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MASSES

**Daily at 8:30 am - No Mass on
Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

Saturday: Vigil Bartow: 5:00 pm

Sunday: Bartow 10:30 am

Sacraments

Confessions: Half hour prior to masses.

Marriage preparation: Arrangements must be
made four months in advance.

Baptism: Last Sunday of the month.

Call Evelyn Rivera 863-370-4000
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Sick calls – Anytime

Communion for Sick and Home Bound

Call the Church Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Every

Sunday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Monday 8:30 am to 10:30 am

Religious Education Administrator

Jessica Whitmer 863-602-3837

Religious Formation – Every Sunday

Sept thru May

Preschool thru 8th - Sun 9 am to 10:15 am

High School Sunday 9:00 to 10:15 am

(1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.)

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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Registration forms in church or office

Remember St. Thomas Church in your will

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

2180 S. Kissingen Ave. Bartow FL, 33830

Diocese of Orlando



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 20	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners
Sun Jul 21	10:30 am	Christina Kjerrumgaard By Yvonne & Bill Kjerrumgaard
Fri Jul 26	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat Jul 27	5:00 pm	+Kainen Genovisi By Yolanda Vasquez
Sun Jul 28	10:30 am	For All Parishioners

There will be no daily Mass July 18 - July 25.

Please Pray For.....

Stuart Andrews, Terry Ayres, Kristin Bing, Pete Byrne, Melvin Casey, Maggie Chiarini, Alan English, Rachel Gohlman, Dorothy Guptill, Delores Hart, Austin Heath, Zachary Heath, Ivette Hernandez, Jennifer Hoffer, Mark Jansen, Missy Jansen, Stuart Jones, Bill Kjerrumgaard, Leon LaClair, Sara Long, Aaron Mills, Adam Mills, Zachary Mills, Scott Mize, Lacey Pate, , George Pizano, Karlee Severns, Richie Southwell, Chuck Spencer, Rise' St. Arno, Jeff Stidham, Murphy Stidham, Laura Webb

Please pray for our deceased diocesan priests

July 1, 2023	Rev. John (Stan) Murray
July 7, 1988	Rev. Arthur Dunnigan
July 10, 2005	Rev. Joseph Achilles Nolin
July 14, 2018	Msgr. Valentine Sheedy
July 15, 2016	Rev. Frank Mutsko
July 18, 1992	Rev. Paul Couming
July 22, 2017	Rev. Felix Baños
July 26, 2022	Rev. Francis X.J. Smith

Joyful Again, Orlando!

Retreat for Widows & Widowers

(6 months or more after loss of spouse)

September 7-8, 2024

Please contact Sharon at 386-717-4452 to register.

LECTORS	SME
7/20-5:00 pm	
Ann Slocum Ann Spencer	Evelyn Rivera Ann Slocum
7/21-10:30 am	
Martha Laurent Rick Davila	Maria Davila Martha Laurent
7/27-5:00 pm	
Barbara Van Orsdale Pat Lowery	Kathleen Morris Doug Van Orsdale
7/28-10:30 am	
Carrie Brown Maureen Leckie	Theresa Cherry Pat Lowery

Saint Thomas Collection

7/7	Regular	\$3241.00
	Maintenance	247.00

Saint Elizabeth Collection

7/7	Regular	450.00
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SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection will be for Catholic University of America.

WORLD YOUTH DAY CALLS

The Priest

Father Bjorn Lundberg is a priest serving in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. He has participated in six WYDs: Denver (1993), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011) and Krakow (2016). His first WYD in Denver was with the Maximilian Kolbe Youth Group from Tacoma, Washington. "I was excited by the possibility of seeing St. John Paul II," he remembered. "I wasn't exactly sure what to expect, but was drawn to JP II and the idea of being with young Catholics from around the world."

So, what did he find? "I found it to be a tremendous event with hundreds of thousands, if not millions of youths. There is nothing like it, nothing comparable as a phenomenon, nothing of this magnitude. It is joyful, penitential, life-changing, an experience of grace, and a tremendous witness to a world that has a hard time believing in God," adding that "organizers and host cities always seem unprepared for the reality of so many youths appearing with an

octogenarian pope and being full of joy and hope.”

That World Youth Day in Denver 30 years ago was life-changing for the young Bjorn.

“At Denver, I became aware that we were being called by God. ... I remember as we were on the bus ride from Seattle to Denver; one night, there were lightning strikes as storms played out on the horizon. ... I always fought a calling to the priesthood and didn't want to think about that. Yet I was aware that John Paul wanted us to witness to the truth about life and faith. It made a deep impression on me, as I was about to start college.”

Ten years later, he entered seminary and is today a priest. This veteran of many World Youth Days said that one particular moment at WYD 2011 remains with him: “At Madrid, the organizers expected perhaps 1 million, and it seemed like 2 million showed up. It was so hot they had fire trucks spraying water on this mass of humanity at an airstrip outside of Madrid where we were camped out.”

“There was some heat exhaustion and various aspects of the penitential experience,” Father Lundberg said. “That night, it had rained, thankfully. Pope Benedict was present for the vespers service, and it was after dusk. They announced, in multiple languages, that there would be a brief period of Eucharistic adoration. In a relatively short time, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the altar of the main pavilion stage, and, suddenly, there was silence.”

He recalled, “You would not say that you could hear a pin drop, but hundreds of thousands of somewhat raucous teenagers who were understandably excited and full of noise and exuberance were suddenly enveloped in silence and quiet prayer. ... It was very moving to see the Lord working.”

What are his hopes for WYD in Lisbon? “As Pope Francis emphasizes,” he said, “we need to accompany people where they are, more than ever; and pray that this accompaniment will be charged by grace in Portugal.” He added, “Fatima is more relevant than ever. Our Lady chose young people who were shepherds and who needed to learn more about the truth of the

word of God and to be formed and encouraged to bear witness to the world.”

“Our Lady is going to be there and interceding for these next generations,” he said. “I am confident that God will be working imperceptibly in these lives, and I hope they are not afraid to say ‘Yes’ to what God is inviting them to.”

MISSION APPEAL 2024 IN OUR PARISH

During the weekend liturgies of **July 27 and 28, 2024**, a Pallottines priest, Rev Jesuraj, SAC belong to The Society of the Catholic Apostolate, Gloria Dei Region, will be here to speak about the missionary work of the Pallottines Missionaries in India. Very Rev. Balaji, SAC is presently serving as Regional Superior of Gloria Dei Region. Prior to this he has worked in many missions and has knowledge of the missions. He is an amazing priest with missionary zeal, he is very famous for his nature of pastoral care at present he is serving as the Vicar in St Michael Bedford. There are several Pallottine fathers working in our diocese. Pallottines have given great service to the faithful in various Dioceses in the United States for years.

The congregation, of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, is present in 53 countries all over the world. In India, Pallottines have been involved in the work of evangelization for the last 72 years. Recently, they have been working among the covid-19 affected families. We have been involved in providing basic necessities to the families who lost their jobs, struggling to survive. The Pallottines work in partnership with laity throughout the world furthering the church's mission to renew faith and rekindle love. The help and support of many generous people all over the world makes it possible to continue God's work. Your own efforts to support the Missions all over the world are greatly appreciated. Know that when you give to the Missions, you give to a good cause. For more information on the Pallottines visit: www.glorideipallottine

