

# St. **A**mbrose Parish

*Our 99<sup>th</sup> Year!*  
AUGUST 16, 2015  
BEEHIVE

## Make the Oblation

The word oblation means “offering,” and you hear both words at Mass partly because they provide a more varied vocabulary and partly to draw attention to the unique and holy sacrifice that is underway: the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ.

At every Mass, shortly after the Consecration, you hear the priest say the words, “we offer.” For example, in Eucharistic Prayer III, he says, “we offer you in thanksgiving / this holy and living sacrifice,” and in Eucharistic Prayer IV, “we offer you his Body and Blood, / the sacrifice acceptable to you.”

This is the oblation. When we speak of “the sacrifice of the Mass,” we are speaking specifically of this part. You, a member of the common priesthood, participate in the

priestly action of Jesus Christ, who offered himself on the Cross. You join him by offering to God what he offers – his very Body and Blood. Eucharistic Prayer I calls this offering “this pure victim, / this holy victim, / this spotless victim, / the holy Bread of eternal life / and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.”

After offering the Body and Blood of Christ, you offer yourself. The second Eucharistic Prayer for Masses of Reconciliation says, “accept us also, together with your Son.” In Eucharistic Prayer I, we ask God to “accept this oblation of our service.” Eucharistic Prayer III for Masses of Reconciliation includes these words: “make of us / an eternal offering to you.” We want to be of service to the Father, just as Jesus was. Having linked our sacrifice with his, we offer it with his.

At every Mass you put yourself on the altar together with the bread and wine. Once they have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, we offer them to the Father together with ourselves. We have a lot invested in this Eucharist.

You can see now why the altar receives so much attention at Mass. Ministers bow to it. The priest and deacon kiss it. The priest incenses it. It is the central, most important piece of furniture in the sanctuary because it is here where bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, and where we offer ourselves to God together with Jesus Christ.

Having yoked our offering to that of Christ, we attached our petitions to it. Now that we have God’s ear, we have a few requests. For example, near the end of Eucharistic Prayer II we pray for “the peace and salvation of all the world,” the “pilgrim Church on earth,” “this family,” God’s “children / scattered throughout the world,” “our departed brothers and sisters,” and even those outside the Christian family who were pleasing to God “at their passing from this life.”

All the Eucharistic Prayers include intercessions near the end. Eucharistic Prayer I also includes intercessions near the beginning of the prayer. Before the Consecration, for example, Eucharistic Prayer I prays that God will grant peace, guard, unite, and govern the holy Catholic Church. We pray for “all gathered here,” and ask God to “order our days in your peace, / and command that we be delivered



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# Make the Oblation

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from eternal damnation / and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.”

When the priest says “Let us pray” near the beginning he really means what he says. “The silence that follows those words should be filled with prayer – private prayer. This is the time for you and other worshippers to pray about your concerns. Filling this silence with your personal prayer is part of your priestly responsibilities at Mass. Pray when the priest invites you.

Even more important is the Universal Prayer. The word “universal” refers to its scope, but the more popular expression, “Prayer of the Faithful,” refers to its participants. At this time you exercise your role as a member of the priesthood of the baptized by offering prayers. Normally at Mass, the priest gives a voice to the silent prayers in everyone’s hearts. However, there are exceptions. You make many acclamations directed to God, and of course you address the Lord’s Prayer to the Father. In the Universal Prayer, even though the formulas may vary, the one who reads the petitions is speaking to you (“Let us pray for...”), and you speak to God (“Lord, hear our prayer”). When you conclude each petition, you are exercising your priestly role at Mass. You pray.

The intentions during the Eucharistic Prayer have a special quality because they go with the oblation to the Father. We always pray for the pope and the bishop because they are the leaders and sources of our unity, but also because they need our prayers the most. On certain occasions such as Baptisms, weddings, and funerals, we pray for the main people by name during the Eucharistic Prayer. It is a special privilege to be named at this time.

Here is a point about the Mass that many people miss: There is a direct link between the sacrifice you offer and the Communion you receive. The bread and wine have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and now they are returned to you for nourishment. However, the bread and wine also represent the offering of yourself. When the gifts are brought forward, you are part of the offering to God. You want to be transformed into something even more pleasing to God than you already are. So when you receive Holy Communion, you are sharing in the fruits of the sacrifice you have offered.

When you are present at Mass, you are present with Jesus back at the Last Supper, and you are already present with him at the end of time. When the priest says in Eucharist Prayer I that Jesus “took the precious chalice,” he is placing you at the past event with Christ, and placing Christ at this event with you. We do not simply recall that in the past Jesus took “a” chalice into his hands; rather, we acknowledge that right now he takes “this” chalice into his

hands, and we are present to him.

In the same Eucharistic Prayer, he prays that an angel may take the sacrifice to God’s altar on high “so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar,” may be filled with heavenly blessing. We are participating at “the altar” – namely, God’s altar, on high. While you and I gather around an altar in church, we are gathered at God’s altar in heaven.

When you come to Mass, you have concerns on your mind and hopes in your heart. You also have responsibilities as a member of the priestly people. You exercise these when you confess God’s mighty deeds and offer a sacrifice. When you participate as a member of the priestly people, your sacrifice is made perfect in your communion with God, whose might brings forth our thanks.

There are many ways to participate at Mass. You can join in the singing and make the responses in the dialogues. You can listen to the readings by the lectors and the deacon and concentrate on the prayers proclaimed by the priest. You can offer yourself to God. On some days that may feel quite natural, on other days a little scary. You can pray for something. You probably do this a lot, but think of how much it would please God if your offering preceded your prayer. And you can receive the communion of the sacrifice, joining yourself in unity with other worshippers and sublimely with Christ himself.

Participating at Mass is more than receiving Communion. It is offering a sacrifice. Through your Baptism, that is what God has called you to do.

*Excerpted from My Sacrifice and Yours: Our Participation in the Eucharist by Fr. Paul Turner for Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, 2013. Art by Maximino Cerezo Barredo.*

## Permanent Diaconate

Those discerning a call to the diaconate ministry are invited to attend an information night — with their wives, if they are married — at Livonia’s St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will provide information on the application process and requirements for entering formation for the permanent diaconate.

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Activity Center is located on 28933 Jamison St. in Livonia. RSVP requested. For questions or reservations, please call Deanna Cortese at (313) 237-5840

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund the work of the Archdiocesan Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life and the Permanent Deacon Formation Team, which coordinate diaconal ministry and formation. In addition, the CSA supports men studying for the permanent diaconate at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

# All Things Considered

Last Monday, the Vatican announced a **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, the latest move by **Pope Francis** to push environmental issues up on the global agenda.

The prayer day will be celebrated annually on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, in line with the Orthodox Church's day for the Protection of the Environment. In making the announcement, Pope Francis wrote: "As Christians we wish to offer our contribution towards overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through."

Describing an "ecological crisis" currently underway, the Holy Father said Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> would provide people with "a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation."

Here at St. Ambrose, we'll open that Tuesday morning, September 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Prayer For the Care of Creation with mass at 8:30 in the morning. We are currently devising another prayer opportunity for later that day.

The announcement of this Prayer Day comes less than two months after Pope Francis released his ground-breaking papal letter, *Laudato Si*, on the environment, in which he took a tough line against profit-driven mismanagement of the world's resources.

The encyclical was unveiled by the Holy Father back in June along side with the leading bishop of the Orthodox Church, **Metropolitan John (Zizioulas) of Pergamon**. Reflecting on the decision to share the Prayer Day with the Orthodox Church, Pope Francis said the move was necessary "in order to appear more credible and effective" in addressing environmental issues.

Meanwhile, other world leaders are also speaking out on climate measures. More than 170 evangelical pastors have sent **President Obama** a letter backing a Clean Power Plan that will reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants. And a petition by retired Anglican **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** of South Africa, posted on Change.org, called on the President and U.N. Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon** to "set a renewable energy target of 100% by 2050." More than 110,000 supporters have signed the petition as of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pope Francis is expected to address the environment among other topics during his trip to the U.S. in September, during which he will deliver a speech to Congress and the U.N. General Assembly. His schedule is printed on page seven of this bulletin. (He's going to miss OYSTER-FEST by one day!)

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Our recently founded Environmental Committee will undertake a four-week study group around the Encyclical, *Laudato Si*. Currently the plan calls for the meetings to begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in between the masses in the ARK. Discussion materials for this have been prepared by America magazine, a Jesuit publication. We should have the schedule of topics ready by next week's bulletin.

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We have filed for a raffle license for this year's OYSTERFEST. Once again, we've got some of the latest and greatest electronics that are desirable across a wide range of ages.

This year's **First Prize** is a 50" Class 4K Ultra HD, **Smart TV** with quad-core, built-in WiFi and Web Browser.

The **Second Prize** is an **Apple Sports Watch**. It's a beautifully constructed piece – feature-packed with solid fitness software, hundreds of apps, and the ability to send and receive calls via an iPhone.

This year's **Third Prize** is a **Go Pro Hero Plus**, HD-quality, wa-

terproof, **video recording device**. It has gained huge popularity because while it is very small and compact, it can deliver amazingly crystal-clear video and photos.

We've had an offer from one of our parishioners to cover the cost of one of these prizes. That would really help boost the proceeds of our stale raffle sales. If we get donors to sponsor the other two at this stage, we'll be able to give them or their business a printed call-out line on the ticket, should they so desire. If you want to participate in this donation, let us know this week.

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Another meeting with officials from **Wayne County** and the **Veterans Administration** took place last week. It was scheduled after we took the bulletin to press, so I am unable to give you a report in this column as to what transpired.

While the veterans project has become a favorite of ours, we are not adverse to usage of our convent building by another worthy group.

In this regard, the directors of **Covenant House** recently came to look at our property and seemed genuinely interested.

Covenant House is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides hope to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth ages 13-22. They provide shelter, educational and vocational programs, as well as other support services, to help overcome hurdles such as unemployment, inadequate education, and dangerous home situations.

The Michigan branch of Covenant House has helped almost 55,000 young people since 1997. They are looking to expand, and they see our property as a good fit for what they are doing. Their board promised to further study our site.

Our convent building is a tremendously versatile piece of real estate. It's an investment of this parish that still has lots of years of service left in it. How to get this property back on

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## The Deacon's Bench

One of the greatest blessings of our faith is food and drink! Theology on Tap is a place that can give food and drink for the heart and the soul. My hope for Theology on Tap is to create an environment that's a safe place for young adults which will be meaningful, life-giving and nourish the soul. I believe that young adults are searching for friendship, community and to share faith with other people.

I am very grateful to serve the community, be in this great ministry of faith and work with wonderful people. So far the Theology on Tap team is just beginning with Maggie Jackson, Angela Theis and myself. Please let me know if you or anyone you know, would like to be on this team or if you have suggestions that would help in shaping our Theology on Tap ministry. It's important to create an experience and an environment that will tend to the needs of the People of God. The best way to know what those needs are, is to ask young adults.

As we re-start this exciting ministry, I ask for your help. Everyone can play a part by simply spreading the word and inviting young adults into this experience. As you talk to people, please get their contact information and send it to me, so our team can reach out and welcome them into this group. You can reach me by calling the rectory at 822-2814, email [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net) or message St. Ambrose Parish on Facebook. All young adults are welcomed especially if you are hungry and thirsty.

We are working hard to get more people on board for Theology on Tap, here on the East Side of the city. We are also in need of sponsors who can cover some food expenses. We are considering different venues, days and times that would work for young adults and their schedules.

If you or someone you know could offer your hospitality and generosity to us, please let us know. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community. I am very grateful to be here!

Deacon Tom

## Religious Education Update

I am just in the midst of completing the task of securing catechists and aides for our Sunday Program. The ideal situation would be that everyone is in place at the end of this month. At this writing, I am still waiting to hear from a couple of people – and some things have changed for some others – so our need at present is for catechists to teach Preschool and Fifth Grade. If the Lord is calling you to serve, please call me! Remember that a catechist is a person of faith – of every age – who has the desire to pass on the faith and to “echo” the Good News to the next generation.

Archdiocesan policy requires that every adult who volunteers to work with youth or the elderly take a one-time workshop, Protecting God's Children and submit to a background check. I am very happy to help anyone who needs to complete these things. This week, I will be notifying catechists of the upcoming Catechist Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the ARK.

Betty Haley

## Pipe Dreams

David Hufford and Kurt Heyer of Renaissance Pipe Organs recently spent some time in the organ loft at St. Ambrose to return the pouch boards and reconnect the links so that the Melodia stop in the Choir division can be used. The results are spectacular! Having never heard this stop due to it being out-of-tune and with so many dead notes, I was delighted to hear it restored to such beauty. I used it a few weekends ago during the organ prelude, to accompany the cantor on the psalm verses, and as part of the ensemble for the hymns and service music.

For those who are interested, I posted a low-tech recording made on my iPhone of the slow movement from the transcription J.S. Bach made of the Antonio Vivaldi A Minor Concerto, originally for chamber orchestra but now a staple in the organ repertoire in Bach's arrangement. The movement features one of the Flutes on the Great division in the right hand balanced by the Melodia from the Choir in the left hand. You can listen to the recording by going to [www.bierymusic.com/Wordpress/st-ambrose-organ/](http://www.bierymusic.com/Wordpress/st-ambrose-organ/).

Marilyn Biery

## RCIA: 2015 -2016

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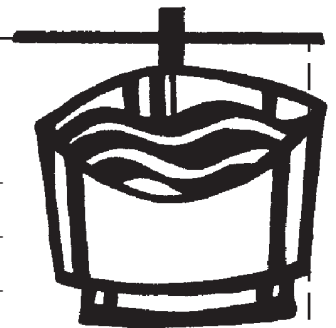
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- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I would like to prepare for Baptism.
- I would like to join the Catholic Church/Community.
- I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating my Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- I would like to return to the Church and to a more active practice of my faith.
- I would like to learn more about becoming a sponsor for a new Catholic.
- I would be willing to help with the details of this year's R.C.I.A. program
- Call me for my other needs, requests, questions, etc.

*Return this to the Parish Rectory or in the Sunday Collection basket.*



## The Buzz

Over the next two weekends, the Liturgy of the Church continues to engage us in reflecting about being a people of the Eucharist. This week we're offered a very different type of wisdom, but one that will help us to live forever. And then next week we're confronted by a fundamental option: will we accept the gift and relationship that comes with it, or will we walk away. Heavy stuff for August and the dog days of summer! But as they used to tell us in the seminary: there is no vacation from (such) a vocation!



In 1973, August 20<sup>th</sup> fell on a Monday. It was my first full day in my first full-time role in parish work. And the rest, as they say, is . . . .

Inadequately, I thank God for it all, and, especially for the past 19-3/4 years, my deep and prayerful thanks also go to Fr. Tim and to all of you at St. Ambrose Parish. But if I might ask one more thing from you – please continue to pray for me that I might yet serve you better each tomorrow than I have today.



Speaking of wisdom and choices . . . If you or someone you know are wrestling with issues, questions, or decisions about faith . . . and wonder whether the Lord is calling you to answers that may include full membership in the Catholic Community . . . let me invite you now to explore this through the St. Ambrose R.C.I.A. process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for inquirers (older teen – adult) who would like an informal yet meaty opportunity to check out the Catholic Faith. There is no cost nor obligation to participate in the relaxed informational sessions which will begin in October. Give me a call at 822-1248.



Next week, on Thursday and Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the feast days of two saints who have a special connection with the patron saint of our parish. Sts. Monica and Augustine were real-life mother and son. Their story of faith and family dynamics is a real corker! It's worth looking up, or feel free to ask me about it. I love to tell it in all its juicy and ironic details.

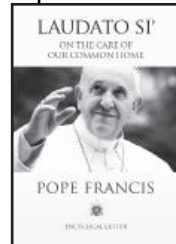
This year, the story of Augustine's journey (literally) of faith has somehow made me think about young high school graduates going off to college. If you've been a parent of someone leaving home to go study elsewhere, I wonder if you found yourself praying hard for them privately while nagging them about all the details and wisdom you want to impart to ensure their safety, learning and lasting happiness. If so, I think you've got a special glimpse into the Monica-Augustine story.

What really transformed the whole picture, though, was the teacher-mentor that Augustine himself sought out for a whole different "major" than what he ended up in. Of course we know that "professor" turned out to be St. Ambrose.

Let's all pray for our young parishioners away at school. Let's nag them just enough to make sure they know we love them. Let's hope that they will have the best of mentors in their lives. And then be aware of all the opportunities that God presents to us to be the needed mentors/sources of wisdom for others' children. That's one of the most important functions of catechists, Religion Club leaders, RCIA sponsors, marriage prep mentors, etc. As a member of St. Ambrose's Parish, you would be "wise" to recognize Christ's invitation to join Him in sharing the Good News with those who need you. Give **Betty Haley**, our Director of Religious Education, a call this week to find out how best to respond to that call. Most of our parish programs don't start up till next month, so there's time to jump in now and get a lot of help to prepare for this essential work of faith. And my motto after 42 years of this work is – If I can do it, anyone can do it! So just do it. There's more than a better chance you'll be great at it; God's Wisdom/Spirit will make sure of it.

Chuck Dropiewski

## Marcellina's Book Club



We are recommending Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si', On the Care for Our Common Home* for your summer reading. In this encyclical, Pope Francis follows and expands on

Catholic teaching on mankind's responsibility to care for God's creation, and protect and care for the most vulnerable. This letter builds on the teachings of previous popes including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Saint John Paul II.

It is available in print form as well as in multiple online editions such as at [vatican.va](http://vatican.va).

Later this year, we will host a Sunday morning series examining this encyclical in greater detail.

## The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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### Sacramental Celebrations

**Masses:** On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

**Baptism:** Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

**Penance:** As announced and by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

**Funeral:** Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

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# Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

## Monday, August 17

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

## Tuesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Maureen Sklut  
Robert McMullan

## Wednesday, August 19

### St. John Eudes, priest

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

## Thursday, August 20

### St. Bernard, abbot & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Edmund Cardinal Szoka  
Cynthia Jarvis, Mr. & Mrs Andrew Zarow

## Friday, August 21

### St. Pius X, pope

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Ruby Frasier,  
George & Mary Kramer

## Saturday, August 22

### Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

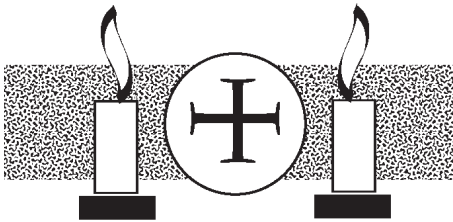
1:30 p.m. - Wedding - Kaitlyn Erne &  
Joseph Kennedy

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

## Sunday, August 23

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People  
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People



## Scriptures for the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, August 17

- Jgs 2: 11-19
- Ps 106: 34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
- Mt 19: 16-22

### Tuesday, August 18

- Jgs 6: 11-24a • Ps 85: 9, 11-14
- Mt 19: 23-30

### Wednesday, August 19

- Jgs 9: 6-15 • Ps 21: 2-7
- Mt 20: 1-16

### Thursday, August 20

- Jgs 11: 29-39a • Ps 40: 5, 7-10
- Mt 22: 1-14

### Friday, August 21

- Ru 1: 1, 3-6 • Ps 146: 5-10
- Mt 22: 34-40

### Saturday, August 22

- Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17
- Ps 128: 1b-5
- Mt 23: 1-12

### Sunday, August 23

- Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
- Eph 5: 21-32 or 5: 2a, 25-32
- Jn 6: 60-69

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc Lector: Mary Urbanski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Peter Hern, Ron Hoffman, Karen McShane  
Altar Servers: Julianna & Kiernan Tague

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc Lector: Karlos Haynes  
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Gatzke, Christopher Harrison,  
Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh, Liz & John Witherell  
Altar Servers: Joseph & Nicholas Kurta

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede Lector: Michele Hodges  
Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Bennert, Anne Billiu, Mary Ghesquiere,  
Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner  
Altar Servers: Ella Chamberlain, Lizzie High

## Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of ..... \$10,100.00

### On Sunday, August 9, 2015

in envelopes we received ..... \$6,866.00  
in the loose collection ..... \$735.00  
in electronic donations ..... \$1,200.00  
in children's envelopes ..... \$6.00  
for a total of ..... **\$8,807.00**

### Under budget for the week ..... **\$1,293.00**

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 800  
Number of envelopes used ..... 137

*While we go on vacation, our parish does not.  
Support the parishes where you worship this  
Summer, but don't forget your home parish.  
To give electronically go to [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net)*

## Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized:

Roma Affelt, Kay Balas, Peyton Barron, Carter Billiu, Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Maryjane Cullen, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elberson, Dan Fleming, Mary Ellen Greenup, Bernadette Gutowski, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, Bp. Joe Imesch, Ann Sullivan Kay, Katherine Brennan Lee, Barbara Mann, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Lennie O'Brien, Ray & Mary Oberly, Elizabeth Robert, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Irene & Bryan Scopel, Fred Schroeder, Matthew Elias, Susan Bucec, Janice Dropiewski Mason, Scott Nedoff and Charmaine Kaptur.

## Our Dead

On Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, a funeral mass was celebrated for **Joseph McEachern**, age 54 who passed away on August 7<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy illness.

"Joe Mac" as he was known by his friends was born and raised in the shadow of St. Ambrose. He attended St. Ambrose Elementary school and then graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. He was employed by the City of Grosse Pointe Park and was a big Detroit Tigers fan even travelling to see them. Joe enjoyed Top 40 and oldies music and was a good uncle to his nieces and nephews, being very generous with them.

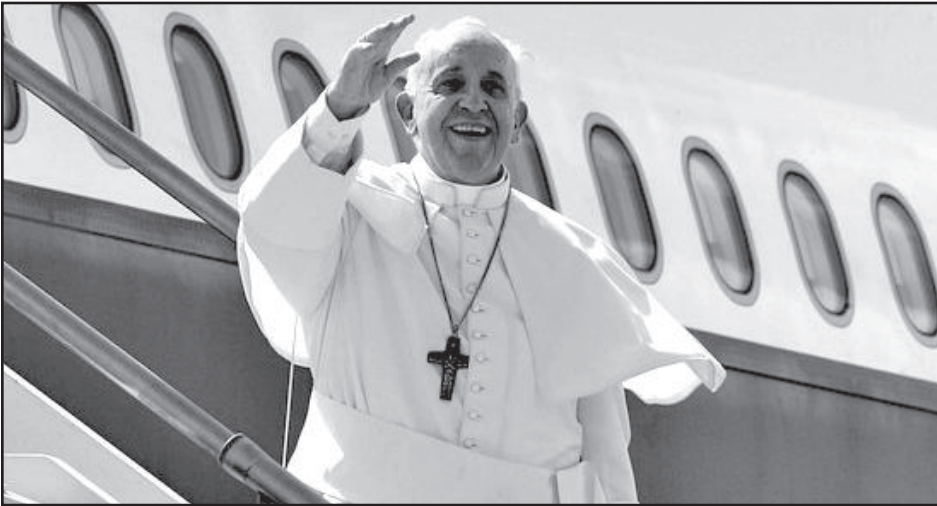
Joe was predeceased by his father, Donald. He is survived by his mother, Isabelle and siblings, Jerry (Priscilla), Cathy (Gordon), Michael, Marcella (Michael), Debbie (Kevin) and Helen (Sean). He will be missed by his nieces and nephews as well as the rest of his family and friends.

Please keep Joseph and his family in your prayers.



## Mass Times When Traveling

Your membership in the Catholic Church gives you privileges to worship with any Catholic Community world wide. While on your vacation or traveling, websites like [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) and [thecatholic-directory.com](http://thecatholic-directory.com) make it easy to find a mass wherever you are.



## The Holy Father's Complete U.S. Itinerary

### Tuesday, September 22

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

### Wednesday, September 23 (Washington, DC)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States,  
St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

### Thursday, September 24 (Washington, DC, New York City)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Session of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City  
and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

### Friday, September 25 (New York City)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations  
and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum,  
World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

### Saturday, September 26 (New York City, Philadelphia)

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

### Sunday, September 27 (Philadelphia)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families  
Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors  
of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome

## Benefit on the Bay

Support the Capuchin Soup Kitchen by attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit on the Bay, on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 PM, at MacRay Harbor on Lake St. Clair. Music is by John Dickson & the "C-Notes," "The Key Suspects," and special musical guests, the "Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir!" One hundred percent of the event's profit benefits the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, dancing, beer, wine, and desserts. There will be both a live auction and a silent one, the latter featuring over 100 items. For advance tickets call: (313) 579-2100 ext. 153. CSKDetroit.org

## Vincenian Reflection

The Gospel this week tells us that Christ wants us to have confidence in his words that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your home to see what furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Have faith in God's providence and share with those who struggle everyday living in poverty.

## While on Vacation

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