



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2016 BULLETIN

Deacon's Corner– Moving Beyond Our Fears

[Luke 1:68-75](#)

The Scriptures distinguish between two kinds of fear, which are healthy and unhealthy. For example, a protective type of anxiety helps prevent avoidable harm. It can warn us not to touch a hot stove or walk on thin ice.

We're also commanded to have a proper fear of God. This includes an overwhelming sense of awe because of who He is. God is Judge and sovereign King. And, we should also live a lifestyle of respectful obedience which honors Him.

Unhealthy fear causes us to feel uneasy, uncomfortable, or threatened. Its source may be a childhood experience or an adult's repeated negative words. The feeling of distress becomes rooted in our thinking. It colors our decision making. As adults, we no longer have a basis for this anxiety, but it may continue to inhibit us.

The imagination is also a source of fear. We can get caught up in "what if" thinking. What if something goes wrong? or What if the outcome I want doesn't happen?

This kind of agitation can block the Lord's best in our life. His purposes often require that we move beyond where we feel most comfortable. Learning new skills, changing jobs, or trying a different way of ministering to others could be part of what He expects.. Such challenges present the opportunity to trust God and obey His request.

Fear doesn't come from God. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you from a place of disquiet into the freedom that is ours in Christ. There you'll discover the ability to follow His plan without being hindered by overwhelming fear.

God Bless,

Deacon Jim Siler

Event Calendar

Adoration and Communion will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am and 6:30pm

Confessions will be heard on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month (6:00 p.m. on Sat. 8:30 a.m. on Sunday).

Rosaries will be on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Holy Cross.

Parish Directory

Holy Cross
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Sacramental Ministers

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231-547-6652

Parish Administrator

Deacon Jim Siler

Pastoral/Finance Council

Bev Cantwell

Jacqueline LaFreniere

Tina Morgan

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Mass Requests

Sept. 3– Nancy Cull

Sept. 4– Muggs Bass

Sept. 11– Bob Banville

Sept. 18– Lawrence McDonough

Sept. 25– Janet O'Donnell

Holy Cross Financial Report

The financial year for Holy Cross is July 1 to June 30 of the following year. If anyone wants to see a complete financial report please send an e-mail to holycross@tds.net.

For the month of July

Income: Offertory and Loose, Hall, Convent Rental and Cemetery Income, mass stipends..... \$19,639

Expenses.....includes Hall, Convent, Church, Rectory and Cemetery.....\$8847

Net Income- \$11,592

Balance Sheet Assets: \$270,540

Liabilities....\$9217

Fund Balance....\$261,323

Door of Mercy at Holy Cross Church

One of eight "Holy Doors of Mercy" within the Diocese of Gaylord, Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island is a designated Pilgrimage site. Those who make a pilgrimage to and pass through a Door of Mercy at any of the pilgrimage churches will obtain a Jubilee Indulgence.

After passing through the Door of Mercy, one should stop in prayer, fulfilling the following actions:

Make a Profession of Faith.

Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions.

Pray the Prayer for the Jubilee by Pope Francis and conclude with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus.

NOTES

Are you aware that you can request copies of the Sunday Homily? If you would like a copy e-mail us at HolyCross@tds.net.

Also bricks for the Memorial Garden are available for sale, the forms are next to the entrance of the Church.

Anyone who wishes to receive this bulletin via email, please contact Jacque LaFreniere at jacquel@tds.net

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Prayer List

Chris Heikka	Steve Walgus
Mary Kenwabikise	Phyllis Moore
Kelton Hunter	Jamie Martin
Kathy Speck	Bernie Miller
Sr. Mathilda McDuffie	Tom Whitman
Avery Devereaux	Liz Lanier
Lynn McNamara Blue	Shirley Sowa
El Hagerman	Geraldine Myers
Ray Becker	Mary Alice Collins
Dee Gallagher	Steve Connaghan
Marie LaFreniere	Carley Cull



Saints of the Day for the month of September

Sept. 2: Blessed John Francis Burte and Companions: These priests were victims of the French Revolution. Though their martyrdom spans a period of several years, they stand together in the Church's memory because they all gave their lives for the same principle. The Civil Constitution of the Clergy (1791) required all priests to take an oath which amounted to a denial of the faith. Each of these men refused and was executed.

Sept. 5: Blessed Teresa of Kolkata (1910-1997): Mother Teresa of Kolkata, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950 as a diocesan religious community. She lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals (the ordinary dress of an Indian woman) she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home.

Sept. 9: St. Peter Claver (1581-1654): A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia), a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615. Claver arrived to work, declaring himself "the slave of the Negroes forever." As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Sept. 10: St. Thomas of Villanova (1488-1555): St. Thomas was from Castile in Spain and received his surname from the town where he was raised. After joining the Augustinian friars at Salamanca he was ordained and resumed his teaching—despite a continuing absentmindedness and poor memory. He became prior and then provincial of the friars, sending the first Augustinians to the New World. He took in orphans and paid his servants for every deserted child they brought to him. He encouraged the wealthy to imitate his example and be richer in mercy and charity than they were in earthly possessions. As he lay dying, Thomas commanded that all the money he possessed be distributed to the poor.

Sept. 12: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Sept. 16: St. Cornelius (d. 253): There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of St. Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. St. Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men." The greatest problem of Cornelius's two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Cornelius died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia (near Rome).

Sept. 17: St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621): When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain. The last major controversy of Bellarmine's life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. Bellarmine delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus (the sun as stationary) was contrary to Scripture.

Sept. 19: St. Januarius (d. 305): Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that after Januarius was thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, he was beheaded, and his blood ultimately brought to Naples.

Sept. 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968): Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice (1898-1903 and 1910-17) his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet and side. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio.

Sept. 26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian (d. 303): Legend says that they were twin brothers born in Arabia, who became skilled doctors. They were among those who are venerated in the East as the "moneyless ones" because they did not charge a fee for their services. It was impossible that such prominent persons would escape unnoticed in time of persecution: They were arrested and beheaded.

Sept. 29: St. Jerome (345-420): Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his Son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and St. Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen.

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Check out http://americancatholic.org for a list of saints daily. Please take a moment to read about them. Fascinating reading!</p>					
				1 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	2 Blessed John Francis Burte and Compan- ions	3 Mass 5 pm for Nancy Cull
4 Mass 9:30 am for Muggs Bass	5 Blessed Teresa of Kolkata	6 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	7 Rosary 9 a.m.	8 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	9 St. Peter Claver	10 St. Thomas of Villanova
11 Mass 9:30 am for Bob Banville	12 Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	14 Rosary 9 a.m.	15 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	16 St. Cornelius	17 St. Robert Bellarmine
18 Mass 9:30 am for Lawrence McDonough	19 St. Januarius	20 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	21 Rosary 9 a.m.	22 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina	24
25 Mass 9:30am For Janet O'Donnell	26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian	27 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	28 Rosary 9 a.m.	29 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	30 St. Jerome	