

ST. ANNE PARISH

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THE BISHOP CALLS IT "MATANZA en El Paso." The massacre.

It was a Saturday morning in August 2019 when a man who'd posted messages of racial hate and white supremacy drove 600 miles to kill 23 people, most of them Hispanic, at a Wal-



This will conclude our summerlong series inspired by the encouragement that Catholics listen and learn on matters of racism, which was initiated following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May. As recent events, also close to home, make painfully clear our need to listen and learn, to pray, to discern and to seek conversion does not and cannot end. The special page on our web site dedicated to **Racism: Listening & Learning** will continue to be updated with new written and video material. — Fr. Tom

mart. As El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz described it, "Hate visited our community and Latino blood was spilled in sacrifice to the false god of white supremacy."

The massacre wasn't isolated, Bishop Seitz observed in a pastoral letter a few months after the attack. It was part of a litany of shootings, or *matanzas*, in cities such as Charleston, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Oak Creek; in churches, bars, synagogues and temples. The victims have been Black, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh, and the attacks not always about race or religion.

"The mystery of evil," the bishop writes, "includes the base belief that some of us are more important, deserving and worthy than others. It includes the ugly conviction that this country and its history and opportunities and resources as well as our economic and political life belong more properly to 'white' people than to people of color. This is a perverse way of thinking that divides

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DISCIPLES NIGHT

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JOINING OUR PARISH: Fr. Tom would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send an email to frtom@stanneswausau.org or call 849.3930.

MASS IN CHURCH: In-person Mass is celebrated at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, as well as weekday mornings. However, Mass also continues to be offered on-line and will be for the foreseeable future.

If you plan to join us for Mass, please register by going to stanneswausau.org, or call the parish office. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Also go to the web site to find information on the necessary precautions associated with coming to Mass, including the wearing of masks, physical distancing, and seating procedures. Thank you!

ON-LINE MASS is available at stanneswausau.org, at **St. Anne Parish** on Facebook and YouTube, and through an email sent to all parishioners Saturday afternoon. If you're not getting that email, we don't have your email address. Send an email to mail@stanneswausau.org and we'll add you to our address book. Email is the most timely and efficient means of communication.

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Glory to God

Mass of a Joyful Heart, Steve Angrisano, Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

1-3 to Verses Final 3 Fine

peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Psalm 63, "My Soul Is Thirsting"

Steve Angrisano

My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst -

- ing for you, my God. My soul is thirst -

- ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you, my God,

thirst - ing for you, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Ě. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. lu - ia!

Initiation: "Christ Will Be Your Strength"

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and fol-low him!

Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions: We will conclude the prayers of intercession with this dialogue:

Priest: May the Divine Assistance be with us always.

ALL: And with our absent sisters and brothers. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Amen



Lamb of God



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This Week

MONDAY 14 SEPT / Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

TUESDAY 15 SEPT / 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31/Jn 19:25-27

- 7 AM - Mass +Agnes Rutz
- 6:30 PM - "Pilgrimage to Eternity" Book Club on Zoom

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPT / 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35

- 8:15 AM - Mass +Charles Ress
- Until further notice, school Masses will not be open to the public as a coronavirus precaution.*
- 6:30 PM - Forming Young Disciples parent meeting on Zoom

THURSDAY 17 SEPT / 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

- 8:15 AM - Mass +Winnie Kaas
- Until further notice, school Masses will not be open to the public as a coronavirus precaution.*
- 9 AM - Finance Council on Zoom

FRIDAY 18 SEPT / 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

- 7 AM - Mass +Jean Slominski

SATURDAY 19 SEPT / 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Lk 8:4-15

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19/20 SEPT

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27/Mt 20:1-16

- 4 PM Saturday +Sharon Majernik
- 9:30 AM Sunday +Muriel Dahm

HELPING TO FORM DISCIPLES

Our Wednesday night faith formation program is called Forming Young Disciples because that is its primary goal: to help form disciples of Jesus. As was true with the first of Jesus' disciples, that task requires people willing to share their faith and help in that formation. We're hoping you might share in that important work of Forming Young Disciples in our program for elementary, middle and high school students. Or, might you at least give us an opportunity to talk more about what this important ministry entails?

The need for new catechists is rather urgent and immediate, so we'd love to speak with you soon. To learn more, send an email to John Schmitt or LeeAnn Lella, our co-directors of disciple formation, at johns@stanneswausau.org or leeannl@stanneswausau.org.

— Fr. Tom

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING

Total collected (AUG 30): \$4,802
Amount needed: \$14,266 per week

Total collected (since July 1, 2020): \$112,370
Amount needed: \$128,391
Shortfall: -\$16,021



There's a FAM+FAITH+FUN BOX FOR EVERY PARISH FAMILY

Stop by the Gathering Space to get yours this week.

A Prayer for Comm-union

We give thanks to you God for your divine life within us. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the sacramental presence of your son, Jesus Christ.

Increase in us faith, hope and love so that we can be His presence in the world. We make this prayer through Christ, with whom we are united whether together or apart, He who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

“The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us”

Steven Janco

The hand of the Lord feeds us; God answers all our needs. God answers all our needs.

“Lead Me, Lord”

Matthew, John D. Becker

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
 2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
 3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
 2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
 3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
 2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
 3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
 2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
 3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
 seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
 be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -
 day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.



The Pastoral Council met on Aug. 20 on the Zoom video communication platform. Here are highlights of the meeting:

- Members expressed appreciation for the weekly Quick Things email video, although it was observed that it's not always “quick.” People who do not have internet can ask that the bulletin be mailed to them.
- While Fr. Tom attempted to call all older parishioners early in the safer-at-home period, a group of parishioners will soon make a second round of phone calls.
- Attendance at Lord's Day Mass does not warrant a change in the current schedule of 4 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Participation has increased slightly since in-person Mass resume May 31, but there has rarely been more than 100 people at a given Mass. Finding Welcome Ministers, readers and servers has been a challenge.
- Council members endorsed celebrating an outdoor Mass, with the hope that people who have been reluctant to gather indoors might be more apt to gather outside.
- John Schmitt, disciple formation co-director, reported that Forming Young Disciples will be offered both in-person and at home. In-person sessions will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. John indicated a considerable need for new catechists to assist with the program. Council members affirmed the stay-at-home service experience.
- The Thanksgiving Basket program will continue in some form this year, but will most likely be quite different because of Covid-related precautions.
- The next meeting is Oct. 15.

A LATER MORNING MASS SURVEY

Mass is currently celebrated at 7 a.m. most weekday mornings. A later time has been suggested and I'd appreciate your input.

Here's the question: **Would you be more likely to attend, even occasionally, a weekday Mass celebrated at a later time, such as 8:15 a.m.?**

Please send an email response to mail@stanneswausau.org. Thanks.

— Fr. Tom

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people based on heritage and tone of skin into ‘us’ and ‘them,’ ‘worthy’ and ‘unworthy,’ paving the way to dehumanization. In other words racism.”

Bishop Seitz, a native of Milwaukee, has become a prominent figure among the bishops in matters of racial injustice. In the wake of the May killing of George Floyd, he joined protestors in his diocese. A photo of the bishop kneeling at a protest, wearing a mask, and holding a sign stating “Black Lives Matter” attracted some attention and controversy, but “The Gospel of Jesus Christ says people count, people matter,” Bishop Seitz said in a recent on-line presentation. “Such things start with prayer, but we can’t stop with prayer.”

His experience of protesting on behalf of human dignity and life began in anti-abortion rallies and protests. In his estimation, and as has been affirmed by Pope Francis and his predecessors, the pro-life umbrella is, necessarily, broad. Life and the dignity of life are threatened in many obvious and sometimes subtle ways. The shooting and deaths in El Paso are among the most egregious.

“The *matanza* in El Paso focused our attention on the racism directed at Latinos today, which has reached a dangerous fever pitch,” Bishop Seitz writes in his pastoral letter, *Night Will Be No More*. “Latinos now tell me that for the first time in their lives they feel unsafe, even in El Paso. They feel that



they have targets on their backs because of their skin color and language. They feel they are being made to live in their own home as a ‘stranger in a foreign land.’ (Exodus 2.22)”

It’s not just the Wal-Mart shooting that explains these fears. Years of disparaging comments and policies directed at migrants, legal or not, create a “meanness,” in the words of Pope Francis as quoted in the pastoral letter, that “heighten our fear of *the other*.” “The same deadly pool of sin that motivates the attack on migrants seeking safety and refuge in our border community motivated the killing of our neighbors on Aug. 3,” the bishop writes. “Sin unites people around fear

and hate. We must name and oppose the racism that has reared its head at the center of our public life and emboldened forces of darkness.

“This hatred of Latinos is not new. Ancient demons have been re-awakened and old wounds opened. One of my brother bishops has rightly called racism ‘the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness never fully healed.’ ... “It is a story of race, deeply embedded in our society, yet deeply contrary to Jesus’ life and teaching.” TL

Reflecting on Today’s Readings

The first reading from Sirach begins, “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” Is there wrath or anger you have been hanging onto that you’re ready to let go of with God’s help?

Sirach also prompts us to “remember your last days, set enmity aside.” Where is there a relationship in your life that you would like to heal or strengthen?

Jesus ends the parable today, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” How do you understand Jesus’ words, to forgive “from the heart.”?



What has helped you when you found it difficult to forgive others for the harm they had done?