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Dear Parish Family,

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Congratulations to Brian Holmes and Samantha Seleski, joined on Saturday in Holy Matrimony. Please pray for the newly married couple that God will shower His abundant graces upon them for many years of marital bliss!

Last week's tragic airplane accident has touched many of us here in Alma. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the prayer vigil at the United Methodist Church. Let us continue to lift up the families of those affected in prayer, as well as pray for the repose of the souls of those who died.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.

AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.

Thank you to those who have joined us for daily Masses. Please continue to spread the word and invite others. Last Wednesday, we began Eucharistic adoration following the noon Mass. I would like to continue, or even expand the times depending on attendance and response.

Bishop Cistone will be coming to formally install me as Parochial Administrator on two dates: (1) Saturday August 14 at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary, (2) Sunday September 12 at the 9:00 am Mass at Mount St. Joseph.

Please pray for the success of this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If you haven't gotten around to it yet, please consider making a generous donation to this year's CSA.

Please continue to daily pray for our parishes and for each other through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph!

Fr. David

Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help to make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

It will be holy if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work.

It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship if I bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion and charity and mercy; if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.



Papal Trivia

The first ten popes of the Church are:

St. Peter (32-67),
St. Linus (67-76),
St. Anacletus (Cletus) (76-88),
St. Clement I (88-97),
St. Evaristus (97-105),
St. Alexander I (105-115),
St. Sixtus (Xystus) I (115-125),
St. Telesphorus (125-136),
St. Hyginus (136-140),
St. Pius I (140-155).



The 11th pope, St. Anicetus ruled that the clergy should have short hair. He died a martyr in 166.

In 756 Frankish King Pepin claimed to have discovered *The Donation of Constantine* which gave the pope temporal power over the city of Rome. In the early 1400s, it was determined to be a forgery by Lorenzo Valla.

Pope Gregory the Great, who was pope from 590-604, instituted Gregorian chant. He was also the first monk to become pope.

In 1059 Pope Nicholas II established the method of succession for popes that is still in use today. After a pope dies, a Council of Cardinals elects the next pope from a group of able candidates.

The first English pope was Pope Adrian IV who was born in 1100, and was pope from 1154-1159.

Pope John XXI (1276-77) was Portuguese, a renowned scholar, and had been physician to a previous pope. He was pope for about eight months. He died when a building collapsed around him.

Pope Celestine V was elected in 1294. He did not want to be pope, but wanted to live a simple life. He issued a decree stating that the pope had the right to resign; and five months later, he resigned.

In 1309, Pope Clement V (1305-14) moved the papal seat from Rome to Avignon in France, where it remained until 1378.

A great patron of the arts and sciences, Pope Sixtus IV (1471-84) commissioned Baccio Pontelli to design the Sistine Chapel which later became famous for its beautiful painted ceiling.

Pope Pius IX was the longest reigning pope in Church history (1846-1878) having been in office for nearly 32 years. He convened the First Vatican Council, which decreed papal infallibility; and defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1978 was the “Year of Three Popes.” They were: Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul I, and Pope John Paul II.

Karol Josef Wojtyla is better known as Pope John Paul II. He was the first Polish pope, and the first non-Italian in 455 years. He was pope from 1978-2005.

Pope Benedict XVI (born Joseph Alois Ratzinger) was elected April 19, 2005, two days after his 78th birthday. He is the 265th pope, and the ninth German pope.