

Church of the Assumption

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 20, 2014

Message from Fr. Michael

It has been a wonderful experience and a great pleasure to be here with you all in Fairport. It is truly a blessed and beautiful community. I cannot express my gratitude strongly enough for your hospitality and many kindnesses as I get settled, and I truly look forward to spending the next three years with you as I begin my internship.

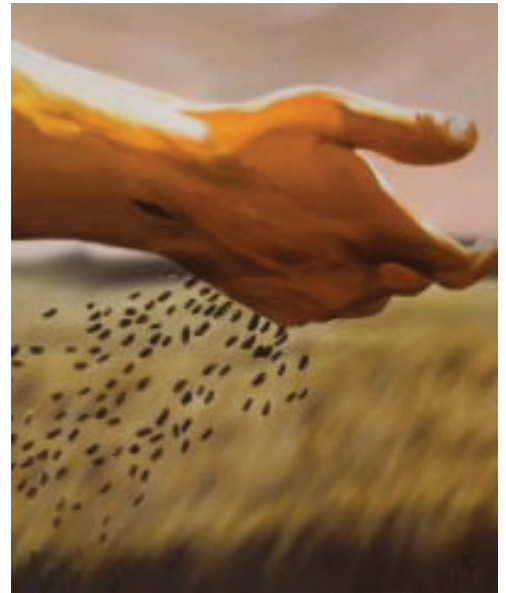
It may be helpful to tell you a little bit more about myself since as much as I like to chat, I don't like to talk about myself too much. Anyway, I am the third child and oldest male of a family of four children and I grew up in Livonia, New York (just go south until you see cows and then turn left to get there). My mother and stepfather now live in Hemlock, NY and two of my siblings live with their families in Livonia. My eldest sister and my father and stepmother live in Alabama and Nashville, TN, respectively. I am very close to my family and spend as much time as possible in Livonia with them. I also support my brother and his family, in particular, in their efforts with the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation* to create better lives for those with Type 1 diabetes since the diagnosis of their six year-old son two years ago.

My education after high school was at the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Vocal Music and Composition and I am a semi-professional artist and iconographer. My degree in theology comes from KU Leuven in Leuven, Belgium where I lived for three years. I also spent a lot of time in Poland where my family was originally from while in studies there. The last two years were spent working on an advanced degree in Liturgical Theology back at CUA. In particular, I study the practice of reconciliation and its relationship to the fullness of redemption offered in the celebration of the Mass.

My free time is spent in Tug Hill, NY where I spent a lot of time fishing with my maternal grandfather as a child. He remains, fourteen years after his death, a very active influence in my life.

I was baptized and raised Roman Catholic even though I have Ruthenian Byzantine ancestry. I left the Church for eleven years and returned and found myself very much attracted to ministry. Since Rochester was my home and because of my fondness for my childhood priests, Rev. Jerome Schifferli and Rev. William Trott and our retired Bishop, Matthew Clark, I thought I would come back to Rochester to investigate the possibility of becoming an ordained priest. I have not regretted it. I love the people of our diocese very much and I am consistently amazed by the vibrant, loving and well educated Church in Rochester. But most of all, I am impressed by the love for Jesus Christ and the commitment to his saving message of victory that the Church in Rochester lives and defends with such joy and holiness. It is an honor to be an ordained minister in such a place, but, more importantly, it is a joy beyond words to be a Christian among such great people. It is my pleasure to be assigned to the service of the people of God in Fairport. God Bless you all! Yours in Christ,

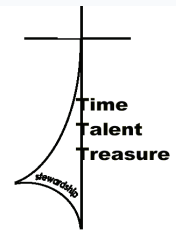
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Stephen Ministry



Sunday Masses

4:00 pm (Saturday)
8:30 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Mission Statement: *We are an inclusive, welcoming, compassionate community united by a faith that is alive and growing. As sisters and brothers baptized in Christ, our mission is to be Christ for one another, our community, and the world by teaching as Jesus did, loving as Jesus loved, serving as Jesus served, and by seeing in every face the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our church is equipped with hearing loop for hearing aid wearers. Switch your hearing aid to the "T-Mode" position to hear the service.