

BY THE WAY . . .

- **Catholic Trivia Question:** Despite my alma mater's name as THE Catholic University of America (Washington), and Georgetown's distinction as the oldest (1789) Catholic college in the country (not to mention its basketball prowess), the truly iconic Catholic college in the United States is undoubtedly Indiana's University of Notre Dame. What is the origin of the motto on Notre Dame's university seal? Answer appearing next week.

- **Weekday Mass Time** – although the Covid 19 pandemic has been a horror, I have enjoyed one small result of it – weekday Mass at the civilized hour of 10:30 A.M.! That Mass time came about in a somewhat haphazard way. When the church was first closed for public Mass on March 16, we priests were instructed to celebrate Mass privately. However, Saint Anthony's is one of the only parishes in the diocese that has a convent with nuns in it. Sister Maria asked me, since the sisters were also isolating here in place, if the sisters could attend my daily "private" Mass, and what time would that be? I said yes, and then picked 10:30 A.M. as a reasonable time, since none of us were going anywhere and the time would not interfere with funerals which we were not allowed to have. Within days the diocese instructed us to live stream Masses if we could. I was not sure we had the capability, but with the assistance of the two "techy" nuns, Sisters Colleen and Elfie, we were on air live the next day! And so, for the last 140 days we have had weekday Mass live streamed at 10:30 A.M. However I always knew that this wonderful experiment could not last forever. With the pending re-opening of school, the **Weekday Mass will return to its former time of 7:30 A.M.**, Monday through Saturday, beginning Monday, August 24.

- On Saturday, August 15 **there will not be a 10:30 A.M. Mass.** Bishop Sweeney will be here to celebrate the Mass of Final Profession for Sister Elfie del Rosario, F.M.A. That Mass will be live streamed. It will not be open to the public.

- The change in the weekday Mass schedule gives me the opportunity to thank and pay tribute to a wonderful group of parishioners who have allowed us to **live stream** Masses, Holy Hours, Talks and programs, connecting to our parishioners throughout the pandemic isolation period. Thanks first of all to Sisters Colleen Clare, F.M.A. and Elfie Del Rosario, F.M.A. who first began our live streaming through a simple i-phone and who have spent a tremendous amount of time and energy supervising the upgrading and expanding of our live stream capability. Several men of the parish with various technological and communication skills have also volunteered many hours of time and expertise both toward upgrading our capabilities and also making them a permanent fixture in our parish worship. Thanks to Tom Hauer, Gallo Mendoza, Carlos Oblitas, Uli Salazar, and Mike Zakur. Thank you, too, to two Saint Anthony's School graduates of the Class of 2019, Ryan McGovern and Ava Percarpio, who have acquired the skills and have taken turns through the summer live streaming the daily Mass. Finally, thank you to several of the students in Saint Anthony's School who have volunteered to pick up the work of live streaming the 7:30 A.M. daily Mass in the future. Thank you to all of you. In a time of crisis you have provided a point of faith connection for thousands of people around the country!

- **Sacramental Explosion** – the Covid 19 Pandemic has changed, postponed and canceled so many things that it was inevitable that at some point the dam would burst and many, if not most, of these cancelled events would have to take place, albeit in slightly different fashion at slightly different times and dates. August 1 seems to be the opening gun for the explosion. So, kindly take note of the Sacramental calendar for the next two months:

Saturday, August 1 – Priesthood ordination for five new priests for the Paterson Diocese (Bishop Sweeney’s first priesthood ordination) – 9:00 AM – St. John’s Cathedral, Paterson;

Sunday, August 2 – Baptism for two Infants – 1:30 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Tuesday – August 4 – Wedding – Pollaro – Catala – Father Amador;

Sunday, August 9 – Deaconate ordination for a new deacon for the Paterson Diocese – 12:00 Noon – St. Pius X, Montville;

Sunday, August 9 – Baptism for two Infants – 1:30 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Monday – August 10 – Memorial Mass – Father Sylwester

Saturday, August 15 – Solemn Profession of Final Vows of Sister Elfie Del Rosario, F.M.A. – 10:00 AM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne

Saturday - August 15 – Golden Jubilee of Sister Betty Ann Martinez, F. M.A.

Sunday – August 16 – Baptism for one infant – 1:30 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Friday – August 21 – Wedding – Vander Veer – Alvarez – Msgr. Sylva

Friday – August 21 – Memorial Mass – Father Sylwester

Saturday – August 22 - Deaconate Ordination of Deacon Ronnie Gonzalez and Companions – 9:00 AM – St. John’s Cathedral, Paterson;

Sunday – August 23 – Baptism for two Infants – 1:30 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Monday – August 24 – Weekday Mass resumes at 7:30 AM – live streamed

Monday – August 24 – Opening Day of School – Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange;

Sunday – August 30 – Baptism for Two Infants – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Tuesday – September 1 – Opening Day of School – St. Anthony’s School, Hawthorne;

Saturday – September 12 – Wedding – 2:00 PM – Cuiffo – Lerch - Bishop Serratelli;

Sunday – September 13 – Baptism for 2 Infants – 1:30 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Sunday – September 13 – Practice for Confirmation – 2:45 PM and 4:00 PM – St.

Anthony’s, Hawthorne:

Tuesday – September 15 – Confirmation – 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Friday – September 18 – Wedding – Munch – O’Connor – Father Ray;

Sunday – September 20 – Baptism for one infant;

Friday – September 25 – Wedding – Morrissey – De la Cruz – Father Ray;

Saturday – September 26 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM – First Communion – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne;

Sunday – September 27 – Baptism for two infants;

Saturday – October 1 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM – First Communion – St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne.

August used to be such a nice, quiet month! I do not care what Doctors Fauci and Birks say, the pandemic – and summer – are over.

- The appearance of August is always a warning bell that **the opening of school** is just around the corner. Perhaps this year, more than ever, with so many adjustments to be made and so much hanging in the balance for our students and their families, we should all pray a **Blessing for Students and Teachers.**

*Lord our God,
In your wisdom and love
You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
In times long past you sent us your prophets
To teach your laws
And to bear witness to your undying love.
You sent us your Son
To teach us by word and example
That true wisdom comes from you alone.
Send your spirit upon our students and their teachers
And fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that during this academic year
They may devote themselves to their studies
And share what they have learned from others.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Enjoy the dog days of Summer,
God bless you all,

Father Ray