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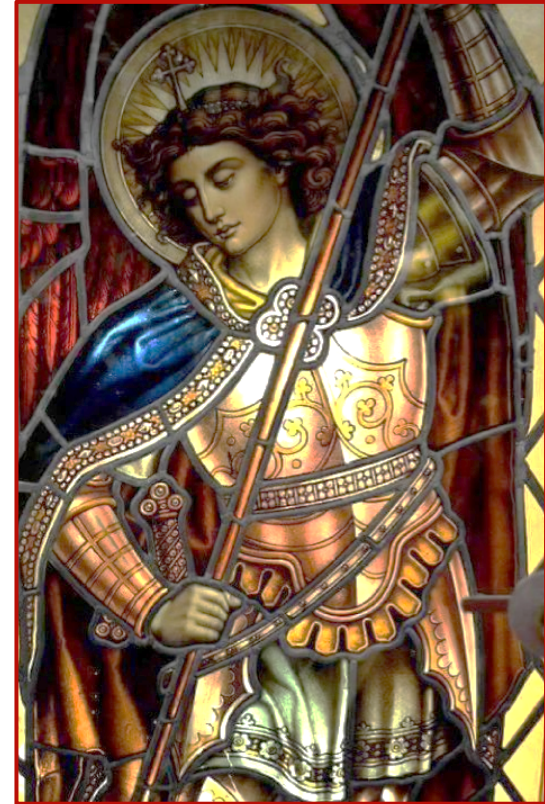
Guidelines for Mass:

- Maintain social distancing at all times (families may sit together)
- Do not congregate anywhere on church grounds
- Confessions will be heard in the cry room
- If someone is ill or vulnerable, they are excused from attending Mass
- If you have symptoms or have recently been in contact with someone who has tested positive, you must stay home.
- The faithful must be aware of the inherent risks involved, and it is incumbent upon them to make the decision to attend or not.

Continued... of Christ the Church also introduced blessings and benedictions which were prefigured in the Old Law. God commanded the priests which were prefigured in the Old Law. God commanded the priests to sanctify and to consecrate whatever was to belong to His service, (Levit. VIII.) and the Old Law is full of blessings and consecrations which had to be used by the priests; (Exod. XXIX. 36.; XXX. 25.; XI. 9.) and if persons and things used for God's service were to be blessed, how much more so in the New Law which in place of the type, contains the reality and truth The testimony of Scripture is confirmed by all the holy Fathers, and by the constant practice of the Church which has received from Christ, the power to bless and to consecrate.

The blessing or benediction of the Church is nothing more than a, prayer of intercession which the priest makes in the name of the Church, that for the sake of Christ (therefore the sign of the cross) and the prayers of the saints, God may give His blessings to a person or thing, and sanctify it. Through consecration, in which besides prayer and the sign of the cross, the anointing with holy oil is used, things required for divine service are separated from all other things and especially sanctified. Thus persons, fruits, bread, wine, houses, ships and fields, are blessed; churches, altars, bells, &c., are consecrated.

6th Sunday after Pentecost July 12th, 2020



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Mass Schedule

Saturday July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis/Sts.

Symphorosa & Sons

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, July 19: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 am Low Mass

9:00 am Sung Mass

Confessions are heard before each Mass

Announcements:

Fr. Jurgen Wegner, District Superior of the United States, will be offering the Masses here next weekend

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Anthony Spero per the Spero Family

15 Decades of the Most Holy Rosary for the intentions of the Rosary Crusade, the Parish & Parishioners will be recited each Wednesday at the church at 7:00 pm

2nd Collection Schedule:

July 5: Building Fund

July 12: Ridgefield Priory

July 19: Building Fund

July 26: St. Christopher's Mission (please make checks payable to "St. Christopher's Mission")

Instruction on Blessings—The Church's Year, Fr. Leonard Goffine

And He blessed them. (Mark VIII. 7.)

Seduced by Satan, the first man violated the holy command of God, and by his sin brought upon himself and his habitation the curse of divine wrath. (Gen. III. 17.) Man was made by God, and therefore subject: to Him, but was himself master of all created things. After the sin of disobedience, however, all creation revolted against him: the animals fled from him, the fields yielded only thorns and thistles, the herbs became poisonous to him, or refused him their former wholesome power. Innumerable evils followed, all men and even the whole earth suffered from them; the devil drew both into his sphere and made them his servants, and this evil spirit now made use of created things to divert man altogether from God and to cause his eternal ruin. But God decreed that man and earth should not remain in this condition: Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth, redeemed it from the bonds of Satan, and gave all men the power to become once more God's children. The devil was conquered by the cross, but not slain; man and the earth were indeed taken from his dominion, but not from his influence; for he even now, as the apostle Writes, goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, (I Peter V. 8.); and as he used the forbidden fruit in paradise to seduce man, he now uses the created things of the earth to tempt man, and make him his servant. Man and all creation had to be drawn from this pernicious influence, to be liberated from the bondage of corruption and be brought to the freedom of the children of God. (Rom. VIII. 19.) This is done in the Church, to which Christ entrusted the power of binding and loosing and gave the work of sanctifying through the Holy Ghost, by means of blessing and consecrating. By virtue of the merits of Christ, and with the assistance of the Holy Ghost, the Church, or the priest in her name, therefore blesses and consecrates persons as well as other created things which they are to use, or which she is to apply to the service of God. In this the Church follows the example of Christ and the Apostles. Jesus embraced children and laid His hands upon them, blessing them; (Mark X. 16.) He blessed bread and fishes, the food of thousands; blessed bread and wine at the last supper; (Matt. XXVI. 26.) was recognized by the disciples in the blessing of bread; (Luke XXIV. 30.) blessing the disciples He ascended into heaven; (Luke XXIV. 51.) by His command the apostles wished peace to every house into which they stepped; (Matt. X. 12, 13.) and St. Paul expressly says, that every living thing is sanctified by prayer and the word of God. (I Tim. IV. 5.) Following the example and command

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