item!

CANON – Today, and for all of October, we use the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer, the Canon of St. Hippolytus, on page 82.

SHOE DRIVE –Please bring in your shoes! Proceeds from this collection will be used to supplement St. Mary's operating budget. A bin is in the Fellowship Hall through Oct. 31. Also, another drive-thru shoe drop off has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29th – please see Susan if you are able to offer a helping hand.

FALL SOUP SUPPER & SALE – Our second annual Soup Dinner is scheduled to take place Friday, October 28th from 5-7pm.

For a low price of \$10, your meal includes 2 servings of soup, bread, dessert, & beverage. Frozen quarts of soup will also be available for \$8 each or 3 for \$20. Plan on soup-for-dinner that Friday night! Any questions, see Elaine or Martha Repede.

SYNOD – The 26th General Synod of the PNCC takes place this week. Fr. Jason attends as pastor, while the parish elected Elaine Ploskonka and Mike Wisniewski to be our representatives. Barb Wisniewski will attend as a representative of the Polish National Union and Deacon Jim as a guest. Pray that the Holy Spirit indeed inspires the work of our denomination this week!

HALLOWEEN PARTY – A church Halloween Party will take place on Sunday October 30th in the place of SOCL. Kids are permitted to wear costumes to church. If parishioners would like to bring treats for the kids, please do so! For any other questions, please see Evonne Pryer.

CHILI COOK-OFF – Sponsored by the YMSofR takes place Sunday, Nov. 13th. Gather your ingredients and mark your calendars!

OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CHILD – Our collection will begin shortly. A reminder- boxes filled with gifts, school supplies, etc. & assembled by age/gender and delivered to a child in need somewhere in the world. A cash donation for postage is needed as well. Boxes are available shortly- see event coordinator Evonne Pryer with questions.

HEAT & EAT – Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, November 12th. Planning flyers were distributed last week. The event echoes last year's successful cold food sale where frozen food items and fresh bakery were available as people circled our Fellowship Hall to choose from a number of delicious Polish Food for the days ahead. See Elaine Ploskonka or Cathy Avondet.

ALL SOULS –Cemetery service takes place Sun, Oct. 30th at noon at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery on W. 54th St. Envelopes are available around the church for you to fill out and remember your loved ones. All submitted names will be prayed aloud during November Sunday Masses.

THANKS – For all who kept an eye on our beloved parish and to Dcn. Jim & Fr. Greg for covering our liturgies this past week. Also, thanks to all of those who offered a helping hand on Friday and Saturday for the pierogi-making project to stock the shelves for the parish Food Ministry as well as for the upcoming "Heat & Eat" Sale.

CUB SCOUTS – St. Mary's recently reached an agreement to become the host parish for Cub Scout Pack 216. While they continue to meet at Ridgewood United Church for the time being, they are beginning the transfer process shortly and could use some kids! Flyers are located near the parish mailboxes with more information. The parish is also seeking a liaison for this group. If interested, please see Susan Boehnlein.

Scheduled Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

October 2– Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by son John Spilka

October 9 – Steve Temesi of. by wife Patty Temesi

October 16– Helen Bogzevitz of. by son Bruce & Barb Bogzevitz

October 23 – Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk of. by son John Kasperczyk & family

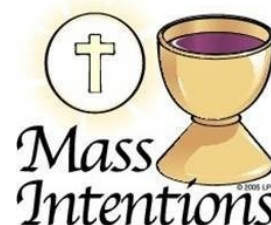
October 30 – Tom Petrie of. by wife Alice Petrie

November 6— Hanna Pryer of. by daughter Evonne Pryer

November 13– Ron Tiffe of. by son Jeffery Tiffe

November 20– Ann Stepanik of. by son Gene Stepanik

November 27 – Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk of. by son John & family



We have scheduled all of 2022 Masses. Fr. Jason will begin taking 2023 Mass requests beginning in mid-November



SUPPORT Our Organization! SHOP !

COMMUNITY CASH BACK

Help Our Organization
EARN 5% CASH BACK!

IT'S EASY!

1. Buy store brands at your local  and save your register receipts from August 4, 2022 – December 24, 2022.
Invite your friends and family to save receipts!
2. Place your receipts in our collection box by January 24, 2023.

EARN 5% COMMUNITY CASH BACK

On These Acme Fresh Market Store Brands:



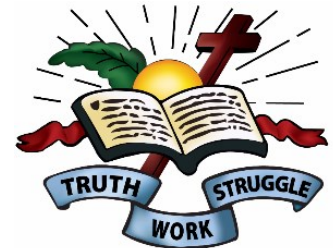
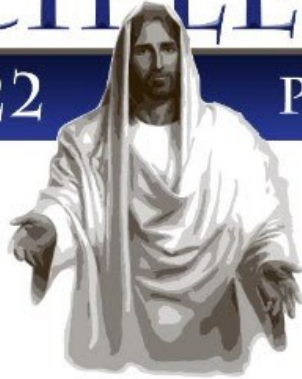
Collection Box
LOCATION

On the Table near the parish mailboxes

PNCC Future Directions Update

DISCIPLESHIP

2022 PNCC



October 2022 – Saint Clare of Assisi

During the month of October as we continue our focus of Being Eucharistic People – we reflect on St. Clare of Assisi and her love of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Enjoy the excellent video message by Clare Lill of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

[Click Here to watch a video message by Clare Lill on St. Clare of Assisi](#)

Scripture: Philippians 3:8-14, Matthew 19:27-29

Reflection and Action Item:

St. Clare of Assisi came from a wealthy family which was devoted to our Lord within the Church. Tradition tells us that, after hearing St. Francis preach, she felt God's call to follow Jesus in a way similar to Francis' and embrace a life of detached poverty, simplicity, chastity, and prayer. Her family was against this, but she firmly held onto the call of the Holy Spirit and pursued this vocation along with other women whose leader and example she became to the point that they referred to her as "alter Franciscus"—"another Francis."

When St. Clare's life became challenging or overwhelming, when she grew tired or even afraid, she ran into the arms of Christ in the Eucharist. In this way, she is a wonderful example to all of us as disciples of Jesus, Whenever the unique pathway of discipleship that God has set out in front of each of us becomes rocky or ridden with holes, and we feel like we can go no further and might even like to give up, we can go to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and receive our strength. St. Clare, pray for us!

Action Item: Here is St. Clare's Prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist:
Prayer of St. Clare of Assisi to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist



I come, O Lord, into your sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in You, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to your holy mountain. Permit me, O Divine Jesus, to come closer to You, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of your majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge your infinite love; that my memory may dwell on the admira-

PNCC Future Dir. (Con't)

ble mysteries renewed here on the altar every day, and that the sacrifice of my whole being may join your own. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us!

Every weekend this month, get to Mass early or stay a while after Mass and pray it to our Lord Whose true and abiding presence is in the tabernacles of our churches.

Schedule: October is also the month of the Holy Rosary, so schedule a time for the members of the Parish Family to gather in church and pray the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

PNCC Future Direction continues to be on Facebook.

Like, follow and share our reflections on Facebook. If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life, may our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph intercede for us, for those devastated by Hurricane Ian and all facing Christian Persecution and violence in our world. As we continue to celebrate Being Eucharistic People and also this month the Solemnity of Christian Family – let our discipleship reflect our love of God, Church and Family and the importance of receiving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Holy Communion!

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

Sp. Thomas F. Petrie



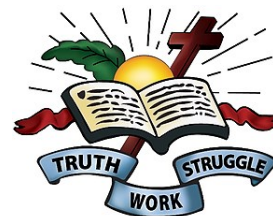
Long-time parishioner Tom Petrie passed away over the summer months. We will remember him at Mass, scheduled at 9am on Sunday, October 30th. Following is his obituary as it appeared. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Thomas F. Petrie, 78, a long time resident of North Ridgeville, passed away following a long illness, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at the Northridge Health Center, in North Ridgeville. He was born August 15, 1943, in Cleveland. Thomas graduated from Willoughby South High School in 1962. Thomas worked for Unit-

Prayer of St. Clare of Assisi to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

I come, O Lord, into your sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in You, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to your holy mountain. Permit me, O Divine Jesus, to come closer to You, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of your majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge your infinite love; that my memory may dwell on the admirable mysteries renewed here on the altar every day, and that the sacrifice of my whole being may join your own. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us!



ed Airlines, and was the owner and operator of Insta-Graphics in North Ridgeville. He enjoyed watching tv and old movies, listening to music, and taking care of his pets. Thomas is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Alice Petrie (nee Plocica); four children, Andrea (John), Audrey (Andre), Melissa, and Michael; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; his brother, Frank (Julie), his nephew, Alex (Stephanie), and his niece, Lea. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Stephanie, and his brother, Donald. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date at All Souls Cemetery, in Chardon. Memorial contributions may be made to an animal rescue shelter of your choice.

October Days of Note



October Birthdays

- 4 - Marzena Krulik
- 5 - Eileen Cashmere
- 7 - Elaine Repede
- 9 - Nancy Roharik
- 9 - Jo Orlowski
- 10 - Greg Hodor
- 17 - Michael D'Arcy
- 18 - Ron Roharik
- 19 - Cathy Avondet
- 23 - James Boehnlein
- 25 - Bruce Bogzevitz
- 25 - Jim Nemeč
- 30 - Krysta Kurzynski
- 31 - Marlane Oleniacz
- 31 - Patty Temesi



October Anniversaries

- 3 - Jack & Lolly Spilka
- 4 - Jeff & Amy Dreger
- 5 - Pete & Debbie Moritz
- 7 - George & Patty Bennett

Have we missed a birthday or anniversary? Just give us a shout so we can fix any errors that have been made :-)

Subscribe to our
YouTube Channel

Visit us online at
www.stmaryspncc.org
like St. Mary's in Parma,
OH on Facebook or
subscribe to our
YouTube channel

Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

By St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day- October 15

Patron Saint of those ill, those discouraged of their piety, florists, mission work, and more.



Our Prayer List

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bill & Pat Glatzer | Bob Kaczmarek |
| Bill Kastak | Anna Dawidziuk |
| George & Linda Makovicka | John Spilka |
| Johanna Markiewicz | Mary Ann Loschelder |
| Ralph & June Zaun | Julie L. |
| Marty Bengela | Tom Putynski |
| Polly Gajda | Millie Dominik |
| Kathleen Beres | Joseph Bischoff |
| David Micka | Jeff Lukas |
| Ed Pierson | George Bennett |
| Amy Dreger | Pattie Dotson |
| Elizabeth Starnawski | Jack Spilka |
| Elaine Repede | David Vaden |
| Wanda Clark | Beth Chihill |
| Michael Cosevin | Helen Cummings |
| Laina Dachtal | Mike Matis |
| Jay Grabowsky | Pam Chesar |
| Cecelia Hall | Caroline Kunes |
| Linda Marks | Thomas Lill |
| John & Anne Nemetz | Rhonda Smith |
| Al Piniecki | Carol Boesch |
| Joanie True | Daniel Rinella |
| Fr. Tom Sheha | Tom Slomka |
| Gerl S. | Ben Soltis |
| Pam Tropiano | Linda Vect |
| Dennis and Sue Vect | Marcus Vaughn, Jr. |
| Bryson Dzuroff | Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak |
| Kelly B | Jane Hunter |
| Dennis Thome | The Finnie Family |
| Carlene Fliss | Jim Fliss Jr. |
| John Wisniewski | Cathy Pieciak |
| Nan Cramer | Claudette Lukas |
| Mike Pescitelli | Kathy Robertson |
| Mary Cawley | Richard & Edna Samelson |
| Jim Giles | Tammy Teubl |
| Bill Zychowski | Loretta Baldwin |
| Donna Kidd | Paulette Lilli |
| Azriel G. | Joseph Zubel |
| Marilyn Girard | Courtney Austin |
| Stephanie Milla | Shannon Alberino |
| Jayden Pieciak | Sophie Mae |
| Jeremy Steinbrick | Katie Stallbaum |
| Marcia Klein | Kim Penney |
| Robert Owen Miller | Patrick Kmitt |
| Michael McGivern | Daniel Morgan |
| Barb & Jim Lukas | Renee Lukas |
| Roseanne Ziefle | Sauna Smullen |
| Claire Hunek | Marty & Cheryl DeCara |

WE ALSO REMEMBER
ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
Bless them, O Lord.

