

Jesus said  
to the chief priests  
and elders of the people,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
tax collectors  
and prostitutes  
are entering into  
the kingdom of God  
before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 27  
2020



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Congratulations to Tim McCormick  
who was ordained as a permanent  
Deacon on Saturday, September 26th.

Tim will celebrate his first Mass as a  
Deacon on Sunday at noon!

Masses are currently held with a limit of up to **150** people at a time. **WE STILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PRAY WITH US ONLINE.**

Because of contact tracing you must register to attend Mass,  
either [online](#) or by calling the parish office.  
Weekly emails are sent out containing registration details.

All worshippers are asked to:

- NOT COME INTO CHURCH if you are showing symptoms of Corona virus
- Enter only through the main doors
- Keep a social distance of 6 feet or more from other worshippers
- Wear a mask at all times
- Use hand sanitizer upon entry
- Not change seats while you are in the church
- Exit quietly by the chapel door
- Not to congregate in the parking lot

Families may sit together in the same pew if they live together.  
Between Masses the church will be sanitized.

**NEW: Weekday/Weekend Mass schedule :**  
**Saturday: 4:00pm & 6:00pm**  
**Sunday 8:00am: 10:00am & 12:00pm**  
**Monday – Friday: 8:30am**

Confessions will be heard Saturdays at 11:30 am.  
Baptisms are arranged by appointment.



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

September 27, 2020

*The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.*

*We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.*

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) is located at Georgetown University, and for over half a century this Center has done research on Catholics in our country. They are pretty well respected in their research and findings. Through their investigating of how many Catholics are able to go to Mass in their buildings during this pandemic, they have estimated about 8% of Catholics are physically going to Mass now. The usual number for Sundays before the pandemic was 21%, so what does that mean for us?

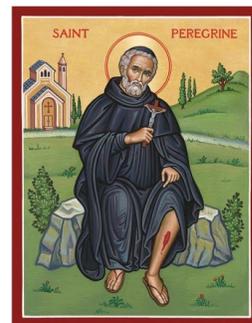
It means that 87% of Catholics need to be spiritually cared for, inspired, and reminded that true worship of God includes living lives that are ethical and moral. It means a parish needs to seriously **Re-Imagine Together** how the message of Jesus Christ is shared. We can be honest here and see that if only 21% of Catholics attend Mass on any given Sunday, that tells us that we really needed to **Re-Imagine** a long time ago. Now with this Pandemic, we need to think of new ways to help people live true and authentic Christian lives. We can do that online and by living honorable lives.

So right now when it is not safe for the entire community to gather, we focus on the other aspect of worship of God, living the life we are called to by our baptism.

We do this by caring for our neighbor, by using our words to offer compassion and care for others, and offering our ears to listen to the stories of others. We set aside our pride of having to be right or understood every time and learn to seek understanding of other's struggles. So in the Bible, there are countless stories of people longing to one day enter the Temple, a rebuilt Temple. There is a longing for the Messiah, a longing of returning to their homeland and God sees his people through that. The same for us, it is good we long to return to our sanctuary safely one day. We are currently living what so many people before us have lived and we simply are adding to our Biblical history.

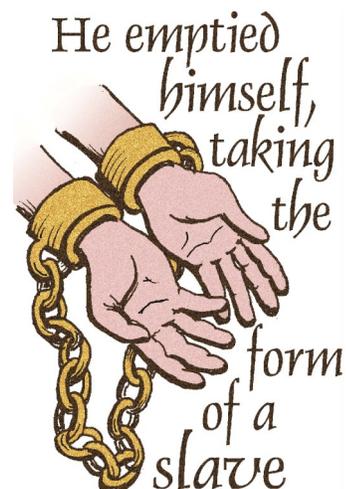
God bless,

Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church. Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the univer-



sal Church. St. Francis of Assisi will begin offering a novena, on September 14, to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All parishioners are welcome to participate. Please remember to wear your mask and social distance.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer.



## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

### ROSARY

Saturday,  
October 3

Please join us to pray the Rosary for Life on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM.

Weather permitting, we will meet at the Mary statue "up the hill" on the grounds of the Religious Ed. Center. Social distancing will be practiced and face masks and lawn chairs are optional.

If it should be raining, we will meet indoors at the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the bell tower. The Chapel doors remain open so we should be able to socially distance in that space. Face masks are mandatory in the Chapel.

Please join us!



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to qualify for the Early Bird  
Drawing on October 4th.

Early Bird prize \$1,000.  
Purchase more than one ticket  
to qualify for the multiple  
purchaser prize of \$1,000.



### CJB School Re-Opens with In-Person Instruction!!

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB) students returned to school on Thursday, August 20th, for the start of their 20th school year. Students had not been back on campus since March 13th, when schools were closed and transitioned to virtual learning due to the coronavirus.

Not only did CJB welcome back students, but they also welcomed Ms. Kelly Bourrell as the new principal and Mrs. Jeannie Pagliaro as the new assistant principal. Administrators, faculty and staff have helped CJB students transition to the new "norm," so they can attend school in-person. CJB students also had the option to enroll in virtual learning options led by CJB teachers, Mrs. Penny Drown and Mrs. Kathleen Bienick.

CJB students' health is monitored before students enter school each day through temperature checks and parent verification that they are symptom-free. Once they enter the building, they are immediately provided with hand sanitizer, are required to wear masks, and maintain social distance. "Our teachers and students are so grateful to be back to in-person

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### Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Ministry

The Ministry provides job search guidance for the unemployed and those in career transition. Each attendee will have the opportunity to identify their job search status, issues & questions. The Ministry will provide feedback to attendees & job search tips. Meetings are free and open to the public.

**Next Meeting:** October 6th, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

**Note:** Meetings will follow new safety guidelines and attendance now requires on-line pre-registration at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea5aa2cabf94-hope>

**New Location:** The meeting location has been changed and now will be held in the **McBrady Center** at St. Elizabeth Seton, Orland Hills, IL.

(Enter through the Cardinal Bernadin School entrance by the circle drive and south parking lot)

<https://steseton.com/>

**Employers:** We would appreciate if you would share your job openings with the ministry.

**Volunteers:** If you have expertise in the employee recruitment or the job search process, consider joining our team as a volunteer or as a guest speaker. Enjoy the satisfaction of providing your expertise in order to prepare job seekers for success. Contact Arnie Skibinski at [askibin-ski@steseton.com](mailto:askibin-ski@steseton.com)

## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

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instruction,” Ms. Bourrell said. “Students and teachers have done an exceptional job with adhering to the precautions set forth by the Office of Catholic Schools/Archdiocese of Chicago.”

CJB also introduced several new safety measures, including intense daily cleaning strategies, separate grade level entrances, socially distanced classroom desks, and one-way hallways, to name a few. These safety measures have allowed students to be back in-person experiencing CJB’s Christ-centered and twice-recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award winning education.

“I couldn’t be prouder of the way the CJB school year has started. My son looks forward to going to school every day and being in class with his teachers and friends,” said CJB parent, Mrs. Jenny Czerwonka.

CJB is YOUR PARISH SCHOOL! A Catholic elementary school located in Orland Hills, CJB offers instruction in 3-year old Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. CJB is a twice-recognized National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2008 and 2018. For more information about Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School and the academic programs available, contact Mrs. Cindy Devlin at 403-6525 x. 127 or visit [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org).

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA)

ARE YOU...

Interested in being baptized? Already baptized but desire to become a member of the Catholic Faith?  
Seeking to have your older children baptized?

Did you miss Confirmation when you were younger?

Then the RCIA is for you!  
Virtual RCIA will begin on September 30 at 7 pm.

Call the parish office 460-0042 or email the parish [parishoffice@sfaorland.org](mailto:parishoffice@sfaorland.org) for more information and/or begin this journey of faith.

### ATTENTION NEW FAMILIES!!

#### **NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED 2020-2021**

With restrictions due to COVID still in place, registration forms will be sent via email or fax.

Visit <https://www.sfaorland.org/contact-us.html> or click [here](#) to request information

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### Helping Hands Committee

#### **Coat Drive**

Saturday & Sunday, October 10 th & 11th

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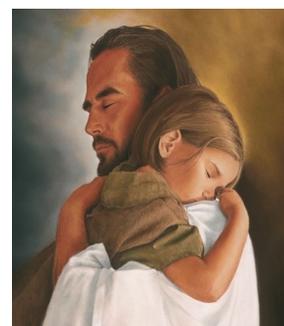
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## LITURGY COMMISSION

**Mass of Remembrance for Parents Who Have Lost A Son or Daughter of Any Age**

We invite those who have lost children of any age to join us for a special mass honoring his/her memory and praying for eternal peace.



**Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM**

Please call the parish office 460-0042 to register.

We pray in memory of the lives we have co-created with you, God. Increase our trust that they are now in Your loving arms, enjoying the fullness of life.



We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

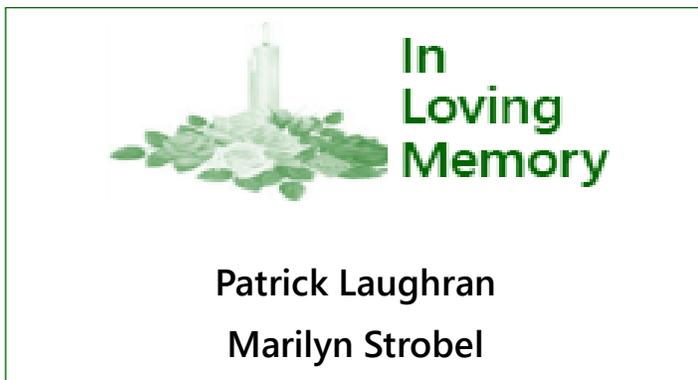
**Sophia Catherine Horan**  
Daughter of Gary & Erin (Boyd) Horan

**Reagan Marie Petzel**  
Daughter of Toby & Elyse (Klimek) Petzel

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**Chloe Nicole McClelland**  
Daughter of James & Jennifer (Mann) McClelland

**Jonathan Matthew Zanta**  
Son of Matthew & Danielle (Gabriele) Zanta



## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

*Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.*

Kay Cernak  
Anna Chorzepa  
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David Conroy  
Jennifer Cox  
Kevin Engleman  
Solomon Gambel  
Patrick Kiley  
Debbie Lipien  
Joe Mical  
Boyd Nichols

Theresa Oleszkiewicz  
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Michael Pindelski, Sr.  
Marie Elena Popernik  
Beverly Purrenhage  
Paul Ruzella  
Lisa Simatz  
Michael Stevenson  
Louis Tassone  
Marian Ward

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

### Saturday, September 26

**4:00 PM** Jim Mangan, rq. by Fred & Virginia Pesek and Helen Capriglione, rq. by Margaret Werner and Sean Kurzweil, rq. by Mom and Alice Rozewicki, rq. by Jim & Cathy Arzbaeher and George Buckner, rq. by Carol Buckner

**6:00 PM** Mary Allegretti, rq. by Greg & Sue Alcazar and Jerome Maroney, rq. by Tricia Kane

### Sunday, September 27

**8:00 AM** Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Anthony J. Zambuto, Jr., rq. by Tony & Fran Zambuto and Mary Mulpeter, rq. by Giblin Family

**10:00 AM** Tom Touhy, rq. by Family and Joyce Griner, rq. by Jeff & Paula Belski

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis

### Monday, September 28

**8:30 AM** Dot Ralph, rq. by Joe & Linda Martarano

### Tuesday, September 29

**8:30 AM** Michele Sarro, rq. by Elena Sarro

### Wednesday, September 30

**8:30 AM** Alan R. Hunt, rq. by Kathleen Matthews-Sister

### Thursday, October 01

**8:30 AM** People of St. Francis

### Friday, October 02

**8:30 AM** People of St. Francis

### Saturday, October 03

**4:00 PM** Vince Jacobucci, rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz and Melania Platos, rq. by Greg & Barb Kaczmarczyk and Richard Marren, rq. by Chuck & Marie Steffins and John Brogan, rq. by Bobbi Mangan

**6:00 PM** Richard W. Marks, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll

### Sunday, October 04

**8:00 AM** Helen Capriglione, rq. by Chuck & Lee Springer and Alice Rozewicki, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and Michael O'Sullivan, rq. by Mike Foley

**10:00 AM** Don Kulovitz, rq. by Family and Louise E. Stefanik, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and John J. Coners, rq. by Family

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis



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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

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**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 4:00 & 6:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
and Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM**

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**  
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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Masks are required in the building. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

**Religious Education Cantor:** Angela Reynolds (remusic@...)  
**Cantor for Parish Funerals, Weddings:** Gina Vitucci

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Phone: 708-460-0042**  
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**ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136**  
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**Bulletin Editor:** Jill Hickey Topf (bulletin@sfaorland.org)

The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours ar Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. Masks are required in the building.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**15010 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467**  
**Phone:** 708-460-0155; **FAX:** 708-460-5086  
**Dir:** Mary Kay Burberry, ext. 240 (mkburberry@sfaorland.org)  
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**Office Manager:** Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

**MUSIC Phone: 708-460-9831**  
**Director:** Leanne Stoterau (music@sfaorland.org)  
**Assistant Director:** Anne Madden  
**Accompanist:** James Draudt  
**Children's Choir Co-Director:** Anne Hayes

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL**  
**9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487**  
**Phone:** 708-403-6525  
**Principal:** Kelly Bourrell  
**Web page:** [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org)

**REGISTRATION** Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

**BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Our elementary Catholic regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Sessions are held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays for Grades K-8, and on Saturdays for Grades 1-8, at the St. Francis Center (on the hill). Grades K-4 meet from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and grades 4-8 meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Saturday sessions meet from 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 AM Masses for children 4-year-olds to 4th grade, September-April. Call 708-460-0155 for more information.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Anointing is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.