

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 1, 2021



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“There is nothing so great
as the Eucharist.

*If God had something more precious,
He would have given it to us.”*

— St. John Vianney
Patron Saint of Parish Priests
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5 p.m.: Arnold Kren, Raymond Foos, Terri Brech
and Johanna Schmidt

10 a.m.: Robert Carpino, Joe Britto, Jane Braun
and Chris Pierce

AT THE SHRINE ...

FEAST OF ST. BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
(Edith Stein, Discalced Carmelite): 10-11 a.m.
Monday, August 9, presentation in the Edith Stein
Conference Room of the National Shrine of Our Lady
of Mount Carmel by Sr. Peggy Murphy, OP, director,
Honors Seminar of Holocaust Studies at Mount Saint
Mary College. Mass at 11:30 a.m. Free-will offering.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK: 11:30 a.m.
Mass on Tuesday, August 17, at the outdoor Knock
Shrine, celebrated by Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm.

For more information on either event, contact
Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 343-1879.

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT
WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.**

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Reacting to the people's complaint, Yahweh provides prompt relief by sending the manna and the quail. The manna, for St. John, is a "type" of the Holy Eucharist.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

The "old man" for Paul represents the convert's life led only with mere human resources to go by leading to weakness and sin. The new life, "put on" at Baptism, is an actual incorporation into Christ.

The Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Jesus instructs the crowd that has followed Him on the true bread from heaven, which is Christ Himself. This Bread alone gives a person true life.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE



It seems the closer I come to the poor and broken people of the world, the greater my desire is to speak directly about God, and the less I feel impelled to deal with the burning issues of our day. This doesn't mean that I am not any more interested in these issues; in fact, I am more interested in them than ever, but somehow the way I enter into these issues has shifted.

Presently, I am very much involved in the lives of people with disabilities, and I am becoming more and more involved in the struggles of people who have AIDS, as well as people who live with great inner anguish and pain.

Somehow these people are calling me to be more and more God-centered. They seem to ask me less to help them solve their problems than to reveal to them God's immense and intimate love for them.

Henri J. Nouwen

1932-1996

ARE YOU CREATIVE?

And do you have some free time during Advent and Lent? If so, you might want to consider becoming the **coordinator of the Art & Environment Ministry**, with a primary responsibility for the beautification of the church during Christmas and Easter.

There are photos from previous years to inspire – or duplicate – and plenty of support during the planning process. And when extra hands are needed to decorate or undecorate, they appear!

For more information, call the office at 361-3107.

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN...

Girl Scout Troop 439 is again working on the **Community Backpack Project**, furthering the tradition of providing backpacks and school supplies to Pine Bush School District students in need. More than 250 children are typically assisted because of your generosity.



A collection box will be in Deacon John Hall through **August 22**. Items needed include:

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| Backpacks | Pencil cases |
| Ear Buds | Three-ring binders |
| Marble notebooks | Post-it notes |
| Pocket folders | Loose-leaf paper |
| Box of 24 crayons | Blue or black pens |
| Glue sticks | Pencils, rulers |
| Highlighters | Dry-erase markers |

If you prefer, gift cards to stores that sell school supplies or checks can be mailed to: Girl Scout Troop 439, c/o Jen Myers, troop leader, 3030 State Route 52, Pine Bush 12566, and the troop will do the shopping. Questions? Call Jen at 219-4001.

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We continue to share resources into social justice issues from a Church/Biblical perspective.

In "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," Pope

Francis has identified global inequality as it pertains to the consequences of climate change. The poor are more likely to suffer, and the more insulated and affluent more likely to be indifferent to that suffering.

But recent headlines - such as the devastating flooding mid-July in five European countries caused by unprecedented rainfall (Photo from the Netherlands after a dam broke.) and record-breaking heatwaves in the Pacific Northwest - can't be ignored. Prosperous communities and nations are now being impacted by climate change, which has been called a spiritual crisis.

To read the full article, visit:

www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-understanding/global-climate-change-also-spiritual-crisis



COPING WITH COVID

Catholic Charities invites anyone struggling with the death of a loved one due to COVID and/or the effects of the pandemic to its Coping with COVID Virtual Support Group via Zoom from 7-8:30 p.m. the following Thursdays: August 5 and 19; September 9 and 23; October 7 and 21; November 4 and 18 and December 2 and 16. Contact facilitator Gae Savino, LCSW, CT, at 914-391-5966 for information and to register.

IN THE LOOP...



America's Night Out Against Crime will make its debut from 6-9 p.m. this **Tuesday, August 3**, at the Town of Crawford Park, 21 Red Mills Road, Pine Bush.

Along with promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, as is the intent of annual National Nights Out, this event also celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Town of Crawford Police Department. Food, music and information - as well as fun and fireworks - are on tap.



Children currently enrolled in St. Paul's Religious Education program will be re-registered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. this **Tuesday, August 3**, and **Wednesday, August 4**.

If these dates are not do-able - or for children who have not yet participated here but are either entering first grade or relocating from another parish - contact Jessica Carpino, religious ed coordinator, at 361-5816.



SummerFest at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg is all set to sizzle on **Saturday, August 14**. Featured favorites include a flea market, tricky tray, 50/50 raffle and chicken barbecue.



Do you know someone who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our specially-trained Eucharistic Ministers? Now that the Archdiocese has given the green light to resume this ministry, call Peggy Lucido, coordinator, at 692-6587 or her cell at 304-2728 with any requests.

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