

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: I Kings 19: 4-8

Elijah the prophet flees from Ahab's kingdom when that king refused to convert from paganism. He heads for the southern desert en route to Mt. Horeb when he is overcome with desolation and wants to die. Suddenly an angel appears and provides him with food and drink so he can get up and finish his trip.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 30 – 5:2

This section of the Letter presents an illustration of the type of conduct proper to a baptized Christian, who is now endowed with a whole new nature.

The Gospel: John 6: 41-51

After weathering a dispute that had arisen about His origin, Jesus declares Himself "the Bread of Life," that gives us the strength we need to complete our journey home.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 8, 2021



5 p.m.: Mary and George Olsen
and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: Janet Stinson, Thomas M. Zerecker
and Anna Regino

AT THE SHRINE ...

FEAST OF ST. BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein, Discalced Carmelite): 10-11 a.m. this 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.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

July 19-25: Totaled \$ 4,645.63

Envelopes: \$ 2,369.00 – Online: \$ 2,276.63

July 26-Aug. 1: Totaled \$ 5,548.86

Envelopes: \$ 2,809.00 – Online: \$ 2,739.86

THANK YOU!

FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE



Somewhere we know that without silence, words lose their meaning; that without listening, speaking no longer heals; that without distance, closeness cannot cure. Somewhere we know that without a lonely place, our actions quickly become empty gestures.

The careful balance between silence and words, withdrawal and involvement, distance and closeness, solitude and community forms the basis of the Christian life and should, therefore, be the subject of our most personal attention.

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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.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our busy Food Pantry always welcomes donations of unexpired and non-perishable foods – as well as paper and plastic bags suitable for packing groceries. Suggested items include:

**Juice, soup, beans, tea, nuts, crackers
Oatmeal, boxed cereals, granola bars
Tuna, canned chicken, mayo, mac & cheese
Red sauce, pasta, rice, instant potatoes
Canned veggies, gravy mix, canned/dried fruit
Peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup**

Thank you for all that you do!

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

From her new location in Southern California at the U.S.-Mexico border, Mary Kay Dobrovolny, a nun who served as a faith leader from late March to early July, had her heartstrings tugged by scores of unaccompanied migrant children from Honduras. Recently, she was part of a delegation to Honduras organized by SHARE at the invitation of Honduran environmentalists and grassroots leaders to show solidarity with those who risk arrest and even assassination for their advocacy for human and land rights. To read the full article in which she shares her lessons from the border and Honduras, visit:

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/environment/column/human-right-migrate-and-right-stay>

WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Matthew Teig and Aiden Giarraputo, who were both baptized into Saint Paul's faith community in July. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

"The child is the beauty of God present in the world, that greatest gift to a family."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN...

Girl Scout Troop 439 is again working on the **Community Backpack Project** to provide 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:

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.

IN THE LOOP...



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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