June 3, 2018

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Mass Schedule
Sunday
8:30am & 11am
Monday-Friday
8:30am
Saturday
8:30am & 4pm
Holy Days
8:30am

Confession
Saturdays, 3-3:30pm.

Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage
Please make arrangements eight months in advance.

Membership
Please register at the Parish Office

Come visit us at www.stapostleparish.org
Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are held in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, June 4
2 Pt 1:2-7 ◆ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 ◆ Mk 12:1-12
Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue. 2 Pt 1:5
◆ Ramon Pascual

TUESDAY, June 5-St. Boniface
Readings: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 ◆ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 & 16 ◆ Mk 12:13-17
Be on your guard not to be led into the error of the unprincipled and to fall from your own stability. But grow in grace. 2 Pt 3:17-18
◆ Sr. Bernadette

WEDNESDAY, June 6
Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 ◆ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef ◆ Mk 12:18-27
He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled. Mk 12:27
◆ Ruth Axsom (s.i.)

THURSDAY, June 7
Readings: 2 Tm 2:8-15 ◆ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 ◆ Mk 12:28-34
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Ps 25:4
◆ Nathaniel Landrum family

FRIDAY, June 8-Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Readings: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 ◆ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 ◆ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 ◆ Jn 19:31-37
My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Mk 11:17
◆ Dr. Herman Neal
◆ Ramon Pascual

SATURDAY, June 9-Immaculate Heart of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Readings: 2 Tm 4:1-8 ◆ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 ◆ Lk 2:41-51
...and his mother kept all these things in her heart. Lk 2:51
◆ Sr. Bernadette Mewburn-Crook, RSHM ◆ deceased

Today’s Readings:
Exodus 24:3-8 ◆ Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Hebrews 9:11-15 ◆ Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
◆ Dr. John Mullan, ◆ Patrick Allen, ◆ Gwendolyn Lewis

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend’s liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures.

Next Sunday’s Readings:
Genesis 3:9-15 ◆ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 ◆ Mark 3:20-35

This Weekend: Bundle Weekend June 2-3!

This weekend is Bundle Weekend! The SVDP trailer will be in the STA parking lot Saturday, June 2, 8am-4pm, and Sunday, June 3, 8am-2pm, to collect clothing and household items in good repair. We cannot take: mattresses, box springs, furniture, computers, console TVs and stereos, typewriters, baby furniture or accessories, sewing machines, stuffed animals, or exercise equipment. Wanted: footwear, clothing, working small appliances, books, bric-a-brac, dishes, flatware, linens.

A Letter from Fr. Joe

As we begin this month of June, I want to take this time to thank all of the parishioners who have helped us with our work at Carith House this year. This is my first year as the Director, and I believe we have had a successful year. This has been a different year in that we had an Indonesian Carmelite, Fr Aloysius, join us in September, Fr Philip left us in January and three of our men from El Salvador joined us in late January for English language study at the University of Illinois. Fr Alex also joined us at the University of Illinois. Fr Aloysius, Fr Philip and three of our men from El Salvador have been working on their English language studies at the University of Illinois. Fr Alex also joined us at the University of Illinois... (Cont’d on p. 3)
**The Pastor’s Letter**

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

Welcome to the month of June, to the earlier mornings and the warmer days. The long hours of daylight raise our spirits and make it so much easier to celebrate!

Next Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass we will be congratulating our 8th grade class, who are finishing their time here at Saint Thomas the Apostle School, and leaving us for their chosen high schools. May God bless our new graduates and their families as they reach this wonderful milestone! This year our school has done so well, and I am so glad to report this great success story. Families are showing such confidence in our school, that next year we are projecting an enrollment of more than 340 students and we are hiring more staff and opening three new sections (double classes of most grades). May God bless our dedicated school families!

Planning is continuing for our **150th anniversary** and so many aspects of the celebration are already underway. This Saturday there will be a ‘service’ day as we beautify our parish grounds. However, the official launch will be at our parish picnic, when Bishop Perry will celebrate an all parish 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday September 9th followed by our 150th picnic. Mark your calendars, make plans, tell the family and spread the word. Saint Thomas the Apostle parish is 150 years old and we are so proud of all our community has done and is doing for God.

We welcome to Saint Thomas the Apostle, two new members of staff. Our new treasurer, Ms. Tamara Jordan, has begun her work in the treasurer’s office. Most of her time is occupied with supporting our growing school, but she will also help with parish finances. We also welcome to the maintenance staff Mr. Bob Lyons who will be with us half time (splitting his time between our school and another local Catholic School). Welcome!

So many changes this time of year, with graduations and the beginning of the university summer break. If there are changes in your household, I pray that God will be your constant help and support. For those who are moving away (please drop a note to the parish office), may God be with you for your future. Keep our community in your good prayers.

Last Sunday, I spoke with a visitor at the church door who said, ‘We are looking for a parish!’ Well, if you are new to Hyde Park or if you are looking for a new church family, I pray you have found one here. Did I mention yet that we are celebrating our 150th anniversary? Stay, become a part of our parish in this important year.

May the Lord God bless you during this wonderful month of June! May the Mother of God enfold you in the mantle of her protection! ~Elias

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**Fr. Joe (Cont’d from page 2.)**

Pre-Novitiate to begin his process of discernment to joining our community. This year we will send three men from Carith to Novitiate; Ryan, Filiberto, and Benito. They will begin their Novitiate retreat on June 2 in New York. They will be invested in the habit on Sunday, June 10. Please keep all of them in your prayers. Later this summer toward the middle of August Henry, Antolino and Daniel will be headed to their internships in our parishes in Arizona and New Jersey.

As we begin to think about our new year we will have one new student in the pre-Novitiate program and then sometime in August Fr Cornelius will join us from Indonesia to study English at the University of Illinois and in late January we will welcome some more simply professed from El Salvador as they begin their process of preparing for internship.

Returning to the pre Novitiate nest year will be Nate and Barry as they continue their studies at St. Xavier University. Also Bro. Tom and I will be here as well.

Just a little update on the year and once again thanks to all of you for your many kindnesses throughout the year.

In Carmel,

Fr Joseph Atcher, O Carm.
Prior/ Director
Class of 2018 is off to High School!

Jennell Adjej—De La Salle Institute
Sophia Apostolian—Kenwood Academy
Lord Manchester—Ayuk—King College Prep
Joel Belcher—Brooks College Prep
Benjamin Brooks—Marist HS
Justin Carney—Mt. Carmel HS
Christopher Carter—St. Rita of Cascia HS
Onyedika Chidume—Kenwood Academy
Diamond Cox—De La Salle Institute
Yaleigh Harris—Francis Parker School
Marcus Henry—Woodson HS
Richard Jackson Jr.—Marist HS
Madison James—TBD
Rian Johnson—Kenwood Academy
Devin Jones—Mt. Carmel HS
Kennedi Knight—De La Salle Institute
Joshua McGruder—Kenwood Academy
Maya Mims—Kenwood Academy
Evan Murillo—Holy Trinity HS
Jada Nix—University of Chicago Lab School
Ayinde Reese—Walter Payton HS
Leah Roe—St. Laurence HS
Deonta Smith—St. Laurence HS
Skyler Trice—Kenwood Academy
Aria Vincent—Fenwick HS
Stanivea Washington—De La Salle Institute
Brinario White—Brother Rice HS
Gerard Wilbert—Kenwood Academy
Arielle Wood—Chicago Academy for the Arts

The 4th on 53rd Street Parade with STA!

Come represent STA in the 4th on 53rd Street Parade! The parade is on Wednesday, July 4th from 10:00am-12:00pm. STA Parents, please sign-up in Track It Forward! Service hours (2) will go towards your 2018-19 school year! If you have any questions, then please email Tareema Jean-Baptiste: tjeanbap@tapostleschool.com

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Our Celebration Begins With SERVICE!

Our 150th Anniversary is a once-in-a-lifetime event! Come together on this Service Weekend. Here are three ways that you could lend your help by giving an hour or more of your time. Set aside June 9th or 10th to volunteer.

**GARDEN DAY**—Saturday, June 9th, 9:30—11:30 AM on the Parish Grounds. Beautify our parish grounds with flowers and a big clean-up. Please commit to an hour or more with other parishioners. Bring whatever gardening tools you may have. Sign up now.

**PARISH PICNIC**
Planners & Decorators—Saturday, June 9th, at 3 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your ideas for table decorations and suggestions for ways to make our event look festive.

The *Advent for Kids Faire Committee*—Sunday, June 10th, at 12:15 PM in the RCIA room, next to the school cafeteria. Help us plan this fun hour-long event for our grade school-aged children to help them prepare spiritually for Christmas. This committee will meet only twice before the program on December 2nd. Please join our group! Find out what you can do at the Faire.

Will YOU participate in this Service Weekend? Call the parish office (773-324-2626) or sign up in the Parish Hall NOW, before June 9th.

Contact Service Committee Chair Celli to help at GARDEN DAY at celimartinez2000@gmail.com.

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**SAVE THE DATE 150th Anniversary**

**OPERA GALA** on October 21st
Learn more about it at the Hospitality after Masses on June 10th.
Please Remember in Prayer
Parishioners & friends who are ill:

For those who have died:
John Longawa
(father of Vicky Longawa)
Sr. Bernadette Mewburn-Crook, RSHM

May God grant them eternal joy and peace.

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**Altar Servers**
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Peter Renz
Anna Stephanov
Gerard Wilbert

Armelle Balogun
Nicolas Lodato
Gabriel Lodato
Matthew Lodato

Lawrence Amadi
Janise Harris
Judith Lake
Nate W.

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$25 in advance (through Fri., June 1) / $30 at the door
$20 Students / Religious

Benefit Concert, all proceeds will support the music ministry at STA
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Baptisms

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is pleased to welcome these newly baptized to our parish community:

**Naomi Yvette Piverger**
Born June November 30, 2017
Parents: Seblewongel Tekalign & Yves Mario Piverger

**Congratulations**
and may God’s blessings continue to fall upon your family!

The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing groceries on Saturdays, 9:30am to 1:30pm. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. To sign up or for more information, contact Jan Deckenbach, jandeckenbach@outlook.com.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Anniversary OPERA GALA

October 21st

Learn more about the event at Hospitality after Sunday Masses on June 10th.

The Opera Gala is a fundraising benefit concert to support the music ministry of St Thomas the Apostle Church. The evening will feature favorite arias, duets, and ensembles from various operas, operettas, and musical theater performed in our historic church.

Musical Director— Luciano Laurentiu

**TICKETS**

$30 in advance; $40 at the door;
Gold Sponsor Tickets are $100 with preferred seating and other benefits.

*God’s People in Extraordinary Variety Celebrate!*
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