
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has set a feast before us.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

FOCUS: The Eucharist is essential to life in Christ.

Jesus preaches that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain in him and he in them. It is through our participation in the Eucharist that we are united most intimately to Christ. We need to eat to sustain our bodily life. We need to consume the bread of life to sustain our spiritual life with Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Wisdom has built her house, set her table, and invited those who lack understanding to come and dine. Paul advises the Ephesians to live carefully and wisely. Jesus tells the crowds that he is the living bread come down from heaven and that all who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have eternal life.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Colton Kenneth Grass, Taylor Gallant and Jack Hoag

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Michael Joseph Faso and Jose & Bienvenida Mendoza

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

We need the active, ongoing participation of our parishioners at community activities, most especially at our worship at Sunday Mass. Participation also includes serving in one of our ministries, which wouldn't exist without your volunteerism.

Additionally, the life of our parish relies on your ongoing financial support, 52 weeks a year, whether at home or away. We are totally dependent upon the goodness of every individual and household striving to contribute to best of their ability. We urge that this be done through our online giving program or envelopes.

So why register through the office? There are times when we receive requests for sponsor forms for Baptism or Confirmation or Letters of Freedom to Marry. Because Fr. Sean and/or our deacons may not know you personally, formal registration, participation and envelope or WeShare use help provide us with a more solid basis for identifying you and issuing the documentation you may desire.

IT'S PARISH PICNIC TIME!

It's right about now that folks start to get antsy to get together. Last year, however, scheduling conflicts precluded a favorite way to do so: **The Parish Picnic.**

Not so this year!

Our dedicated kitchen team will once again be grillin' the chicken, flippin' the burgers and servin' up those tasty sides beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, **September 15**, at the Town of Crawford Park on Lybolt Road.

Tickets are \$15, and \$35 for an **immediate** family. They'll go on sale after the Masses beginning next weekend, August 24-25, and are also available through the office.



SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

The fall Scripture Discussion will focus on the letters of St. Paul to the Philippians and Colossians, which he wrote from prison, and use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. What makes this study guide so compelling is the historical, cultural and theological insights that help bridge the biblical world to our own.

The group will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays via Zoom beginning on **September 16** and will probably continue through November.

Former members and new members are welcome. Contact Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 or gailvantassel@yahoo.com to join the group and to get the book for \$14.

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 73

10 a.m. – 115

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 43

*“The secret of happiness
is to live moment by moment
and to thank God for all that He,
in His goodness,
sends to us day after day.”*
- St. Gianna Mollà

Start the school year Right

BACKPACKS TO BE BLESSED

Admit it: Even though the last thing you want to think about right now is school, there's something cool about all those brand-new supplies just waiting to spark your imagination and open your mind to the world.

Sure, everyone is nervous the first day, worrying about finding a classroom or making friends. But it's exciting, too, wondering about all you'll discover this year.

Fr. Sean and your St. Paul's family want you to know we're with you in prayer and spirit. So, at the 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, **August 25**, Fr. Sean will invite all students, pre-K through teens, to come to the altar with their filled backpacks for a special blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

August 4-11: \$ 6,343.56

Envelopes: \$ 2,111.00 – Online: \$ 4,232.56

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A Franciscan, Dominican, and Jesuit were concelebrating the Mass when the power suddenly went out in the church.

The Franciscan took great joy in opportunity for simplicity and sat in quiet prayer in the dark.

The Dominican took the opportunity to give an eloquent sermon about how God is the light for the world, leading all out of darkness.

Seeing the responses of his two concelebrants, the Jesuit went downstairs to the basement and fixed the fuse.

What was papal infallibility called when St. Peter was pope?

Simon Says.

Chemistry teacher: Did you know protons have mass?

Student: I didn't even know protons were Catholic.

Why are Catholics so upbeat after religious services?

Because they convert Mass into energy.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

A roamin' Catholic

Did you hear about the priest who gave his congregation noodles instead of wafers for communion?

He was a Ramen Catholic.

AT THE SHRINE

PRAYER CONFERENCE

"The Prayer of Quiet"

10:15 a.m. Thursday, August 22

Presenter: Fr. Paul Denault, O.Carm.

MONTHLY ITALIAN MASS

4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 24

This is a Vigil Mass for Sunday, August 25.

BUS TRIP TO CANADA

September 9-13 to Montreal and Quebec City
Call Carol Bezak, director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, for information about this trip or any other event at 845-343-1879 Ext. 22.

