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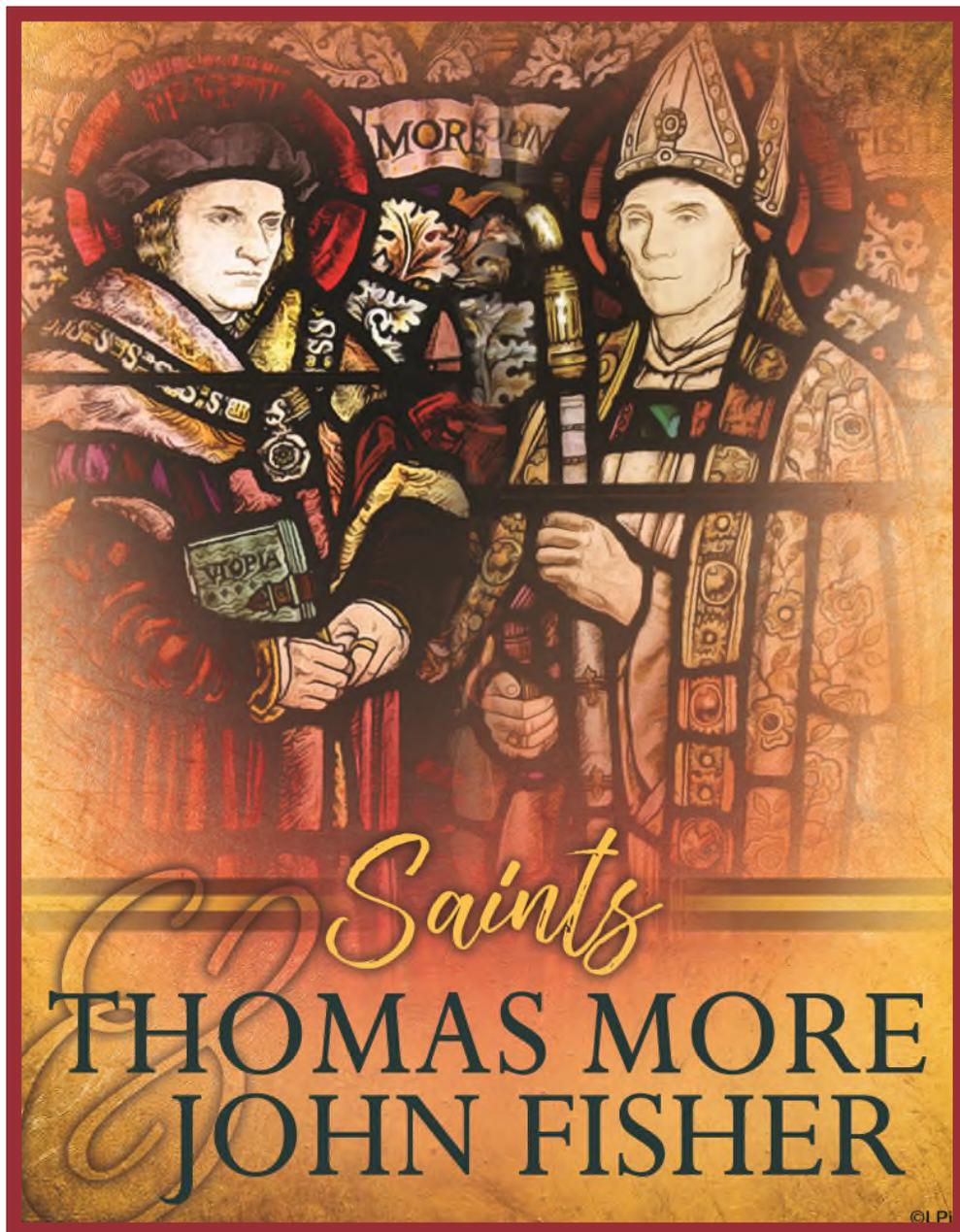
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“A FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM 2018” ... ***Freedom for mission...***

It is hard to believe how quickly the month of June is passing and next weekend, many of us will be preparing to celebrate the “Fourth of July” holiday (although this year, Independence Day is right in the middle of the week). It is, of course, a great time for family and friends to gather and it is also a special time when we remember the independence and freedoms that are so much part of the identity of the United States of America and the American way of life. Let us hope and pray that the weather cooperates with all those cookouts or firework displays this weekend and that everyone has a wonderful time together!

As has happened for a number of years now, the Catholic Bishops of the United States of America (USCCB) have asked for a “Fortnight for Freedom”. The ***Fortnight for Freedom*** begins on June 21 and finishes on the 4th July. It is a time when our liturgical calendar has celebrated a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political powers: St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (22nd July), St. John the Baptist (whose birthday we keep this weekend), SS. Peter and Paul (more about Saint Peter next weekend!), and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

The theme of this year's *Fortnight* focuses on the importance of religious freedom. Pope Francis, on his visit to the USA, encouraged us to do three things: to nurture, to promote and to defend the precious gift of religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is a request for a special time of prayer and reflection, especially for the protection of our religious freedoms in the United States. This may seem a radical, or puzzling, or even disturbing request, given that we live in a free society: something that can be brought into sharp focus especially when we see the news from other parts of the world. Perhaps we may be unsure about the issues or concerns that are being raised or discussed by this special “fortnight”, or perhaps we may just wonder what all the fuss is about.

As the USCCB website tells us, the religious liberty that has been enjoyed in the United States is, to quote Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the “most cherished of American freedoms.” However, many people (including our US Bishops), strongly believe that this essential and fundamental freedom is now under seri-

ous threat in a number of complex and interrelated ways. Some examples are given on the USCCB website, or check out the resources guide that can be found on the Diocesan website www.rcda.org/fortnight

We are asked to consider three things in particular. First, of course, is prayer (as well as penance and sacrifice): to renew our prayers for the rebuilding of a culture that is favourable to life and marriage and for increased protections for religious liberty (cf. the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty). Secondly, we are asked to educate ourselves further about our Catholic beliefs. How can we do this? Well, we could look further into *what* we believe of course; but also *why* we believe it and then *how* these beliefs and values relate to our present-day culture, our choices and our way of life and also to the various items of legislation that have come into law in the recent few years. Examples of this include the Supreme Court decision regarding same sex unions, or certain provisions of the health care laws (as well as the recent attempt to change the health care law provisions here in NY State that would have forced even church organizations to provide abortion and other services). Thirdly, we are asked to be advocates and promoters of a “culture of life” and of a respect for the fundamental dignity of every person from the moment of their conception to the natural end of their life.

Once again, it must be said that the issues are complex because they involve so many fundamental things such as human rights, political philosophies, religious beliefs, values, attitudes, life-styles and the very nature and direction of our American culture and society as well as the very meaning of essential matters such as “life”, “marriage” etc. However, because they are so fundamental they have, and they certainly will, affect all of us. It is not just something for a few politicians, lobby groups, bishops or “others” to argue about! Please do take some time to follow the three suggestions above given by the US Bishops.



Fr. Anthony



THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY, June 28

- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

SUNDAY, July 1

- Sign up for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Pray the Rosary - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
- Garden Party - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, June 24

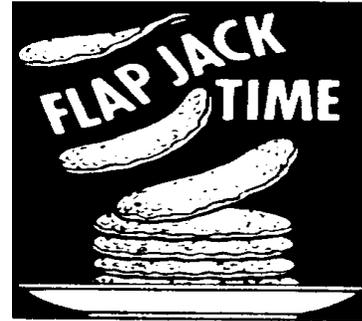
"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!" - St. John Vianney

Would you watch an hour with Me?



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Once again we will be accepting donations of cash or packaged non-perishable food items on behalf of Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Parish with "Food Pantry" put on the Memo line, or put it in an envelope marked "Food Pantry."



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* REMINDER *

Please be advised that our Parish office hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you have a family member or close friend who, due to illness or physical limitations, cannot attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, call the Parish office (518-828-1334) to arrange a home visit by a priest or Extraordinary Minister of Communion.

SYMBOLS
of the
SEVEN SACRAMENTS



SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.



Our 2018
Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we have continued to receive pledges and donations. To date we have received 247 contributions including donations, pledges and online giving totaling \$54,605.00 toward our Parish goal of \$66,149.00.

Thanks to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in such a generous way.

We have recently sent letters to those from whom we have not yet heard. Please join in praying that we will once again exceed our goal.

Please keep in mind, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at theBishopsAppeal.org . Call us at 518-828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 518- 453-6680 for assistance.

*Spreading the Joy of the Gospel
starts with You!*



Holy Matrimony

*God's Blessings upon Daniel Vincent
and Sarah Eichas Vincent on the occasion
of their recent marriage nuptials.*

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HUDSON

Regular Offertory (June 17).....	\$ 6269.00
Father's Day.....	\$ 126.00
Catholic Communication Campaign.....	\$ 481.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory (June 17).....	\$ 973.00
Father's Day.....	\$ 63.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 30.00
Catholic Communication Campaign.....	\$ 356.00

PRAYER FOR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Oh Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your newly ordained priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly lives.

In their loneliness, comfort them; in their sorrows, strengthen them; in their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified. Show them that they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, they are needed for the work of redemption.

Oh loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordinations, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

*God bless Father Zachariah Chichester
Ordained June 16, 2018*

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p.203 (Vigil: p.201) Opening Hymn: # 299
Closing: # 307

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Weekday (June 25)

7:15 AM Lydia Grima - Family

TUESDAY: Weekday (June 26)

7:15 AM Annie T. Carter - Sarah A. Fabiano
Lynn Race - Buddy & Rosa Pfeil

WEDNESDAY: Weekday (June 27)

7:15 AM Patti Brown - Chic Loomis

THURSDAY: St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (June 28)

7:15 AM Lynn Marie Race - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky

FRIDAY: Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles (June 29)

7:15 AM Lynn Goetz Race - Nettie Shallo
Chris Drabick - Dolly & Lee VanDeCarr
9:00 AM John Gunther - His loving wife, Marilyn
(G'TWN)

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (June 30)

4:00 PM Chris Groll - Bob & Janice Pendergast
(HUD) Felix & Mary Ambrose - Ron & Arlene Gabriele
Robert Stickles, Sr. - Dick & Frieda Van Deusen
5:30 PM Benjamin Bartolotta - Gloria & Frank Santacroce
(LNLTH) Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (July 1)

9:00 AM Janet Decker Christina - Virginia & Gail Decker
(HUD) Thomas C. Quigley & Mary Lou Bujanow - Family
Stephen & Debra Molnar III - James & Kelly
Schermerhorn

11:00 AM To the Holy Spirit - M & P Comesanas
(G'TWN) John Gunther - His loving wife, Marilyn

Readings for the Week of June 24

Sunday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26 /Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40
[33a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b] /2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt
8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a] /2 Cor
8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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