

OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY

Our Lady of Mercy - St. Brigid's



Saint Raymond Nonatus

*Cardinal Saint of the Mercedarian Order
Saint of the Eucharist and special patron of
expectant mothers, families and the unborn*

Expectant Mothers Prayer to St. Raymond

Oh glorious St. Raymond, my patron dear, to you I take recourse in my needs. God has called me to the state of married life, and has blessed our union. I am expecting a child and to God I consecrate it just now. Intercede for us, especially for the mother and child, and grant them a safe delivery. The child I expect shall encourage me to lead a good Christian life and I shall try my best to make the child a true God-loving child. I know that you can obtain God's help and protection and in your intercession I trust. Show yourself as the kind intercessor and protector of those who invoke you.

OFFICE CONTACT AND INFORMATION

The office serving both
Our Lady of Mercy and St. Brigid's Parishes
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass is celebrated at
St. Joseph's Oratory at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday
St. Brigid's on Tuesday and
Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses are as follows
Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:15, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
at St. Peter's Church

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
at St. Brigid's Church

Confessions Saturday 3 to 4 pm at St. Peter's Church
and 4 to 4:30 pm at St. Brigid

**The bulletin and more church news can be found on line
at our parish website:**

www.ourladyofmercyleroy.org

PLEASE REMEMBER

**Next week our Sunday evening Mass
moves to 6:00 p.m. and will
remain at this time until
the first weekend in June.**

Mass Intentions

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Monday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Mary Horn (*Birth*)
by *The Estate*

8:00 a.m. Addy Murphy
by *Jim and Bonnie Woodruff*

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 a.m. Carma McMurphy
by *Her sister, Mary Cesarano*

8:00 a.m. Samuel Cravatta (*Anniv*)
by *The Cravatta Family*

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 a.m. Laura J. Krzewinski
by *Rick and Kathy Krzewinski*

8:00 a.m. Raymond Krenzer (*Birth*)
by *The Family*

Thursday, September 1

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth, Anna and Ursula Rider
by *Dave and Mary Fee*

8:00 a.m. Walter Feeley
by *Knights of Columbus*
Edward W. Powers-Council #2936

Friday, September 2

7:00 a.m. Sonny Zalacca
by *David and Nancy Elmore*

8:00 a.m. Josephine Sherman
by *The McCulley Family*

Saturday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Sr. Ignazia, SOLM
by *The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*

4:30 p.m. Helen Eckert (*Birth*)
by *Tom and Gail Riter*

Sunday, September 4

7:15 a.m. Martha Least
by *Patti and Tony Madau*

8:30 a.m. Helen Mikolajczyk
by *The Traditional Choir*

10:30 a.m. Rob Wortman
by *The Kabala Family*

6:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

St. Brigid's

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Rose DeFazio
by *Ellen Menzie*

Thursday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Michael Jezik
by *Judy Bless*

Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m. Buddy Filowick
by *Parents*

Sunday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Kenneth J. McKerrick
by *Donna Durand*

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2011

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a monotheistic faith, that is, a belief in the oneness of God, there is much that is vastly different among the three religions. A common expression used by many Arab Muslims (which has already been subsumed into English) is inshallah a contraction of the Arabic words "in sha' Allah"



meaning "if God wills it." The expression holds within itself the attitude that things will unfold because God permits them to happen. "We will see each other tomorrow, inshallah" that is, God willing. There is a kind of a

sense of fate in this attitude. Human action is ultimately dependent on divine permission.

The Gospel today takes a different approach. Jesus instructs his disciples that whoever would follow after him must "take up his cross, and follow me." He continues, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The disciple actively chooses the suffering that is part of human existence and seeks out the will of God in his or her life. By seeking first what is right (i.e., the will of God), the disciple finds true happiness, which eludes those who seek such happiness directly in trying to gain the whole world.

Christianity has always been an active religion. We believe that we cooperate with God's grace in performing God's will. Christians do not shrink from promoting the common good and moving forward as part of their faith. When we act in the social sphere we do so believing that God has placed us on this earth with a purpose, that each person must discern God's will in his or her own life. That gift of vocation, whatever it may be for each individual, is lived out in the community of faith for the building up of God's kingdom.

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Our Lady of Mercy Happenings

Boy Scouting Minute: Study results indicate that Scouts with at least five years' tenure are more likely than boys who have never been Scouts to: assume leadership roles in clubs or school organizations, put the needs of others before their own, have higher self-confidence, be active in a variety of after-school activities and resist peer pressure to take part in delinquent or dishonest activities. Find more Scouting facts at BeAScout.org.

New Beginnings is for anyone who has lost someone close to them and would like to get together socially for lunch once a month with others who have also experienced similar loss. The group will meet at 11: 30 a.m. Wednesday, September 14th at Terry Hills on 5122 Clinton Street Road, Batavia. For reservations, MaryAnne Sovocool at 768-6642.

Mark your calendar and join us for **GRANDMA'S SUNDAY DINNER** –on Sunday, September 25th the Mercy Meal committee is going to have an old-fashioned pasta dinner just like grandma hosted every Sunday for the family. The proceeds from this dinner will assist in purchasing supplies and equipment for the Mercy Meal program. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin a new session this fall. The RCIA program might be of interest to you if you find yourself in any of the following situations:

- You are searching for a church to call your own and you have a general curiosity about the Catholic Church.
- You are unbaptized or are baptized in another faith, but seek full communion with the Catholic Church.
- You are Catholic and attend Mass and other services regularly, but you are in need of sacrament preparation for Eucharist or Confirmation. Please call the rectory for more information.

Carmelite Third Order: Is prayer an important part of your life? Do you want to grow in your spiritual life? If you feel God is calling you, please join us at a meeting to see if Carmel is for you. Our community meets on the second Saturday of each month at St. Joseph's Oratory at 10:00 am. We invite you to visit, observe and then pray again to see if you are called to Carmel. There is no obligation to visit! For more information contact: Barb Sanderson 768-6946, Marion Peck 548-2635, or Virginia Curry 343-1655.



Religious Education Correction: There was an error on the program information sheet. Kindergarten through 4th grades meet on Saturday, 5th through 11th grades meet on Sunday.

St. Brigid's Happenings

Coffee Hour is back Saturday, September 10th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Be sure to stop by for friendship and refreshments.

St. Brigid's Annual Parish Family Picnic is coming up on September 11th. Look for the sign-up sheet in back of the church.

Just a reminder! Clean refundable bottles and cans are still being collected to support the Migrant Ministry. Please drop off your clean bottles and cans in the Parish Center. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Ministry: Anyone is welcome to contact the St. Brigid Prayer Tree. If you have prayer requests, please feel free to call one of the following: Alberta Hawkins 548-7310, Debbie Kraszewski 494-1759, Marion Peck 548-2635 or Cheri Sheridan 748-7248.

Marriage Spirituality Tune Up Packet Available: Jesus' first miracle took place at the Wedding Feast of Cana. John 2:1-12. Jesus changed water into wine - the best wine! He changes the ordinary into the extraordinary. Every marriage, whether months or 75 plus years, has tune-up needs. For your free practical and useful packet with many suggestions and resources to enrich your marriage, call 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

Sunday, September 11 is National Grandparents Day, an opportunity to celebrate grandparents and elders who have nourished our lives. Our new revised 2011 FREE packet of materials is filled with ideas for celebrating BUT has items also for grandparents themselves to enjoy. So, you don't need to do much to make the day itself holy and special. It's all ready for you. You may find it full of life-giving ideas to use all year round! Contact Family Life Ministries at (716) 847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org for your FREE packet

Marriage Moment: Try praising your wife, even if it frightens her at first. A compliment carries more weight if it's specific and true. Make it a daily habit to look for a way to complement your beloved. This works with kids too.

 **Catholic Charities**  **Catholic Charities Home Visitation Program** is a free service

to adults 60 and over who are limited socially. Weekly visits are for one hour a week to encourage and bring quality of life to the individual. We are accepting applications for volunteers who desire to become visitors, and from clients wishing to receive friendly visits. Please contact supervisor Mary Alexander at 585-343-0614 ext 14.

September 3 & 4
St. Peter's Church

4:30 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Greeters: R. Klinkbeil, W. Klinkbeil
Servers: H. Spencer
Lectors: R. Fatcheric
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Call, N. Lehrer, M. Scanlan

7:15 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Lectors: T. Hassett
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bobo, J. Caccamise

8:30 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Eugene
Greeters: B. Woodruff, J. Woodruff
Lectors: G. Privitera
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Boehly, B. Gugino, M. Roth

10:30 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Mike
Greeters: D. Zok, N. Zok
Servers: K. Blue, A. Hansen
Lectors: E. Bishop, G. Calmes
Eucharistic Ministers: R. McKeon, C. Miller,
L. Spadaccia

6:00 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Eugene
Lectors: C. Kistner
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Riggi

St. Brigid's Church

5:00 P.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Eugene
Servers: H. Holland
Lectors: S. Capurso
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Swapceinski, M.K. Casey,
L. Rowsick

9:00 A.M.

Celebrant: Fr. Tim
Servers: L. Gerhardy
Lectors: L. Cudney
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Stoll, B. Stoll, J. VanDenBosch

*If you are unable to fill your time, **PLEASE** take the time to find a replacement. Thank you!*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

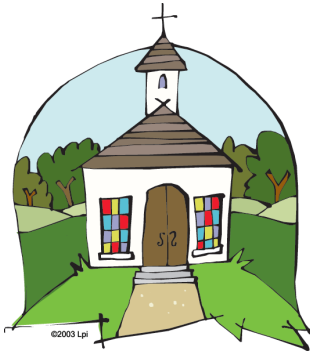
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St. Brigid's..... \$1,562.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

While on vacation, we went to Mass and in the church vestibule was a sign with the date when the church was consecrated. Does that refer to the first time a Mass was celebrated?

In the past, most churches were dedicated. Only a few were consecrated. The consecration involved elaborate rituals, some of which were obscure in meaning even to those performing the rite. A church that was consecrated, usually a cathedral or a shrine for pilgrimage, was expected to remain in sacred use forever. After Vatican II, the distinction between a consecrated and a dedicated church was abandoned. The revised Rite for the Dedication of a Church is now used.

This majestic rite uses symbols to remind us that the place where we gather to worship God is emblematic of who we are as a Christian people. The rite opens with the blessing of the baptismal font and the sprinkling of the walls and the people with holy water—in effect baptizing the building. The bishop shows off the Lectionary, which is then set on the ambo, blessing the place from which the word of God is proclaimed. After a prayer of dedication, the bishop anoints the altar with chrism, burns incense on it, and lights the first candle used to light the rest of the church—chrism and candle, just like a baptism. After the eucharistic prayer and Communion, the remaining hosts are taken to the tabernacle in a rite that inaugurates the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you are invited to participate in a dedication of a church, do so. You won't want to miss this moving ritual of our faith.



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SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Raymond Nonnatus was born in 1204 in Spain. His mother died during childbirth and he was delivered by Caesarian. Nonnatus translates to "not born."

He joined the Order of Mercy and was one of their most illustrious members. As chief ransomer, he traveled to the Barbary Coast to free Christian hostages. When his money ran out, he gave himself in exchange for hostages. While being tortured, he converted several of the guards. For this his lips were padlocked.

Upon release he was made Cardinal of Spain. He died almost a year later in the 1240.

He is the patron saint of midwives and expectant mothers.



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