

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 21

6:00 p.m.
Martha Petrillo (D)

Sunday, July 22

8:00 a.m.
St Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Joseph, Victor and
Dominic Palumbo (D)

Tuesday, July 24

6:00 p.m.
Charles Johnson (D)

Wednesday, July 25

8:30 a.m.
David C. Stevens (D)

Thursday, July 26

6:00 p.m.
Kay Woolley (D)

Friday, July 27

8:30 a.m.
Frederick and Helen
Busch (D)

Saturday, July 28

6:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, July 29

8:00 a.m.
Anne Busch (D)
10:30 a.m.
Jerome Onokpise (D)
Margaret Onokpise (D)
Josephine Akiti (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,
St. Paul uses a striking phrase in today's Second Reading. He says that Jesus Christ himself "is our peace, he who made both one." We are used to hearing that Jesus brings peace, inner peace, to those who accept his forgiveness and his friendship. But what does it mean to say that Jesus Christ IS our peace? In these verses of St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, four key aspects come through.

In the first place, St. Paul makes clear that the origin of this peace is to be found in the crucifixion. It was through Christ's obedience to his Father's will up to the point of dying on a cross that became our peace.

Secondly, it is clear that when Paul uses the word "peace" he is referring at least in part to unity among peoples. When he says that Jesus "broke down the dividing wall of enmity" he is referring to a real wall, the wall that separated two sections of the ancient Jewish temple. In the outer section Gentiles (non-Jews) were allowed to pray. But in the inner section only Jews were allowed. The Jews were God's chosen people, separated from the rest of the peoples of the world and called to a special relationship with God.

But God never meant that separation to last forever. Instead, that Old Testament community was a preparation for the New Testament community, the Catholic Church. The word "catholic" actually comes from a Greek word that means Universal, and it refers to the fact that Jesus wants to offer salvation to all people. And so, through his universal love, shown forth on the cross, he breaks down the barriers between Jews and Gentiles, indeed he breaks down the barriers between all people. When we say that the Church is Catholic, this is what we mean. This is why the Church teaches that, for example, racism, discrimination, sexism,

CHOIR
"Adult Choir practice is Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Please come and sing with us! No prior music experience necessary. E-mail questions or concerns to pjwilford@gmail.com."



and anti-Semitism are all sins. They treat certain groups of people as if they were less than human, as if they were not worthy of God's universal love.

A beautiful demonstration of this "Catholicity" is found in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist....body, blood, soul, and divinity. And so everyone who receives Holy Communion receives Jesus himself--the whole Jesus. Jesus doesn't give part of himself to some people and more of himself to others. In the Catholic Church, kings and peasants, Italians and Inuits, receive the exact same Sacraments.

Thank you! to all who made my birthday so special this past week. Thank you to all who attended Mass, organized the party, and who were so generous in their promises of prayers and gifts. May God reward you each for the kindness shown to me!. St. Louis you are the best!

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
July 28/29

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	
6:00 p.m.	S. Wilson, T. Gorham
8:00 a.m.	J. Piotrowski, T. Cross
10:30 a.m.	K. Onokpise, A. Madera
Lectors	
6:00 p.m.	J. Croft, B. Stich
8:00 a.m.	T. Sobon, V. Laurienzo
10:30 a.m.	M. Jimenez, P. Johnson
Sacristans	
6:00 p.m.	Pullens
8:00 a.m.	T. Cross
10:30 a.m.	B. Smith
Altar Servers	
6:00 p.m.	(Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m.	C. Lara, (Open)
10:30 a.m.	I. Brown, D. Smith
Liturgical Assistants	
6:00 p.m.	R. Larson
8:00 a.m.	S. Ball
10:30 a.m.	G. Brown

For Sunday, July 15	
Offertory this week:	\$3,643.00
Target:	\$3,818.73
Collected vs Target for month	\$1,128.87
Collected vs Target since July	\$1,128.87
Projected Offertory for year:	\$985,012.49
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00
Building Fund this week:	\$623.00
Collected this month:	\$2,141.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$2,141.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$572.00
Improvements Collections:	\$333.00
Total collected to date:	\$381.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

This ministry is helping us improve the look and upkeep of our parish! We reached our goal for the year ending June 30th. and hope to do this again for the new year which began July 1st! Our goal for the year is \$11,000. To date we have collected \$381. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from July 23 through August 3 and will reopen August 6. If contact is needed you can phone Father Stevens at 262-8155.

WELCOME TO
ST. LOUIS PARISH

Keyandra Raines
Olisa and Carrine Anaeto
Wendy Pierre and Alexandra Whitehurst.

HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL
MINISTRY

The Shelter's requests this month are Grits, Oatmeal and Peanut Butter. Please mark all items "SHELTER" and place them in the parish hall kitchen or in the gray bin

in the back of the church. Continued thanks to all in our parish who contribute food to make our meals at the Shelter possible.

Mary Balkcom and Brenda Mueller

BURSE CLUB

The Burse Club was established in 1975 under the auspices of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It was established to provide finances necessary to educate students for the priesthood. Since it was formed, it has supported over half our priests in the diocese. As a member of the Burse Club one prays for vocations and pays dues of \$1 a month or \$12 a year. There are brochures in the back of the church. Complete the tear-off portion and attach your check to it prior to placing it in the offertory collection. Participation in the Burse Club is ongoing, so feel free to submit your contribution at any time.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Employment Opportunities for the 2018-19 school year at Trinity Catholic School: Job descriptions and applications can be found online at www.trinityknights.org/employment. Please send your resume and application to Tommy Bridges by e-mail at bridgest@trinityknights.org.

- * 5th Grade Teacher, full time
- * Science Teacher, full time, grades 6-8
- * Music Teacher, full time, grades K-8

Trinity Catholic School is Enrolling Now for the 2018-19 school year, grades PK3-8. Limited space available. We would love to welcome you to our school. Call us to schedule a tour at 222-0444



SATURDAY, JULY 28

7:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

"WONDER"

WONDER follows the inspiring story of the Pullman family, whose youngest child, Auggie, is a boy born with facial differences. When Auggie enters mainstream elementary school for the first time, his extraordinary journey unites his family, his school, and his community, and proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Admission to Movie: FREE
(Donations Accepted)
Popcorn: \$5.00 (AYCE)
Sausage Dogs: \$1.50
Soft Drinks: \$0.75

Join us to watch movies that will inform you about important people or events in the history of our Catholic faith or that may inspire you to be a better father/mother/spouse/son/daughter/friend.

All proceeds go to St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund



In today's Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity for the vast crowds and begins to teach them many things. Here is a way you can reach out to teach them. Who do you know that has not been fully initiated into our Catholic Church? Now is the time to be moved and invite them to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Adult Confirmation taking place during Celebrate Faith on February 9, 2019. Learn more at <https://ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2019>.