



West TN Catholic

FEATURE

Requiem Mass for Mother Mary Agnes Magevney

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MEM, TN by *Karen Pulfer Foelt* — The Magevney Society is planning a mass in remembrance of prominent Memphis historical figure Mother Mary Agnes Magevney (1841–1891) next month. She was the first child of Eugene and Mary Magevney. It is believed that the first Catholic Mass in Memphis was celebrated in their home.

There is going to be a high requiem Mass (in the Extraordinary Form) said for Mother Mary Agnes Magevney at 6:30 p.m. on Friday September 13, 2019 at St. Peter Church, 190 Adams Ave in downtown Memphis.

"This is in fulfillment of one of her dying requests," said Michael A. Beauregard, who founded the Magevney Society, a small group of Memphians who are trying to draw attention to the virtuous life of Mother Mary Agnes.

"I started researching her life more in-depth approximately three years ago and was captivated by her life of redemptive suffering and her piety. I desired to learn as much as I could about this person from our own city who clearly lived for the glory of God and worked for the salvation of souls," said Michael A. Beauregard.

Some of the personal effects of Mother Mary Agnes will be displayed at St. Peter's after the requiem Mass (some for the very first time) and will stay on display between Sept. 11 and mid-October.

Her family home, The Magevney House, sits right next door the St. Peters Catholic Church. It is one of the oldest residences remaining in Memphis 198 Adams Ave, Memphis, TN



Silver Rose Run

August 16, 2019 – Fifth grade students at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School ran in the Silver Rose Run sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Timothy J. Coyle Council 9317 today. The actual Silver Rose passed through Memphis over the summer. The Knights wanted to continue the tradition at SFA and made a few changes to the program. This year, every 5th grade student received a red rose to carry during the run. Knight of Columbus member, Mr. Tom Griesmer explained that the rose symbolizes the value of human life in all its stages. He talked with the students about the story of Juan Diego and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following the run, the students placed their roses at the statue of



Mary located at the center of campus.

Each year, five Silver Roses travel across Canada and the United States en route to Guadalupe, Mexico for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 59 years.



St. Ann Begins the School Year Strong



St. Ann Catholic School in Bartlett is off to a great start for the new school year.

Students are ready for Christ-centered learning to begin.

The first days of school, students and parents showed up with arms full of new school supplies ready for their best year yet.

Is Christ Really & Truly Present in the Eucharist?

by Father Joe Krupp

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Dear Father, I've read a lot of talk online that, according to a recent study, most Catholics don't understand Church teaching about the Eucharist or don't believe in it. People seem very sad and angry about this and as I read all the comments, I wondered if I believe the right thing. Please help, I want to be a good Catholic.

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God bless you! Your email was like many I have received in the past few days and, this concern is so common that we decided to jump a few topics and get after this as soon as we could. So, we'll start right off by looking at the poll, what it revealed, and then what we, as Catholics, believe about the Eucharist. First, what did the poll reveal?

Thirty-one percent of Catholics interviewed stated that they believe the Church's teaching about transubstantiation, 69 percent stated that they "believe the bread and wine are only symbols."

Now, take that 69 percent who stated they believe the bread and wine are only symbols, and you find that 43 percent of them believe that this is what the Church teaches. What does this tell us? In my opinion, it reveals not so much

a willful disagreement with the Church on a core doctrine as a misunderstanding of what the Church teaches. So let's look at a quick summary of transubstantiation, the Church's explanation for

the bread and wine actually becoming the reality of the body and blood of Christ. I'm going

to try to explain simply some fairly complex theological and philosophical truths using an analogy, so stick with me on this. We start with the idea of you, a human. Every human being - every person - has elements to him or her that are visible and some that are invisible. The visible part of you, and me, is an external reality we share with everyone we meet.

Most humans follow the basic human form: we physically look like humans and share more visible traits than we don't.

The invisible parts are more of an "internal reality." We commonly describe this as our soul, or spirit, or nature, or heart. (Just to name a few, and these are not theological terms!) This is a way of saying that we are completely unique in many ways.

We all have strengths and weaknesses, we are varying levels of patient or happy or smart - all these sort of "internal" traits that make us unique are from the invisible part of us.

They are what we might call our substance. What is true of you, is also true of other things: there is an element that is visible to the world and a core element of it that is not visible. Now, let's go back to the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. What we believe is that,

at the sacred moment, Jesus took the bread and changed its substance. The outside of it (form) stayed the same, but the wheat and water that made it bread (substance) was changed into Christ's very body. This is what transubstantiation is: "transforming the substance."

Jesus did the same thing with the wine, too, as it became his blood. We believe that, at every Mass we pray, we join in Christ's eternal sacrifice. And as we re-present the sacrifice, the priest becomes

in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), and the substance of the bread and wine is transformed from bread into the very flesh and blood of Christ. And not just his body and blood, but every aspect of who Christ is: his body, blood, soul and divinity are fully present in each element of the Eucharist. Why did he do this? For a lot of reasons, but as he showed us in the Incarnation, it is all part of the way his love works - he enters every element of our experience and transforms it. Christ took something our bodies need (food) and transformed it into something our souls need - him! In this, Christ literally enters us in a way that feeds both parts of the human experience - the body and the soul.

This is a miracle of love, and I think that part of the reason some Catholics say they don't believe it is not because they were never taught it, but because it is so unbelievably miraculous and shocking that they just assume they were taught wrong. I did a very small, unscientific poll with random parishioners throughout the week. I asked them about transubstantiation and it was definitely

a word they struggled with. However, as the conversation continued, I asked them what happens to the bread and wine we offer at Mass and every person I asked but one said that it becomes the body and blood of Christ. I share this to help us put things in context. I think at least some of the confusion is that our Church language is confusing in today's world. We use different words differently in the Roman Catholic Church and, frankly, it's often that misunderstanding that is reflected in such polls. The key is this: the Eucharist should transform us, and it takes more than proper theology for that transformation to occur in us. Our pride, anger, stubbornness can work against the miracle that Jesus gives us. We need to approach the Eucharist with great reverence, devotion and love and let that change how we see and treat everyone we encounter.



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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 3.

Father Pugh Remembered, by Tom & Theresa Gagliano



MEM, TN --I left the seminary after completing theology in 1971 but the friendship with Father Pugh remained. Father Pugh married me and my wife Theresa in 1989. He celebrated with us our 25th year Anniversary Mass in 2004. There were some gaps in our relationship during the years of married life and the raising of a family but Father Pugh was always there for us. During the last few years of his life our friendship continued to grow. He indeed was a spiritual mentor who help us through some very difficult times. Our days of seminary life were frequently recalled with fond memories.

In remembering Father Pugh one cannot forget that he was a priest who endured much pain and suffering. Chronic back pain began in the early years of seminary life. During the last five years of his life physical pain was a daily companion. Hospitalizations, doctor visits, and falls were frequent occurrences. Knowing Father Pugh I would suspect that he would often pray for the Father to remove his cup of suffering but his life shows his acceptance of God's will. Father Pugh was well acquainted with the Book of Job. The last scripture class Father taught was on the Book of Job which I attended which several years ago.

On April 29, 1967 Father Pugh was clothed with his priestly chasuble by Bishop Durick and Father Pugh wore that priestly chasuble of service for 52 yrs unblemished, without spot or wrinkle. The last time my wife and I had dinner with him was about two weeks before his death at one of his favorite restaurants. Colletta's on Applying Way.

When we picked him up he was wearing his cassock. I could not help thinking how proudly he wore that badge of identification which represented Christ and the priesthood. As he collapsed to the floor on the day of his death he was wearing his cassock..

Father Pugh never made an all star team in any sports field. Since Father was a tall man (6'4") I asked him during our last meal together if he ever played basketball. I don't know why I had not asked that question earlier in his life Father said he played once but it was not a pretty sight on the court. Father's coach put Jimmy in the game briefly and Jim literally walked the ball down the Court. A fan yelled from the bleachers "get that klutz off the court". Father never forgot that fan's remark. Father Pugh may not have been an all-star on any sports team but he was an all-star on the only team that really matters in life. Father Pugh was an all-star on God's team .. He was an all-star on Christ's priestly team and that honor no one will ever take from him. Christ called Father Pugh on the morning of August 9, 2019 to the eternal Court of Heaven where the jeering and taunts of earthly crowds are gone forever.



Rest in peace Father Pugh. We love you! We miss you-until we meet again.

The Benefits of Sky Diving are Far Greater than You Just Might Think!

MEM, TN by Amy Hall

While you may be pretty stoked at one day crossing skydiving off your bucket list, it may prove more beneficial for you to do sooner than later especially if you're a student or in the job market.

What do you think would happen if you moved skydiving from your bucket list to your college or job resume? When any college or employer looks at your resume and sees your entry about skydiving you may just be surprised at what they actually find.

YOU UNDERSTAND RISK BETTER THAN MOST

People who participate in skydiving accept risk in the interest of broadening their horizons. They've also developed the tools it takes to face challenges head-on without flinching.

In real life, this translates into a magnetic team player who naturally thinks more experimentally. They also understand that actions have consequences that must be thought of before any decision is made. This mindset is priceless in life and probably pretty invaluable for any business.

YOU WORK WELL WITH OTHERS EVEN WHEN THE PRESSURE IS HIGH

Skydiving isn't for the demure, or faint of heart. Last year Father Ben had over twenty jumpers to participate in St. Michael's fundraiser (which raised 30,000 for the parish). There were dozens of other skydivers on the four planes we filled up, and these are always carefully orchestrated for a balance of "grooviness", as Father Ben calls it, and safety. Anyone skydiving must be able to listen carefully to plans as they are communicated, to execute at any moment the skills required and always be mindful of the safety of everyone on the jump.

Don't forget that all of this needs to be done in the pressurizing condition of free-fall and canopy flight. It's a great workshop for group dynamics and team building as you can imagine.



Even on that first tandem skydive, you're asked to be a thoughtful, attentive, functioning part of a small team. When you're connected to your tandem instructor, he or she is counting on you to listen carefully to all instructions and follow them to the best of your ability. There's a very large element of participation.

YOU ARE DEDICATED

Each year we are surrounded with skydivers who are making jumps again and again just to get a complicated jump totally nailed. There are skydivers who hop on plane-after-plane-after-plane with their group of jumpers to get a particular synchronized jump perfected. Last year there was Adrian, the 16-year-old son of Mark, who is one of the tandem instructors. Adrian packed his dad's parachute diligently after each jump and with such precise attention to detail that he thankfully noticed a super tiny tear in the mesh and alerted Mark before he took up my 13-year-old daughter for her first tandem jump.



At the drop zone, you'll find plenty of skydivers who are willing to get out of planes in the dead of winter, when the air is so cold it feels like a razor blade cutting through your skin. Which is almost how it felt during last year's jump when the temperature had fallen. When skydiving in cooler temps, turtlenecks are our friends.

When you come to make the plunge and jump with us, you'll meet jumpers who have worked hard enough in the sport to be able to push the limits of physics in ways which are unimaginable.

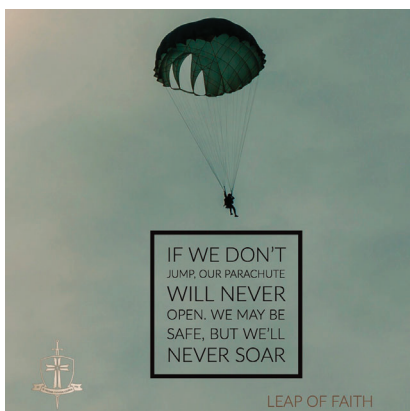
Suffice it to say: the mentality of a drop zone is all about optimization. What company wouldn't want someone on board who steeps themselves in that spirit all weekend long?

YOU CARE ABOUT BEING A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF

Each year we have people from all over our diocese participate in St. Michael's skydiving fundraiser. Yes, we have the cool priest, occasionally the fun youth director, teachers, and even middle and high schoolers. But we also have in our group a cardiac surgeon, a real estate appraiser, a philanthropy manager, interior designer, an accountant, a nurse practitioner and a chancery employee or two.



Skydiving is a sport, yes - but it's so much more than that. The St. Michael "sky-family" is a community. We come from all walks of life but share a common set of values--one of which is the value of mutual support. In fact, don't be surprised if the serious-looking, buttoned-up professional sitting across from you next Sunday at mass has a skydiving rig stashed under his office desk. We're everywhere, after all!



Are you ready to check skydiving off your bucket list or add it to your college or job resume? You can register to go with us this October by signing up now. Space will be limited to 32 and we have reserved the entire facility so we can have mass at the drop zone! Sign up by going to www.stmichaelmemphis.org/fall-in-love-st-michael.





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Lumen Civitatis Welcomes Peter Kreeft

We encourage you to register for the next speaker in the 2019 Lumen Civitatis Speaker Series, the renowned and beloved Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. who will give two talks in Memphis:

Monday, August 26 at 7PM
"The Many Catholic Themes in
The Lord of the Rings"

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30AM.
"The Meaning of Freedom in
Aquinas"

Both talks will be held in the Clunan Center of St. Louis Catholic Church, and we anticipate capacity crowds for both.

The Monday evening talk is free; the Tuesday mid-day talk includes lunch for \$10/person (+ transaction fee). At the time of this email, fewer than 100 seats remain for the lunch talk so please make your reservation quickly.

Dr. Kreeft is the author of 75 books, including Handbook of Christian Apologetics, Christianity for Modern Pagans, and Fundamentals of the Faith.

In a recent appearance on the Eric Metaxas Radio Show, which you can view by clicking [here](#), Dr. Kreeft speaks about his newest book *Symbol or Substance?*, where he gives credible voices to C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Billy Graham in a fictional conversation regarding Jesus' symbolic or physical presence in the Eucharist.

Lumen Civitatis is grateful and excited to continue its mission to promote Catholic education, culture, and leadership in the Diocese of Memphis through our 2019 Speaker Series.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

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What better way to raise money for eye surgery than BLIND tasting wine?

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