HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

JULY 26, 2026

THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rectory:
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Zerlina Kirchen, Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation
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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

As we begin this final week of July, we celebrate the second feast day of our parish's two patron saints. St. Beatrice's feast day is on Wednesday, July 29. At the weekend Masses on July 4-5, we presented a flower at the relic of St. Maria Goretti, as her feast day was July 6. So, at the Masses on this weekend, we will place a flower at the relic of St. Beatrice to honor her for her upcoming feast day.

And regarding July 29, I should point out something that you'll notice if you look at a Catholic liturgical calendar. July 29 is also the feast day of the three siblings – Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. As you may know, there are so many saints in the Church that many of their feast days overlap. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus' feast day is certainly the main one for July 29, but since St. Beatrice is one of our parish's patron saints, we celebrate her feast on that day. But precisely because I always celebrate St. Beatrice's feast at our Mass here on July 29, I wanted to use my article here to say a word about the other saints whom the Church honors on the same day: the three siblings of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

I think many Catholics are a least somewhat familiar with these names, since they are mentioned in several Gospel stories. For example, they invited Jesus into their home and dined with Him on more than occasion. Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him speak, while Martha served Jesus and their guests. The sisters called upon Jesus when their brother Lazarus died, and Martha made that great confession of faith: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." And of course, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

In 2021, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments issued a decree to combine the veneration of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus into one feast day (previously, July 29 was just St. Martha's feast). In that decree, the Congregation wrote: "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

So, as we honor one of our patrons, St. Beatrice, on Wednesday, let us also honor Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. We ask them to pray that, like them, all families will welcome Jesus into their homes as their Guest and their Friend.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Join us for First Saturday Devotions on
Saturday, August 1st at 8:30am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer
followed by fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Saturday—July 25th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Patty Reichard
Genevieve & Stanley Sliz
Jimmy Hendrickson
Eugenia & Leon Leszczynski
Tracz, Twarowski, and Trzaska Families
Calogero Martorana

Sunday—July 26th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
Raymond & Lena Gennetti
Paul Pignatelli
Maria Mele
11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

Monday—July 27th
8:30—Mary Ann Pearch
Helen Molinari

Tuesday—July 28th
8:30—Charles Wagner

Wednesday—July 29th
8:30— Carol Heidorn

Thursday—July 30th
8:30am—Mary Kraft & Ronnie Kraft
Michelle Wozny
Cecilia Aguirre

Saturday—August 1st
4:30—Vito Ciaccia
Stanely Pawlowski
Edward Galey
Irene Czerech
Chris Benesch
Joseph & Mary Traxler
Helen Fienies
Jimmy Hendrickson
Eugenia & Leon Leszczynski
Tracz, Twarowski, and Trzaska Families

Sunday—August 2nd
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
James Florio Family
Carmelita Rubio
Donna Harding
Pat Brandolino
James Cashman
11:30—Pat Sullivan
Deceased Members of Gervais Family
Deceased Members of the Piotrowski & Pultorak Families

August 1st & 2nd	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector			
Communion Ministers	C. McLean C. Widuch M. Widuch	R. Kraft K. Lima C. Fippinger	L. Alipiio M. Mcihalowski A. Caccavari
Altar Servers	L. Trischan D. Tajstryk	C. Fiore S. Cychosz	L. Louis—Charles J. Mack

Hypod Winner

July 19, 2026
$100 Winner—John Hansen
Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

Music

St. Beatrice, pray for us!

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.

Parish Support

Week of July 11th & 12th

Weekly	$5,797.20
Utilities	$1,181.97
Missionary Co-Op	$10.00
Ascension	$40.00

MANY THANKS!

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

Second Collections:
The second collection on August 1st is Maintenance
Please be as generous as you can.

St. Beatrcie
Virgin & Martyr
July 29th

St. Beatrice's two brothers, St. Simplicius and St. Faustinus, were cruelly tormented and eventually beheaded in Rome during the Diocletian persecution in the year 303. Their sister Beatrice took up their bodies out of the Tiber and gave them burial. She concealed herself for seven months in the house of a virtuous widow called Lucina, with whom she spent her time, night and day, in fervent prayer and in the exercise of other good works. She was discovered and impeached by a pagan kinsman who designed to possess her estate. She resolutely protested to the judge that she would never adore gods of wood and stone, and she was thus strangled by his order in prison the following night. Lucina buried her body near her brothers on the side of the highway to Porto, in the cemetery called Ad Ursum Pileatum. Pope Leo translated their relics into a church which he built to their honor in the city, and they now lie in that of St. Mary Major.

(Excerpted from The Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, and Other Principal Saints, Volume 7)

Prayer To Saint Beatrice

May the Blessed Saint Beatrice,
youthful virgin and martyr,
intercede for the youth of our world today,
O God, her undivided heart pleased you well.
May she obtain for the church
a strong sense of dedication to your word
and the courage to visibly live what we believe.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we ask this through Christ our Lord.
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
Gus Campeotto
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Beatrice Giannone
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Howard Heidorn
Jose Herrera
Stacey Hinterlong-Bacha
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
Robert Olender
Christopher Ordo
Michael Pesola
Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Melissa Pitts
Mike Ponticelli
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
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
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care
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If you or someone you know
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either by leaving a message at the rectory
or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

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.

Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. THE MASS STIPEND IS $15.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM

IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.

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YOUR NAME **PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL**

INTENTIONS **DATE AND TIME PREFERRED**

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