HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

JULY 5, 2026

THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Saturday, July 4th is certainly an historic day, as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Another way to say that is that this is our country's 250th birthday. At our Masses this weekend, we will honor our nation by having the American flag more prominently displayed, and with the singing of patriotic hymns.

Sadly, one thing that will always divide us as a nation is politics. However, my hope is that on this major anniversary we can strive to put aside our divisions. As people of faith, we believe in religious liberty, in the right for people to practice their faith. This is a right that we are blessed to have because it is one of the principles upon which the United States was founded – and I believe it is something that we can all come together to celebrate.

Religious liberty is also something that we should never take for granted, as not everyone around the world enjoys this right. Let's not forget that there are still many Christians around the world today, in the 21st century, who face persecution and death simply for being Christians. As we celebrate our 250 years of rights and freedoms, let us pray for those who might not enjoy the same blessings.

In addition to this significant day for our nation, the month of July is significant to us here at Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish because this is our parish's "feast month". As you know, we have two patron saints: St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti, each of whom are Virgin Martyrs of the Church. So, not only do we have two patronal feast days instead of one, but both of their feast days happen to occur within the same month – one near the beginning of July, and one near the end. Therefore, we celebrate July as our parish's feast month.

Monday, July 6th is the feast of St. Maria Goretti, a virgin martyr of the early 20th century, and one of the youngest and most popular saints to ever be canonized. And Wednesday, July 29th is the feast of St. Beatrice, a virgin martyr of the early 4th century, whose two brothers are also canonized saints. During this month of July, the relics of our two patron saints will be on display at the front of church. And don't forget that not only do we have statues of St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti inside our church (one near each side altar), but since last October we now also have their two statues on display in the center of our outdoor Prayer Garden.

Finally, here are the answers to my homily trivia questions from last weekend:

The bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ is called Transubstantiation.

The American Bishops consecrated the U.S. to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God wanted the Israelites to be a holy nation.

The greatest male saint is St. Joseph, a husband and father.

Two saints who were inspired by their fathers' piety were St. Therese of Lisieux and Pope St. John Paul II.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for our nation and for our parish. Happy 250th Birthday, and Happy Feast Month! May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Saturday—July 4th
4:30—Vito Ciaccia
Joan & Edward Sosnowski
Chris Benesch
Jim Abatangelo

Sunday—July 5th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
James Florio Family
Raymond & Lena Gennetti
Edwin Tucker
Wilbert & Betty Saathoff
Patricia Sullivan
Janina Buziuk
11:30—Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak Families

Monday—July 6
8:30—Carol Heidorn
Martha Wozny

Tuesday—July 7
8:30—Mary Ann Pearch
Donna Roberts
Denise Monegato Schwarck

Wednesday—July 8th
8:30—Ron Kraft
Jim Klafeta
Pat Sullivan

Thursday—July 9th
8:30am—George & Jerry Hoss
Charles Wagner
Kenneth Furtak

Saturday—July 11th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Fred Peseck, Sr.
Grandparents Sliz

Sunday—July 12th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Holy Souls In Purgatory
Francine Cipriano
Roger Louis—Charles
Tom Harrison
Johnny Rosales
11:30—Moses Diaz

July 11th & 12th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Bob Kutella	Michelle Morgan	Bobby Lima
Communion Ministers	W. Bernacki N. Davoli E. Melnitzke	L. Louis—Charles Sr. Victoria M. Mogan	A. Caccavari J. Losurdo N. May
Altar Servers	L. Trischan D. Tajstryk	S. LoCascio N. LoCascio C. Petrucci	K. Lima L. Gonzales

Hypod Winner

June 29, 2026

$00 Winner—Grace Walczak

$100 Winner—Chuck Traxler

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

Music

ST MARIA GORETTI,
PRAY FOR US

Parish Support

Week of June 20th & 21st

Weekly	$3,617.69
Utilities	$1,385.00
Priest Retirement	$51.00

MANY THANKS!

Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections:

The second collection on July 12th is for Utilities

Please be as generous as you can.

St. Maria Goretti
Virgin & Martyr
July 6th

St. Maria Goretti was born in Italy on October 16, 1890.
Her parents were farmers. After her father's death in 1899, her family needed to share a house with another family, the Serenellis.
One of their sons, Alessandro, attacked Maria after she refused his advances.
He stabbed her 14 times as she defended her purity. She was taken to the hospital and died on July 6, 1902.
Before she died she forgave her attacker, and appeared to him later in a vision, which led to his conversion.
St. Maria Goretti is one of the youngest saints to be canonized.
The crowd at her canonization was the largest that had ever assembled for a canonization in Rome at that time,
and in attendance were Maria's mother, and her attacker, Alessandro. She is often depicted holding lilies symbolizing her purity.

Prayer To St. Maria Goretti
Oh Saint Maria Goretti who,
Strengthened by God's grace,
Did not hesitate even at the age of twelve
to shed your blood and sacrifice
life itself to defend your virginal purity,
look graciously on the unhappy human race
which has stayed far from the path of eternal salvation.
Teach us all and especially youth,
with what courage and promptitude we should flee
for the love of Jesus
anything that could offend Him
or stain our souls with sin.
Obtain for us from our Lord
victory in temptation,
comfort in sorrows of life,
and the grace which we earnestly beg of thee,
and may we one day enjoy with thee
the imperishable glory of heaven.
Amen

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Ken Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Baby Girl Bosco
Frank Bosco
Pat Brandolino
Gus Campeotto
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Beatrice Giannone
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Howard Heidorn
Jose Herrera
Mary Hinterlong
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz
Melanie Hohmeier
Renee Iman
Vivian Jennings
Arlene Jurinek
Brian Kelly
Patti King
Bernice Kirchen
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
Bryan McIntyre
Bill McMurray
Barbara Miller
Christian Mireles
Pat Morgan
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Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Jim Waterloo
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 5, 2026

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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About Our Program

Our in person religious education classes meet twice a month either Tuesday evenings from 6:00—8:00pm or
Saturday mornings from 9:00—11:30am at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building. We also have a homeschool (e-learning) option available. We are committed to giving our students in grades K—8 the tools they need to grow and mature in their faith by:

- ✝ *Gathering for prayer every class*
- ✝ *Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent*
- ✝ *Encouraging faithful discipleship through the completion of Mass and service hours*
- ✝ *Through enrichment opportunities like The*
- ✝ *Seder Meal, Church Tours, and Teaching Masses*
- ✝ *Offering Opportunities for involvement in Mass by having our students read and bring up the gifts at our monthly Family Masses and by offering opportunities to join parish ministries like altar serving.*

Sacramental Information

The Religious Education program has a 2 year consecutive attendance requirement for the reception of the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Confirmation is celebrated in 8th grade.
First Reconciliation & Communion are usually celebrated in 2nd grade; students in grades 3-7 who need to receive the Sacraments of first Reconciliation & Communion will be enrolled in the *Special Sacraments Class* in their second consecutive year of attendance in the religious education program. This is a separate class and meets one Saturday per month from 9-11am to prepare these students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

Registration Information

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 program year!

You DO NOT need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program.

You can view registration materials and enroll your child by clicking the "Enroll My Child " button on the faith formation page of the parish website hvmparish.org. You can also enroll your child by scanning the QR code on this page.

You can register in person on our registration days Tuesday, September 8th from 4:30-7:30pm and Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-2pm.

We will also have 2 open houses where you can tour the building, meet the staff, review materials, and register your child or drop off payments and paperwork.

Please make sure to bring a copy of your child's applicable sacramental certificates including Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion when you come to register or on the first day of class.

For more information or for registration materials, please contact the religious education office.

From The Parish Nurse...

The month of June is associated with Alzheimer's Disease awareness. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 55 million people are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Dementia is not a specific disease but is a term that describes a loss of memory and thinking abilities that interferes with daily life.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia. Even though there is no cure for Alzheimer's Disease, there are some treatments available which may change the disease progression. Getting to know what options are available can help those living with the disease to better manage their symptoms and help their caregivers cope easier.

Developing healthy habits for your brain can help to lower the risk of cognitive decline or possibly even dementia. The list includes: 1. Helping to prevent injury to your head by wearing a helmet when biking and wearing a seatbelt, 2. Quitting smoking, 3. Moving more in your daily life, including activities to raise your heart rate and increase blood flow to brain and body- whatever works for you, 4. Learning something new to challenge your mind, 5. Controlling your blood pressure with medications and healthy habits, 6. Managing diabetes, 7. Getting good quality sleep, 8. Encouraging youth to stay in school or taking a class yourself, 9. Eating well, and 10. Maintaining a healthy weight that your healthcare provider determines is right for you.

"Positive, everyday actions can make a difference in brain health."

Blessings and Health to You,

Anne (Nancy) Ryan
Faith Community Nurse

Resource: Alzheimer's Association

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