

Building Fund Collection Today

As on every first Sunday of the month, a second collection will be received today for the **Building Fund**, for the retirement of the debt incurred in renovating our campus. Thank you for your support!

First Sunday Adoration Today

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held immediately after 10 a.m. Mass today until **1:30 p.m.** (note the reduced summer timeframe). All are welcome to remain and adore.

Parish Picnic This Saturday, August 12!

The annual Parish Picnic will be held at **Lackawanna State Park** on **Saturday, August 12**. Please plan for a full day of food, play, fellowship, games, swimming, boating, and fishing! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, so adequate meat can be purchased (the Parish supplies meats and beverages; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share). Take I-81 North to exit 199 and travel three miles west on PA 524. Follow signs to the Hilltop Pavilion (you will pass several other pavilions first). Typically we begin gathering around 11 a.m., with lunch served at 1 p.m.

Assumption Mass / Supper / Film August 14

Solemn Mass for the **Vigil of the Assumption of Mary** (*a Holy Day of Obligation*) will be offered on **Monday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by potluck supper, a talk by Fr. Bergman, and the film “**Spotlight [R]**,” grappling with the clergy sexual abuse scandal that has rocked the Church in recent decades.

Anniversary of Church Dedication August 20

On Sunday, August 20, our Masses will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Dedication of St. Joseph Church for St. Thomas More Parish on August 18, 2012 (transferred to the nearest Sunday to maximize participation by the faithful). Please join us on this festive day!

Sunday School Planning Meeting August 20

The annual planning meeting for the 2017-2018 Sunday School season will be held after a 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, August 20**. Teachers and parents, please make every effort to attend.

Summer Choir

Throughout the summer, any parishioner entering grade 2 through adult is welcome in the choir loft to help lead the music for the Mass, whether once, occasionally, or regularly. No previous experience is required, nor is any obligation implied to serve in the Parish Choir come fall. Simply arrive by 9:30 a.m. in the loft. Please join us!

Bishop Morlino Event Tickets

Bishop Robert Morlino of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, a Dunmore native, will visit our parish on **Wednesday evening, September 6. Pontifical Solemn High Mass at 5:30 p.m.** is of course free of charge; the hors d'oeuvre reception and talk (on beauty in the liturgy as an aid to evangelization) that follow are ticketed events, but the cost of only two tickets covers your entire immediate family. **Tickets are available this morning; please see Fr. Bergman or Paul Campbell to make your purchase.**

Instituted Acolyte Training in Houston

The Parish will send two men to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham, Houston on September 23 for training as Instituted Acolytes, thereby to be licensed to serve as Subdeacons at Solemn High Masses. Please pray for safe travels and an edifying weekend for our representatives.

Solemn Mass Monday, September 25

Solemn Mass will be offered at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**, a day of particular devotion for the Ordinariates. Please plan to attend.

2018 Mass Book Open

Mass Intentions may now be scheduled for the 2018 calendar year. Intentions for specific dates are scheduled on a first-come, first served basis; please submit your list to the Parish Office by email, phone, or in writing, specifying whether each individual is living or deceased, Catholic or not.

Bishop's Appeal

God bless all of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please do so today. Pick up a pledge card or visit ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal to give.

Upcoming Pilgrimages to the Holy Land

Two opportunities for pilgrimage to the Holy Land – both with strong connections to the Ordinariate – have been announced. **Fr. John Vidal** (recently appointed Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Washington, D.C.), will lead an 11-day trip **January 17-17, 2018**, \$3,300 from anywhere in the U.S., all-inclusive excepting lunch. Access our online announcements from our website for details [here](#). And, **Bishop Steven Lopes** will lead an Ordinariate pilgrimage to the Holy Land (limited to 100 pilgrims) **October 2-12, 2018**. More details will be available online [here](#).

