

3rd Sunday of Easter *April 14, 2024*



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

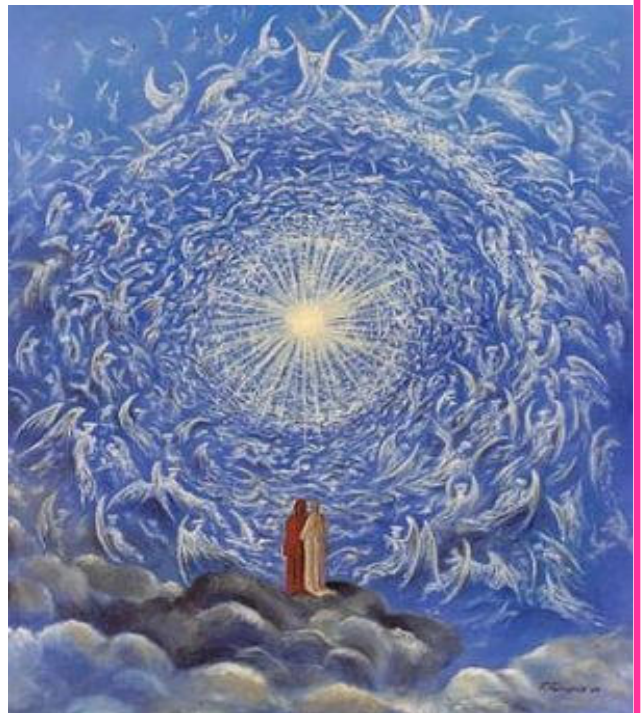
**OLPH: Bob & Pauline Bulfer, Bob & Maureen Weber,
Larry & Rose Leffelman, Mary Kuebel**

**SMA: Wanda Deacon, Doug Pettenger, Sister Cornelia Okeke
St. Patrick: Darrell & Sharon Full, Marty & Denise Bickett**

From the Gusset

One of the themes in *the Paradiso* in Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is "glory." The great poet is going to try to describe to us a "shadow" of the glory of God that was revealed to him on his pilgrimage through Heaven. Remember I told you in my Easter homily that the goal of our lives is to make God Almighty not just glad that He created us, but our goal in life as Catholics should be that we make God *exceedingly thrilled* that He created us in the image and likeness of His Son! When we read the creation story of Genesis at the Easter Vigil Mass that rhythm of the repeating line kept coming up: *God saw how good was the creation of that day – evening came, and morning followed....* But did you notice that God doesn't say that what He created was good for every day of creation!? On day two, when God separated the waters; so that, there was a dome of water in the sky and then a dome of water on the earth – God does not say that this is a good thing! The water (some Church Fathers seem to think that water is a symbol of God's grace) in the sky – Heaven – that God's grace in Heaven touches the Angels and Saints and these creatures make manifest God's love or God's glory – the citizens of Heaven radiate God's glory and so Heaven is highly luminous – filled with light! The water on earth; however, brings God's grace, but the creatures there both reflect and absconds with God's grace! God's love is hoarded by the bad angels and so also, sometimes (or in the case of Fr. Randy, more often than not) – sometimes we, human beings, horde God's grace to ourselves instead of re-radiating that grace – that love of God – to others. We are aware of this, because don't we pray in the Our Father Prayer – "Father, Thy will be done on earth (by me) just as Your will in Heaven is done by the Angels and Saints." See the problem is that you and I – we don't have a strong enough desire to want to give God's love away to others; and thus, allow God's glory to shine forth on earth as it does in Heaven. Dante ultimately writes the third Canticle of the Divine Comedy to help us (and himself) — to re-educate ourselves on what it means to be Catholic and receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church (receive God's grace) and then radiate that grace – that love – that glory of God to all whom, we see on earth. You see, this sphere (the water beneath the dome) of God's love might be just as luminous as the sphere (the dome God called the sky) of Heaven, if only we would reflect God's glory as He created us to do. That is why, we, the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, and St. Patrick Church – we all make a Spiritual Communion when we receive the Eucharist, because we desire something great. We desire that the love – that the grace – that the glory that God gives us in the Eucharist would shine forth from our souls and illuminate the souls of our loved ones that are dark with sin and ignorance and selfishness – that God, looking down from the dome of the sky called Heaven would see that the dome under the sky (the earth) was becoming more and more luminous with the light of His glory with every passing Sunday!

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy





**WHILE THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE
STILL IN THEIR GLORY HERE ARE
THE DONATIONS MADE IN
MEMORY AND TO HONOR OUR
BELOVED DEAD**

St. Patrick Church

George Malach, **Dick & Mary Ann Cardot**, Doug Blaine, **Mulligan and Blaine Families**, Charles & Katherine Fronek, **Janice Lloyd**, Joseph & Mary McCoy, **Frank & Mildred Fronek**, Robert Fronek, **Franklin Fronek**,

Montavon & Landreth Families, **Full & Walzer Families**, Peterson & Bickett Families, **Joseph & Marty Quest**, Sharkey & Ryan Families, **Melvin Stewart**, Bickett & Book Families

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Vivian Mullins, **Sandie Pettenger**, Darla Lindenmier, **Joseph & Catherine Schauer**, Sister Frances Anna Hraback, **Steve & Josephine Dvorsky**, Thomas Dvorsky, **Eleanor Dvorsky**, Charles & Sylvia Schauer, **Joseph Schauer**, Corcoran & Vickrey Families, **Francis & Kathleen Schmidt**, Rita Haefner, **Fr. Jonathan Bakkelund**, Julie Kaelin

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Ronald Vaessen, **Ralph & Della Vaessen**, Schwemlein Family, **James & Geraldine Fronek**, Ronald Fronek, **Msgr. William Donovan**, Msgr. Richard Mahowald, **Fr. Daniel Cipar**, Clement & Mary Henkel, **Charles Henkel**, Roland Schuhler, **Joseph Schuhler Family**, Martin Spitz Family, **Fred & Garnett Schmidt**, Leo & Cele Bulfer, **Streit & Vollertsen Family**, Wellington & Marion Chaon, **Raymond & Ellice Dinges**, Madge King, **Joe & Margy Henkel**, Louis & Carol Vaessen Families, **Amanda Olson**, Elizabeth Henkel, **Delmer Dinges**, Mary Zapf, **Michael Widolff**, Jerry Herbord, **Ruth Ann Payne**, Joseph Kuebel, **Frank & Anna Peroutka**, Hraback Family



The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

**How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God
—can be so influential on one's Faith!**

One of the great joys of being **the Pastor** of **three Parishes** is that I get to bless multiple **Easter Candles (Paschal Candles)** at **the Easter Vigil Mass**. Each Church must have its own **Paschal Candle**, which is lit for all **the Masses** of Easter and is lit throughout the year at **Baptisms** and **Funeral Masses**. **The liturgy** for the blessing of the **Easter Candle** is called **the Lucernarium**, which includes the blessing of **the Easter fire** and the preparation of the **Paschal Candle**. So each year, I get to pick out the **Easter Candle** for our **three Churches**. One year, I simply ordered the same **Candle**, but typically I order a different **Paschal Candle** with a unique **theme** for each of the **Churches**. This year I chose **“the Twelve Apostles”** **theme** for **St. Mary of the Assumption Church in West Brooklyn**. This **Paschal Candle** highlights **the chalice** of blessing that **the twelve** drank from on the night of the **Last Supper**. There is a wax profile of **six apostles** above **the chalice** and a wax profile of **six of the apostles** below **the chalice**. There are **five incense pegs** that are inserted into **the candle** in the shape of a **Cross**, and they are accompanied by the following **prayer**:



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| 1. By His holy | 1 |
| 2. and glorious wounds, | |
| 3. may Christ the Lord | 4 2 5 |
| 4. guard us | |
| 5. and protect us. Amen. | 3 |

It is so important for us to remember that **every Sunday** that Jesus invites each one of us, **baptized Catholics**, to come to the upper room and celebrate **the Eucharist** in memory of Himself. That even if we don't

physically receive **the precious Blood** from **the chalice** – that because **Fr. Randy** broke off a small piece of **the Host** and placed it in **the chalice**, saying **‘the secret prayer,’** **‘May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it’** – that each of us does receive **the Eucharist** under both species even though we have physically only eaten of **the Host**. That Jesus does say to each of us at **every Mass**: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.** Our **Twelve Apostle Paschal Candle** in **West Brooklyn** reminds us that we are the Lord's **Apostles** in **the Year of Grace 2024** – Jesus calls us to dine with Him every Sunday at **the Mass** – what difference does it make how long **the homily** is or whether the **Cubs** are playing at the same time or if the sun is shining or **the winds** are blowing stronger than ever – the Lord God is calling us **to sup** with His Son. **Happy Easter!**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13th

(+) Gerald & (+) Janet Hornung/ Fr. Randy & (+) Fidelis & (+) Recheal Ezenagu/ DDL
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Jean Ritola/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Patterson

Sunday, March 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Charles & (+) Bea Buckley/ Family

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

(+) Camilo & (+) Mercedes Lapid/ Sister Laticia Lapid

Monday, April 15th

(+) Richard & (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ Fr. Randy &

(+) James Fronek/ Judith Scroggins

Tuesday, April 16th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Robert Bresson/ Betty Bohn

Wednesday, April 17th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Pat Syskowski/ Judy Marschang

Thursday, April 18th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Gerald & (+) Janet Hornung/ Fr. Randy

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel

Friday, April 19th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

10:00 am, **Stoncroft** (+) Sister Corde Miranda & (+) Sister Angelica/ Sister Laticia Lapid

Saturday, April 20th

(+) Angelo & (+) Irma & (+) Dino Guidarini/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Delmer Dinges/ Mr. & Mrs. Louie Vaessen &
(+) Joan Dinges/ Gene Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bresson

Sunday, March 21st 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

(+) Segrendina Lecordo/ Sister Laticia Lapid & Kim Marten/ Mary Schreiner

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