



"EMPOWERED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT...LET US SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST"



Rev. Mick Kopil



Catholic Funerals

In the last couple of weeks, our parish has assisted three families in grieving their loved ones through the offering of the Church's funeral rites. As we prepare to mark All Saints Day, All Souls Day and our parish's annual Mass of Remembrance for our deceased parishioners, it's good for us to consider that our funeral rites help us at the transitional moment of our or a loved one's existence.

We've all experienced the death of loved ones. In each case, the experience is a little different. In my five years in seminary, I lost my mother, both godparents, a close aunt, and a good friend. Additionally, I've presided at more than one hundred fifty funerals in the last ten years. Each of those experiences touched me in a different way. One thing I try to remember, and try to balance in each case, is the needs of the deceased and the needs of the mourners. Catholic funeral rites are oriented toward both sets of needs.

The deceased person has needs for which the funeral rites can uniquely provide. While some people likely begin life in Heaven upon death, and some sadly head to eternal separation from God, we don't know which souls are in Heaven and which are in Purgatory awaiting eternal communion with God. To that end, we pray for all people who have died, hoping that God in His mercy will bring them to Heaven. Since the Mass is the greatest prayer we have, having a funeral Mass for the deceased is the best thing the living can do for their deceased loved one. At the funeral, we join the deceased in giving thanks to God for the life of the one who died, and we ask God for forgiveness for their weaknesses and failings.

At the same time, the mourners sometimes need to be comforted, to communicate their feelings, and to know that they and their loved one are loved by God. In Catholic funeral rites, the prescribed prayers, readings, and rituals remind us of God's continuing love and mercy. Having a funeral can help the mourners know that they have family and friends supporting them in their loss, that their relationship with the deceased continues but has changed to one of prayerful remembrance and hope of eventual reunion, and give the community a chance to not only express their grief, but fulfill their obligation in charity to pray for the dead and minister to the sorrowing.

Sometimes there's confusion in planning funerals. Rituals from military honors to eulogies to prayer moments can all be involved. In making plans, people do well to remember the needs of both the deceased and the living. My mother often said she didn't want a funeral. The reality is that she did, but as a good mother didn't want her children to be bothered too much. While respecting her words and thoughts, we knew that those who loved her also needed the experience of funeral rites.

Some important things to remember in planning a funeral include:

1. Visitations (wakes) at a funeral home are important for helping the mourners recall memories of the faith, love and experience of the deceased
2. A funeral Mass in church is encouraged because it best expresses our praise and thanks for Christ's victory over death, the need for Christ's mercy for the deceased, and His consolation for the mourners
3. The interment of the deceased's body (or ashes if the body was necessarily cremated) in a cemetery is a reminder to us that the body of a Christian - washed in Baptism, fed in Holy Communion, anointed with the Spirit, and one day to be raised in glory - is sacred and must be treated with respect and dignity. It is never permitted to sprinkle the remains or to keep them at home, as either is harmful to the mourners and disrespectful to the deceased.

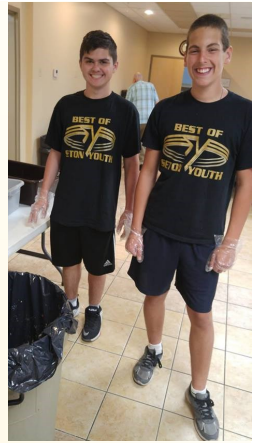
Our Catholic funeral rites illustrate our belief in the resurrection we profess each Sunday, and our need for God's mercy in life and in death. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

Blessings—Fr. Mick

Seton Youth Group

ON JULY 19TH OUR SETON YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS SERVED APPROXIMATELY 215 MEALS TO CAFÉ MANNA GUESTS AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CALL CHUCK OR DENISE CONLON AT 531-2633 OR 242-2403.



GETTING READY TO
"PRAISE YOU IN THE
STORM"



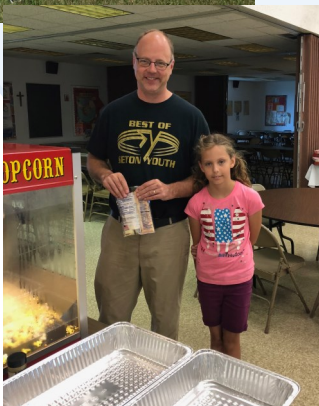
CENTRAL PARK PLAZA FOR
SHAKESPEARE COMEDY AND BEN'S
PRETZELS



CATHOLIC YOUTH IGNITING
THE FIRE LOCK-IN



Parish Picnic 2018





Abigail Sarai Carmona

With Deepest Sympathy

John Bartusiewicz

Richard Meyne

Eileen Loftus

Cindy Barnes



CONFIRMANDI 2018

Cameron Basile
Andres Castellanos
Kailyn Coates
Jorge Dominguez
Caitlin Dziewicki
Emily Fuller
Kyle Janda

Ashley Keneson
Kara Krause
Kendall Lutz
Madison Patrick
Anthony Schafer
Alexander Shemen
Joseph Slys

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

- **Formed.org:** Spiritual opportunities for Adults, Teens and Children. Enter parish access code **QH8MQK**
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, November 2 & December 7.
- **Christ Renews His Parish:** Women-Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Men- Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- **Pre Cana Marriage Prep:** October 27th & November 3rd –9-noon: Register in person or Online.

Save the Date

- **Confirmation:** Thursday, October 4th at 7 pm.
- **All Saints (Holy Day):** Thursday, November 1st at 8 am & 7 pm mass.
- **Memorial Mass:** Friday, November 2nd at 7 pm.
- **Prison Ministry Raffle:** November 3rd & 4th after all masses.
- **Immaculate Conception (Holy Day):** Saturday, December 8th at 8 am and 5 pm.
- **Advent Communal Penance Service:** Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm.
- **Christmas Vigil:** Monday, December 24th at 4 pm & Midnight Mass at 10:30 pm.
- **Christmas Day:** Tuesday, December 25th -- 9 am & 11 am masses.
- **New Year's Eve Vigil:** Monday, December 31st—4 pm masses.
- **New Year's Day:** Tuesday, January 1st at 9 am
- **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat:** January 19th & 20th-Women, January 26th & 27th Men's.

Check us out on our
Website and Facebook.

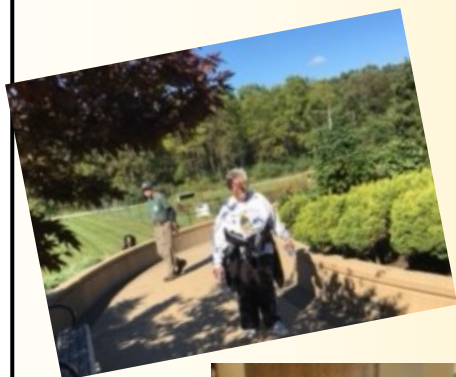


2018 Friends of the Poor Walk/Yoga

Saturday, September 29, 2018, was a great day to see the beautiful gardens at the Gabis Arboretum and the weather couldn't have been better for strolling. Many families came out and enjoyed the Children's Adventure Garden and Railway Garden. People choosing to join the Yoga Class got helpful tips on how to improve their well-being and how to improve their balance lessening potential falls this winter.

Grateful is how we feel for the support each of you have given the St. Vincent de Paul Society, not only in supporting this national event, but supporting us throughout the year. We couldn't do, What we do, Without YOU!

We Joyfully shout 'THANK YOU'!



Choir Kickoff Dinner at Kelsey's

On August 17, the choir had their kickoff dinner at Kelsey's Steakhouse. The choir sang for 9:00 a.m. mass all summer but took time off from evening rehearsals. This dinner brought everyone back together in a social setting so that we could share the highlights of our summer before getting back to weekly rehearsals. The choir is back in full swing now. You can hear the choir sing every Sunday and at other upcoming liturgies such as Confirmation, All Souls Mass, and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We generally sing at 9:00 a.m. mass, but occasionally we sing at 11:00 a.m. mass. This year, we may even sing at one 5:00 Mass!

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Saturday, 5 pm

Sunday, 7:30 am, 9 am & 11 am