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St. Jerome Church

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**The Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 28, 2020**

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and First Fridays 7:30 PM

Reconciliation by appointment

Pregnancy assistance services (nationwide) 1-800-848-LOVE

Suicide Prevention Hotline (nationwide) 1-800-273-8255, (local) 513-281-CARE

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Rectory (513) 231-7042

How to register at St. Jerome's: New member registration packets are under the table to the right as you leave church. Fill out the registration form and return that form by dropping it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Rectory at 5858 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 231-7042

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Intention	Petitioner
Sat 6/27	5:00 PM	Betty Sullivan	Judy Dierker
Sun 6/28	9:30 AM	Ted Schiermeier	Sandy Kienzle
Tue 6/30	7:30 PM	Eric Yates	Mary Lou Weber
Fri 7/3	7:30 PM	Joanne Ruther	Br. Julian Lane
Sat 7/4	5:00 PM	The Intention of Benson Lokidiriyo	His Spiritual Mother
Sun 7/5	9:30 AM	Bob and the Late Anne Dorsey on their 64 th Wedding Anniversary	Bob Dorsey
Tue 7/7	7:30 PM	Beth Gleason	Jane Wilke

Minister Assignments for July 4th and 5th, 2020

Date/Time	Lector	Communion Minister	Servers	Ushers
Saturday 7/4 5:00 PM	Jim Lawrence	None	Charlie Hoh	Ron Hermann
Sunday 7/5 9:30 AM	Norm Klotz	None	Sarah Chapman	Aaron Robinson

What's happening?

Saturday 6/27 5:00 PM Second Collection for Pope Francis
 Sunday 6/28 9:30 AM Second Collection for Pope Francis
 Friday 7/3 7:30 PM First Friday Mass in church (Independence Day)

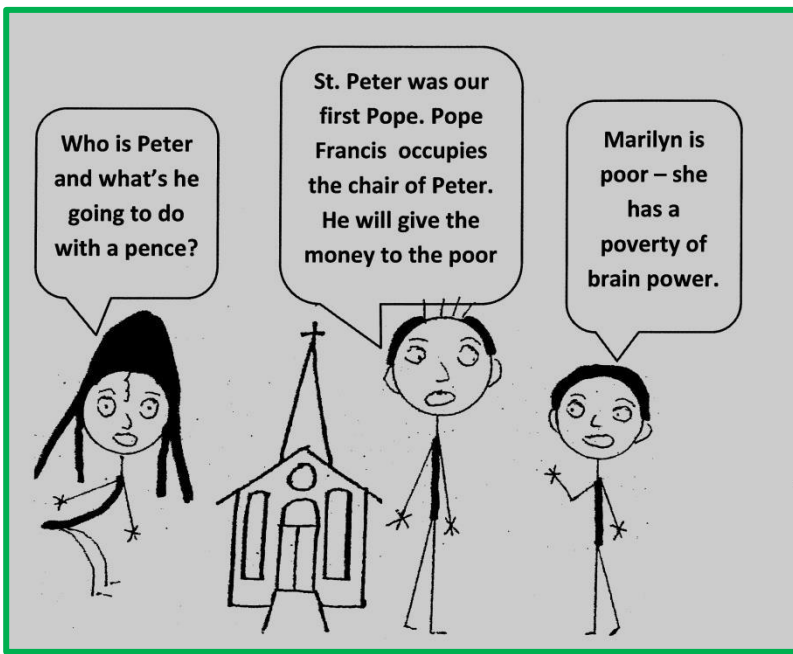
<u>Collections June 20th and 21st, 2020</u> \$1,089.00	Thank you very much!
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Prayer of Spiritual Communion for Those Who Cannot Attend Mass

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

By the decree of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. No decision has been reached on when the dispensation will be reversed. If you are uncomfortable to be around others or if you are vulnerable to illness, please consider staying home or attending a weekday Mass. If you are ill, you must stay home to avoid affecting others.

"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength." — St. Philip Neri



O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

You wanted to know, so we looked it up

You noticed, we're sure, that your St. Jerome Liturgical Calendar marks Tuesday, June 30th, as the memorial of the first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

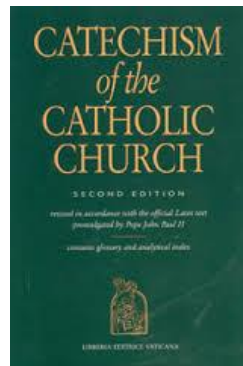
There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius' death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31. (Many thanks to FranciscanMedia.org)



Nero

We read some disturbing statistics last week; some numbers that seem to be getting worse every year. Pew Research reported that only 23% of all U.S. Catholics go to church once a week or more. Also, 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics. And even more astonishing, 60% say the Church should allow women priests and 50% think the Church should recognize gay and lesbian “marriages.” The article that quoted these stats drew no conclusions but we think the cause is obvious: **poor catechesis**.



As we speak to Catholics around the country, we are often amazed, even dumbfounded sometimes, at the lack of understanding that many life-long Catholics exhibit. We are sure that it is not entirely their fault – the Church has not emphasized adult education and many people ended their religious training after grade school or CCD. We’ve spoken to many people who became Catholics as adults – as part of their conversion they attended classes in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or a lengthy series of instructions. Many of them seem to have a better grasp of the fundamentals of the faith because they studied it as adults and got a more mature view of what the Church stands for.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will use this space to answer some tough questions and point you toward resources for more in-depth enlightenment.

"It is inevitable that the barque of Peter will encounter rough sailing. This is why we must stand together in faith and doctrine. Sometimes our morning prayer could easily include the Apostle's Creed as a reminder of our beliefs." — Rev. Thomas J. Donaghy



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Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to **"open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!"** (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15). The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.