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SUNDAY AUGUST 8 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm
Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

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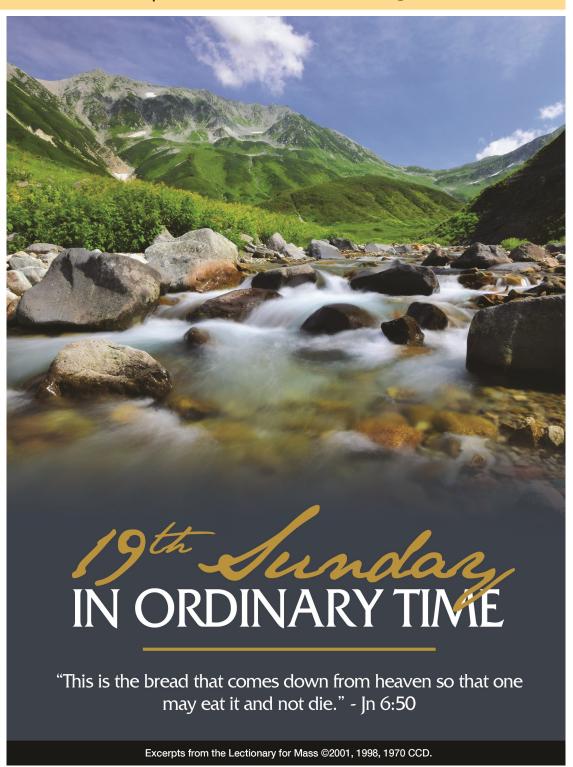
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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/

Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/|n 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/

1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

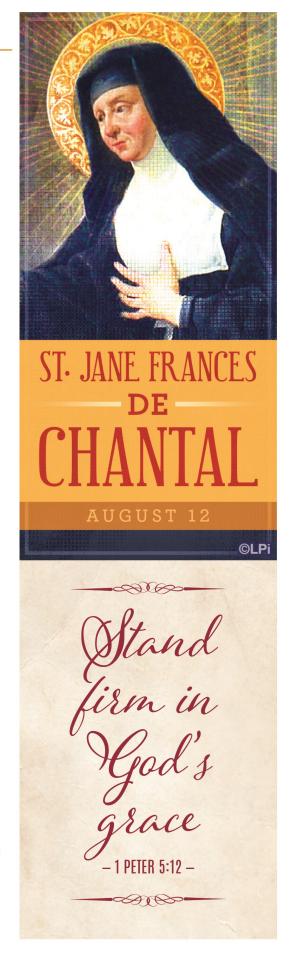
Saturday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.



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FIRST READING

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)



PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)



GOSPEL

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



MON 8/9 7³⁰AM Kathleen Chittenden [Dan & Debbie Giardina]

TUES 8/10 9AM Thomas Zorzi [Denise Dillon]

WED 8/11 7³⁰AM Fr. John Hagerty

THU 8/12 5³⁰ PM Marion & Henry Sanker [Beverly Sanker

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FRI 8/13 9AM Joe Kocis

SAT 8/14 9AM Richard Tridle

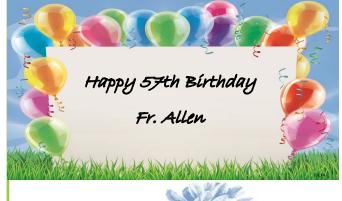
SAT 8/14 4PM Frances M. Brestelli [Family]

SAT 8/14 6PM Mass for the People

SUN 8/15 8AM Eleanore Addison [Joe & Beth Ceremuga]

SUN 8/15 10AM Dave Dorchock [Kaczmarzyk Family]

SUN 8/15 12PM **Derek Hoffman**



Altar flowers this weekend are donated In thanksgiving to God and in Memory of

Oscar and Theresa Geroni On Behalf of: Jim and Ann Sheasley



SAT 8/14 4PM LECTOR

M. Multari

SAT 8/14 6PM LECTOR

LECTOR NEEDED

SUN 8/15 8AM LECTOR

B. Lackey

SUN 8/15 10AM

LECTOR

B. Moder

SUN 8/15 12PM LECTOR

LECTOR NEEDED

EUCHARISTIC MIN.

R. Beal / P. Polesnak P. Polesnak / A. Scoccia

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B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu

J. Trenga / R. Vetica

EUCHARISTIC MIN.

K. Davenport / B. McVev S. Puhl

EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / S. Hohman

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*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS



Ophelia Josephine Delgros, July 25, 2021 Daughter of Gabriel Delgros and Paula DeJulia Delgros



Daniel and Loretta Pustinger



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is paper towels. The up coming item will be canned fruit.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM-11:00 PM

For more information call: Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that most of the covid restrictions have been lifted and we move back into our somewhat normal setting during Mass, we are in need of more help in all ministries; Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries during a Mass time of your choice, please call the parish office 724-981-5566.

Training will be provided.

WE NEED YOU!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks

Prince of Peace Center Seats & Feets Prince Peace GRADES 12

There are several programs throughout the Valley that focus on supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.); this year, we turn our focus to meeting a different but just as important need.

<u>Seats & Feets</u> <u>Underwear and Sock Drive</u>

On August 26th, Prince of Peace Center will distribute the following items to the needy children of families that attend the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen programs which the Center provides.

Sizes K-12 needed (Children through adult sizes):

New Socks: ALL SIZES

New Underwear:

* Girls/Women: various styles

Boys/Men: boxers

You may place your donations of these items into the designated box in the back of the Church **now** through **August** 23rd or drop them off at the **Prince of Peace Center**, 502 **Darr Ave.**, **Farrell**.

Your donations of clothing items will aid parents in preparing their children to return to school with a positive image and attitude.



OUTDOOR NOON MASS & PICNIC AUGUST 22ND, 12 - 4PM

What a great way to welcome everyone back to Mass and celebrate summer!

Noon Mass will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Lunch will be served from 1-3pm, along with games and crafts for all ages. Meat and drinks will be provided and we ask that you provide a side dish or dessert according to the first letter of your last name.

A-G providing a dessert H-N providing a salad O-Z providing a hot casserole

We plan to play bingo, volleyball, maybe even have a little corn hole tournament, along with some games for the kids. If you have a craft or game you would like to be in charge of or have a teenager who wouldn't mind manning one of the craft tables, please let us know. We are looking to have many volunteers, so that everyone has some time to enjoy the picnic and to socialize with our parish family.

We are also looking for \$5 gift cards that we can use for prizes. These can be dropped off at the church office Mon - Thur 9am-12pm or 1-3pm.

If you have any questions or would like to help in anyway, please call: Jeanne 724-854-6206, Jo 724-699-3340, Michelle 724-699-5891, or Staci 330-519-3239

HOME ENTHRONEMENT

Home Enthronement is a form of consecration of the home and family to Jesus and his Blessed Mother. This three to seven day experience is an opportunity for a family to spend time each day in prayer together and is meant to be a reminder that the home is a place of holiness, and that the family is meant to imitate the love, devotion and self-sacrifice modeled by Jesus and Mary.

An interested family receives a statue honoring The Immaculate Heart of Mary for the number of days chosen and is given a series of devotions to pray together during the days of consecration. At the end of those days, Fr. Allen and a lay volunteer arrive with a statue honoring The Sacred Heart of Jesus and will stay for a prayer service that includes a blessing of the home and family.

If you are interested in scheduling this prayer experience, please call our parish office at 724-981-5566.