

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Temperance, Michigan

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The Antonian"

April 23, 2017

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) (OF-MC): 5:00pm

Sunday (OF-MC): 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days: Check Bulletin & Website

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm;

First Wednesday: 6:30-7:30pm (September - May)

Second Tuesday: 6:00-6:30pm (September - May)

Devotions

First Friday: 7:00pm Mass (OF-LM)

First Saturday: 9:00am Mass (EF-MC)

O. L. of Perpetual Help & Prayer - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

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† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.



For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site.



"Come to My Mercy"

Join us today,
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23

1:00-3:00pm - Confessions; Prayer Ministers will be available for intercessory prayer

3:00pm - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Singing the Chaplet;

The Litany to Divine Mercy; Benediction

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed
2. Opening Prayer: *You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you* (3 times).
3. Then on the Our Father beads: *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*
4. On the 10 Hail Mary beads: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.* (repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades)
5. Conclude with (three times): *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*
6. Concluding Prayer: *Eternal God, in Whom Mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your Mercy in us, so that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen*
Jesus, I trust in You!

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Key to Abbreviations:

- EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)
- OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite; Novus Ordo)
- LM - Low Mass; MC - Missa Cantata (Sung)

Monday, April 24, 2017

8:30am †Louis Edward Holup

(OF-LM) by Jeanne Holup On Behalf of Family

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622), Pr. M. (New, Trad.)
 St. Euphrosina Pelletier (1868), F. of Good Shepherd sisters (Trad./some places)

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:30am Fr. Brian Hurley

(OF-LM) by Yvonne & Michelle on Behalf of the People of St. Anthony

11:00am @ Aspen Grove

Rogation Day (Trad.)

St. Mark (74), Evangelist, M., Pt. of notaries (New, Trad.)

The Greater Litanies (Trad.)

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:30am Elaine & Jim Jaye & Family

(OF-LM) by Barbara James

Sts. Cletus (88) & Marcellinus (304), Ps., Ms. (Trad.)

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Trad./someplaces)

St. Alda (Aldobrandesca) (1309), W. (Hist.)

Thursday, April 27, 2017

9:00am Karen Baer and

(OF-LM) †Craig Baer by Greg & Karen Baer

St. Peter Canisius (1579), Pr., D. (Trad.)

St. Zita of Lucca (1278), V., Pt. of domestic workers (Hist.)

Friday, April 28, 2017

No Mass

St. Peter Chanel (1841), Pr., M. (New)

St. Louis Marie DeMontfort (1716), Pr., F., author of True Devotion to Mary (New)

St. Paul of the Cross (1775), Pr., F. of the Passionists (Trad.)

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Sunday Vigil (New, Trad.)

5:00pm The People of St. Anthony

(OF-MC)

St. Catherine of Siena (1380), V., D., Pt. of Italy & fire prevention (New)

St. Peter of Verona (Peter Martyr) (1252), Pr. R., M. (Trad.)

St. Hugh of Cluny (1109), Monk, advisor to nine popes (Hist.)

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter (New)

2nd Sunday after Easter (Trad.)

9:00am †Dolores Koch

(OF-MC) by Cathy, Kevin & Chad Oswald

11:00am Living and Deceased

(OF-MC) **Members of the St. Anthony Knights of Columbus**

by Michael Briskey on Behalf of the K of C

St. Pius V (1572), P., R. (New)

St. Catherine of Siena (1380), V., D., Pt. of Italy & fire prevention (New)

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 24:

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 25:

1Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26:

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 27:

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 28:

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 29:

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 30:

Acts 2:14,22-33

1Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



50/50 corner

Back in June 2015 the 50/50 drawing winner was Lowell Cousino & his wife Liz was the winning ticket seller. Well, this past March, they switched places as Liz had the winning ticket worth \$344.00 & Lowell had to settle with the \$50.00 seller incentive.

We have a batch of 1500 tickets printed every month & currently just over 1/2 of them make-it into circulation. We could really use a few more monthly ticket sellers. We don't have **nearly** as many monthly sellers as we have had in previous years. If anyone would like to try becoming a monthly 50/50 seller, just stop by the 50/50 table. A book or two of tickets spread over 5 to 10 people would be a good way to start.

2017 annuals are always available for purchase. As a reminder 1 annual, will guarantee you 1 chance for every month in 2017, They are a great gift for the "hard to buy for" person. The 50/50 annual sales this year have been good. We now have sold 224 tickets. The cost for 1 annual is now \$9.00.

Annuals can be purchased from the church office during the week, from the 50/50 table in the Narthex on the 4th Sunday of the month, or at the K of C Breakfast Buffet, on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Brian Bischoff

This Week's Calendar



Monday, April 24, 2017

8:30am - Mass

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

4:45-6pm - Religious Ed. - Grades 1-7

6:00pm - Confirmation Practice - OLMC:

(with Sponsors)

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:30am - Mass

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

11:00am - Mass @ Aspen Grove

6-8pm - Book Club - Magdalene House

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:30am - Mass

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

6:15-7pm - Perpet. Help & Prayers

6:30pm - Confirmation Mass @ OLMC

Thursday, April 27, 2017

9:00am - Mass

Offices Closed

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

7:00pm - RtL of Michigan Dinner - Livonia

Friday, April 28, 2017

No Mass

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass

Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass

K of C Corp. Communion @ 11am Mass

2-3pm - Monroe County RtL Dinner Table

Captains Info. - Padua Hall

9am - 3pm - Accepting Rummage Sale

Donations - Kenna Hall

Catholic Conversations

No meeting on

Wednesday, April 26



Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, especially

- ☆ Kenneth Lee Ziegler, Jr, Army
- ☆ Master Sgt., Gerald Hughes

Traveling Vocation Chalice

- April 16 Mike Holup Family
- April 23 Marty & Mary Regan
- April 30 Mike Okragleski
- May 7 Homero Ortiz



Pray without Ceasing

Upcoming Events

- **Right to Life of Michigan Dinner** - April 27
- **Rummage Sale** - May 3 & 4
- **St. Luke Production "Faustina"** - May 12
- **K of C Breakfast** - May 14



RESPECT LIFE
19th Annual Benefit Dinner

April 27, 2017
Burton Manor, Livonia
Special Guest Speaker
Lisa Kratz Thomas

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**If you would like to reserve a place at one of the Parish tables, please call the parish Office 734-854-1143.**

**....Let us Pray for....**

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Clark Alcock         | Marcia Gilson      | Patty Muskat       |
| Maria Baer           | Margaret Gotha     | Bonnie Nolan       |
| Gretchen Brautigan   | Debbie Grycza      | Frank Parker       |
| Toni Breininger      | Steve Haman        | Andrew Phillips    |
| Chris Brown          | Beth Huner         | Rachel Renn        |
| Abby Bunting         | JoAnn Huntwork     | Kaye Ritzenthaler  |
| Don & Shirley Carter | Bill Hurley        | Adrian Sandelin    |
| Katy Coburn          | Rosemary Jacobs    | Kathy Simms        |
| Bonnie Cornprobst    | Michael Katafiasz  | Larry Simms        |
| Lowell Cousino       | Herman Kleindienst | Steve Smith        |
| Amy Crumm            | Bud LaPlante       | Ann Sommers        |
| Phillip Curtis       | Martin LaVoy       | Mazie Sue Springer |
| Linda DeFalco        | Audrey Lawrence    | Vic Stevens        |
| Janie Delauter       | Robert Lehman      | Tom Townsend       |
| Jim Drake            | Brenda Liwo        | Carole VanBrandt   |
| Larry Dusseau        | Ron Liwo           | Teresa VanHove     |
| Cynthia Dvorsky      | Linda Luchansky    | Virginia VanKirk   |
| Terry Dvorsky        | Dick MacAdams      | Aaron Vyse         |
| Albert Failer        | Sandy Maenle       | Pat Webber         |
| Scott Ferguson       | Edward Malik       | Vicki White        |
| Jim Fuelling         | Bea Montri         | Peter Williams     |
| Stephanie Gelsey     | Raymond Mueller    | Kathy Young        |
|                      | Steve Murzynski    |                    |

**RUMMAGE**  
May 3 & 4, 2017  
**SALE**

Our Spring Rummage Sale is fast approaching:

- We will begin accepting donations of clean, gently-used items on **Monday, April 24; 9am - 3pm.**
- **Sunday, April 30 will be the last day for drop-offs.**

**We do not accept: TV's, Computers/equipment, or car-seats.**

Many volunteers are needed for the success of the sale; even a few hours are a great help. On-site training is cheerfully available!

**Please call Carol Fuelling 419-350-5900**

with any questions, to volunteer to help; or with evening drop off times.

*From Monroe County Right to Life:*

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Fall Banquet hosted by Monroe County Right to Life, an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan! The date is Thursday, October 26, 2017. This year's special keynote speaker will be Senator Patrick Colbeck, State Senator for Michigan's 7<sup>th</sup> District.

This year we are promoting the incentivized role of Table Captains where he or she will facilitate the purchase of tickets, by others, to fill a table of eight. There will be two levels of a very nice incentive for those willing to be Table Captains. To unveil this Table Captain opportunity we will host a meeting, an open discussion, on

Sunday, April 30, 2017

2:00pm to 3:00pm in Padua Hall

Please join us at this meeting to learn more.

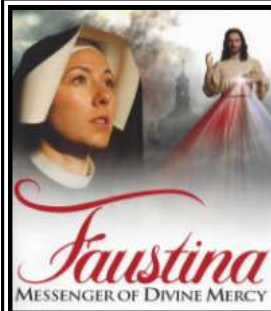
For more information please contact

Robert Burke at [517.215.8688](tel:517.215.8688) or

[monroecountyrtl@gmail.com](mailto:monroecountyrtl@gmail.com). For more information about the lifesaving work of

Right to Life if Michigan please visit

[www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org).



**Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy**

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

**7:00pm, in St. Anthony Church**

*St. Anthony Catholic Church will be host*

*to the one-woman production of*

*Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy,*

*performed by **Maria Vargo***

*of **Saint Luke Productions.***

Suitable for ages 13 & up; Free-will Offering

**- We'll be asking for volunteers in the next few weeks -**

For more Information

please call the Parish Office 734-854-1143,

or go to our web-site: [stanthonytemperance.org](http://stanthonytemperance.org).



*Liturgical Assignments for April 29 & 30, 2017*

| Mass                                                | Priest    | Lector         | Altar Servers        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday Vigil</b><br><b>Saturday, 5:00pm Mass</b> | Fr. Brian | D. Strzelewicz | J. Jemaa             |
| <b>Sunday, 9:00am Mass</b>                          | Fr. Brian | J. Hajdu       | C. Oswald; J. Sterns |
| <b>Sunday, 11:00am Mass</b>                         | Fr. Brian | K. Shade       | J. Clark; S. Updike  |

**Fr. Brian's Blarney**

**St. Joseph the Worker**

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Day dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Joseph patron of the universal Church and instituted another feast, with an octave, to be held in his honor on Wednesday in the second week after Easter. This was abolished by Pope Pius XII, when in 1955 he established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker", to be celebrated on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This date joins with the May Day (International Workers' Day), a union, workers' and socialists' holiday commemorating the Haymarket affair in Chicago, and reflects Joseph's status as what many Catholics consider the "patron of workers" and "model of workers." Catholic teachings and stories about or relating to Joseph and the Holy Family frequently stress his patience, persistence, courage, and hard work.

There was a Novena to St. Joseph posted on Facebook that is posted below. It is prayed the 9 days that lead up to the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

**Novena to Saint Joseph the Workman April 22-30**

(State your intentions here)

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor,  
obtain the grace for me to work conscientiously,  
putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations;  
to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins,  
considering it an honor to develop by means of labor the gifts received from God;  
to work with order, peace, moderation and patience,  
without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties;  
to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self,  
having always death before my eyes and the account I must render of time lost,  
of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

*All for Jesus, through Mary, all after thine own example, O Patriarch St. Joseph.  
Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.*

**~Pope St. Pius X**

**May – The Month of Mary**

There will be a number of different events in May dedicated to Our Lady (with a few other saints thrown in).

- There will be a May Crowning on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm with the Religious Education students in the parish church.
- We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker at the parish Mass on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. If I can get servers, we will have Mass that evening at 7pm in the Extraordinary Form (Latin), otherwise, it will be in Ordinary Form (English).
- One of our home schoolers is going to receive her First Holy Communion at the Sung Mass in Latin on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Feel free to come and celebrate her First Holy Communion.
- The Holy Family Society (the home school group that meets on Fridays) will be having their May Crowning on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9am Mass. Feel free to attend.
- Maria Vargo will be bringing her performance of St. Faustina back to St. Anthony's on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish church. Admission is free, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors (and anyone else for that matter).
- Rome has permitted us to Offer the Mass in the Extraordinary Form for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have Mass that morning at 9am.
- My 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass in the morning at 9am. If anyone is interested, we could go to breakfast afterwards. I may offer Mass that evening, but I am still working on my calendar. (Please, no gifts. Prayers are always welcomed, though).

May God Be Blessed!!



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**Volunteer sign-up for Friday, May 12, 2017**

|                              |                            |  |                                                         |                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Church Set-up<br/>1pm</b> | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. |  | <b>Product set-up<br/>to be done at 1pm</b>             | 1.<br>2.<br>3. |
| <b>Greeters (6pm)</b>        | 1.<br>2.                   |  | <b>Product sales<br/>Narthex<br/>(post performance)</b> | 1.<br>2.<br>3. |
| <b>Take-down</b>             | 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. |  | <b>Hostess<br/>Post-performance<br/>refreshments</b>    | 1.<br>2.<br>3. |

The Monroe Vicariate Evangelization and Catechesis Committee is sponsoring an **Inner Healing Prayer Day on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 502 W. Front St., Monroe.**

Inner Healing prayer is asking God to heal the root of emotional, mental or spiritual brokenness that causes the loss of inner peace. The members of the Prayer Team have been trained in Inner Healing Prayer. Joined with your prayer, they pray with you as Intercessors. They do not give counsel but stand with you, in prayer and in His desire to heal you.

**PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS**

*Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.*

*I ask You to bring the people I hold in my heart back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving Your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church.*

*Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.*

*For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.*

**ATTENTION Lectors and Altar Servers:** Liturgical Assignments for May are now available in the Narthex and on our website: [stanthonytemperance.org](http://stanthonytemperance.org).



Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**Spring Rummage Sale**

Thursday & Friday,  
 May 11 & 12  
 9AM to 6PM both days.  
*Friday is bag day!*

Come see what treasures  
 you may find!

**The Offertory Story**

**Easter, April 16, 2017**

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| # Env. assigned: 289;         | # Env. used: 123    |
| Envelope total                | \$ 6,616.00         |
| Loose:                        | \$ 733.00           |
| Children's Envelopes:         | \$ 6.60             |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 7,355.60</b>  |
| <b>Weekly Budget amount..</b> | <b>\$ 5,250.00</b>  |
| +Over/-Under Budget           | \$ +2,105.60        |
| <b>Year To Date +-</b>        | <b>\$ +1,549.42</b> |
| <b>Other:</b>                 |                     |
| Books, CD's                   | 8.00                |
| Candles                       | 60.75               |
| Funeral                       | 100.00              |
| Food Closet                   | 151.49              |
| Mass Intentions               | 30.00               |
| Rummage Sale                  | 50.00               |
| School Rent                   | 600.00              |
| <b>Total for Other:</b>       | <b>1,075.24</b>     |

*St. Anthony's Spring*  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

-- May 3 & 4, 2017 --

Donations may be dropped off at Kenna Hall  
through Sunday, April 30.

**Please note, we do NOT accept:**

- ◆ Computers
- ◆ TV's
- ◆ Infant Seats
- ◆ Encyclopedias

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**We will need:**

- ◆ help before and during the sale.
- ◆ men to watch the doors Wednesday morning, May 3, from 9-11am.
- ◆ **baked goods**, especially cookies, cupcakes and brownies.
- ◆ **LOTS** of help taking down the sale beginning **after the sale on Thursday, May 4, and Friday morning, May 5, beginning at 9am.**

Any amount of time or donations will be appreciated.

Tax slips are available.

Any questions, or after-hours drop-offs,  
call Carol Fuelling at 419-350-5900.

# Catholic Services Appeal 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (Catholic Services Appel) Drive. The CSA is a required collection taken up for the general operational expenses of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It helps to subsidize Catholic institutions that may not necessarily be connected to or funded by a particular parish. Among these special services are Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Central Service Offices, which provide direct assistance to individual parishes, the Marriage Tribunal, and the like. Since the CSA provides for 62% of the operating budget of the Archdiocese, we are assessed or taxed a specific amount we are asked to meet. Our assessment is based upon many factors, including parish registration, Sunday collections, and financial status of the area within our parish boundaries.

As we enter into the holy season of Lent, we would like you consider making your pledge and/or contribution to CSA for 2017 part of your Lenten observance for sacrifice. The amount assessed to St. Anthony Parish this year is **\$37,318**. In order to reach our goal, the recommended pledge amount will be **\$250** from each family

For your convenience, pledge forms can be found at the bottom of this page. Please complete the form and designate the amount of your pledge and the payment plan you prefer and return to the Parish Office. Pledges may also be made by calling the Parish Office 734-854-1143; sending your pledge via email ([stanthony@bex.net](mailto:stanthony@bex.net)) or by stopping by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Your pledge can be made in several ways: paid in full and returned with your pledge form; a down payment returned with your pledge form, with the balance divided into quarterly payments, or divided evenly among 9 monthly payments. Credit card and automatic withdrawal payments will also be accepted. If you wish to contribute this way, please indicate on the line below and a form will be sent to you.

**Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2017.**

Please remember that we are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards for our Parish, so even if you are unable to pledge, we ask that you indicate that to the Parish Office as well.

I am grateful for your continued stewardship and prayers.

May God Be Blessed!

Father Brian Hurley  
Pastor, St. Anthony Parish

## CSA - 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid today \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please bill me quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ or monthly (9 monthly payments) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by credit card (or) \_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by automatic withdrawal payments.

-- Please make checks payable to: **St. Anthony – CSA**



## **King of the Ocean** **by Joe Sixpack**

Catholic spirituality is vital to the growth of the soul. The reason I specify Catholic spirituality instead of Christian spirituality is, any sort of spirituality that comes from outside the Catholic Church is not approved by **the Church. Besides, with 2000 years under our belt there isn't anything anyone else has to teach us on spiritual matters anyway. So from time to time, I'll be writing about Marian apparitions, sacramentals, and means of spiritual growth the Church has approved.** Church approval is very important for such things, because Christ established the Church for the benefit and protection of our souls.

It amazes me that Catholics often turn to spiritual things that are not in conformity with Catholic teaching when there are so many good things the Church has centuries of experience with that are proven and warmly **embraced by the Church. I have to assume they embrace these things because they don't realize what they're doing isn't good. Even priests sometimes permit things in their parishes that are not allowed, and I have to assume it's because they are unaware of certain prohibitions, as I can't imagine a priest of the Living God intentionally doing something contrary to the Church's teachings...especially something that could harm the souls of the parishioners he loves.** One such thing I see in parishes from time to time is called centering prayer. This was condemned by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith—the Vatican office that deals with doctrinal issues—a good many years ago.

One of the many good things approved by the Church is what is commonly called the Brown Scapular—one of my personal favorites. The full name of this popular sacramental is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. **It consists of two small pieces of brown cloth attached by two cords. It's worn by placing it over the shoulders so that one piece of the cloth rests on the wearer's chest, the other on the back between the shoulder blades.** The scapular is usually worn beneath the clothing.

Devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel actually predates the Church, going all the way back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. Elias the prophet had ascended Mt. Carmel in Palestine to begin a long tradition of contemplation and prayer. **Based on God's promise in Genesis 3:15 that the Savior would enter the world through a woman, Elias began a devotion to the Mother of God 800 years before she was even born.** Elias and his followers dedicated themselves to this most chosen woman among all women to become the Mother of the Savior. They stayed on Mt. Carmel and prayed for the coming of the Mother of God and the Savior for 800 years, until the actual coming of Christ.

On the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit awakened the Church, the spiritual descendants of Elias **and his followers came down from Mt. Carmel to attend the ancient feast at Jerusalem. At St. Peter's preaching** the good hermits realized the Lady to whom they were devoted and come and given birth to the Savior, and that He had completed the work of redemption. Consequently, they were baptized by the apostles. When the hermits were presented to Our Lady they were overcome with a sense of majesty and sanctity which they



never forgot. Upon their return to Mt. Carmel, they erected the first chapel ever built in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From that time to present, devotion to the Mother of God has been handed down by the hermits of Mt. Carmel.

In AD 1241, the Baron de Grey of England returned home from the Crusades, bringing with him a group of Carmelites from the holy mountain, as the Muslims were intent on killing them if they remained there. He generously gave the hermits a manor house in Aylesford for their religious order to live in and grow.

Ten years later, at the donated manor house, St. Simon Stock was praying to Our Lady for help when she **appeared to him. As Mary handed St. Simon the Brown Scapular she said, "Take this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."**

**On the very day Our Lady gave the scapular to St. Simon, Lord Peter of Lenton urgently called the saint, "Come quickly, Father! My brother is dying in despair!" St. Simon went immediately to the dying man, asking Our Lady to keep her promise. When draped with Simon's scapular, the man immediately repented, made a good confession, and died in the state of grace. That night the dead man appeared to his brother and said, "I have been saved through the most powerful Queen and the habit of that man as a shield."**

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has been associated with more miracles than any other sacramental, except the rosary. One such miracle occurred in the late summer of 1845 on the English ship *King of the Ocean*, when the ship found itself in a terrible hurricane. A Protestant minister, together with his wife and children and other passengers, struggled to the deck to pray for mercy and forgiveness, because the ship was about to sink and all aboard perish.

Among the crew was a young Irishman, John McAuliffe. Realizing the situation was hopeless, the young man opened his shirt, took off his scapular, made a Sign of the Cross with it over the angry waves, and tossed it into the ocean.

**At that moment the sea became calm. Only one more wave washed over the deck, tossing young John's scapular at his feet. He put it back on and went about his business. But Mr. Fisher, the minister, had observed all of McAuliffe's actions. Upon questioning the young man, the minister and his family were told about the Holy Virgin and her scapular. The Fishers were so impressed that they became Catholics as soon as possible, thus enjoying the Virgin's patronage.**

I wish there was room here to tell you about some of the other truly extraordinary miracles associated with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Some of them are even documented in official government archives and records.

For a complete history of and theology on the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, I fully recommend you **read the most exhaustive book on the subject I'm aware of: *Sign of Her Heart*, by John Mathias Haffert.** It may be obtained from the World Apostolate of Fatima, P.O. Box 976, Washington, New Jersey 07882. Their phone number is 908-689-1700, and the website is [www.wafusa.org](http://www.wafusa.org). I very strongly urge you to read this wonderful book. **It's not only an easy read, but it's actually a real page turner...unusual for a work of non-fiction. I've read well over one thousand books pertaining to our holy and ancient Catholic faith, and this one is one of the few I've read multiple times and have never forgotten.**

**As we continue with these articles for your bulletin, I'll be occasionally writing about other sacramentals, approved apparitions, and specific forms of approved spirituality that come to us from the Doctors of the Church and various saints throughout our history. It's through these wonderful treasures of the Catholic Church that we can begin to obey Christ's command to, "Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.**

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