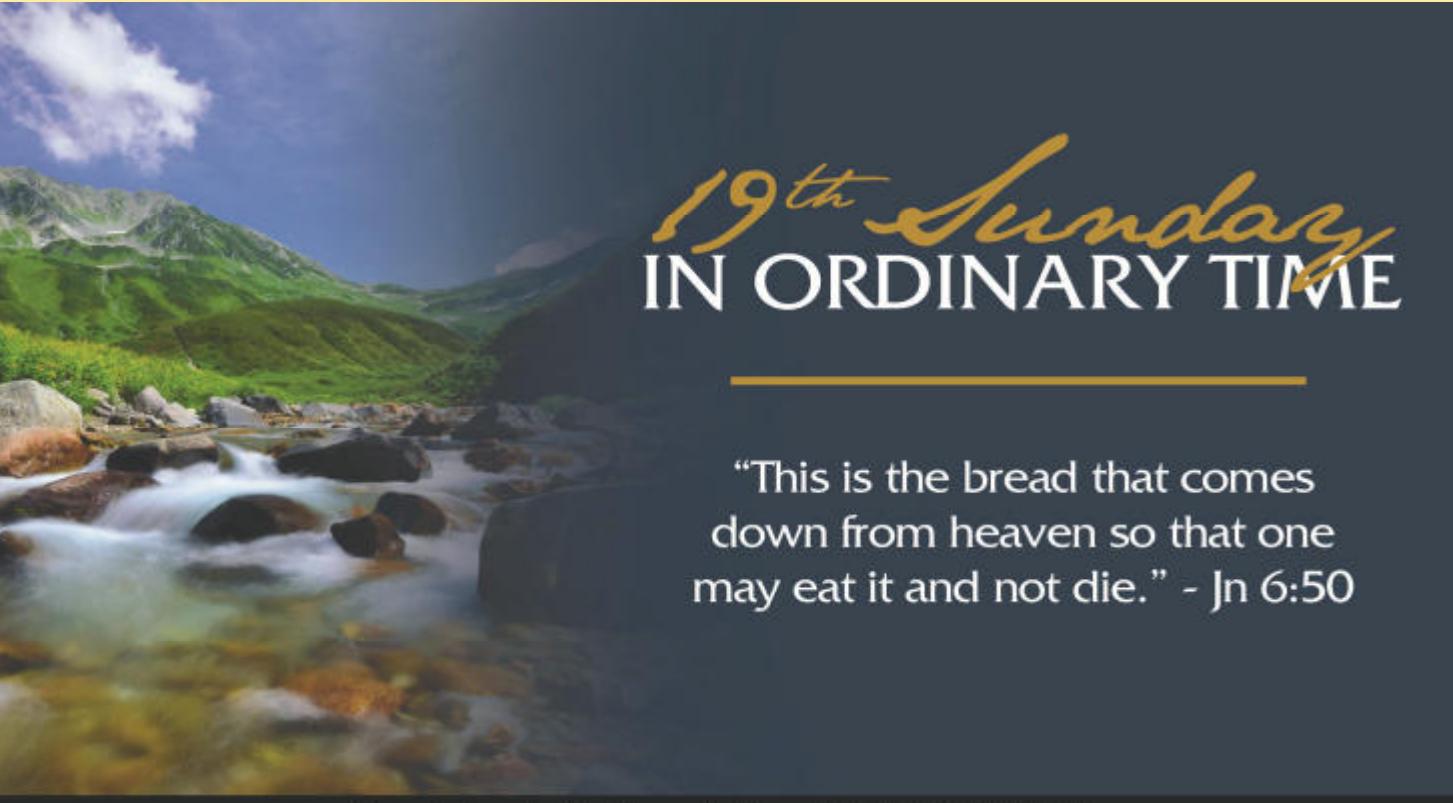


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19th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:50

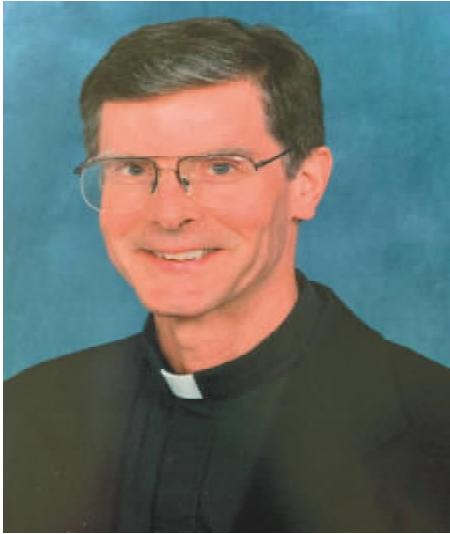
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend:	4:30 PM Saturday
	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Weekday:	9:00 AM Monday-Thursday
The Holy Rosary	8:25 AM Monday-Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration	10:00 AM -12:00 PM
	Monday & Thursday
Confessions:	3:15-4:00 PM Saturday
Holy Days:	9:00 AM
Baptisms:	2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM
Marriage:	Contact Pastor 6 months prior
Scripture Study:	10:00–11:00 AM Thursday
PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday	



From Father Tom

The Beauty of Eucharistic Adoration

“Be Still and Know that I Am God” (Ps 46:11)

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Pope John Paul II said, “the Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration.” He also said: “Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love.” (*Dominicae Cenae*) In his encyclical, *The Redeemer of Man*, he wrote: “Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete.”

St. Pope Paul VI also spoke powerfully about the need for Eucharistic adoration. He said, for example, “How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness... Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night. He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak.” (*Mysterium Fidei*)

We are hoping to expand Eucharistic adoration at St. Florence. Please contact Father Reilly if you are able to stay with Jesus, your best Friend, for an hour or more with the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking for adorers (volunteers) for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 am — 12:00 pm. Let me know of other days and times that you would be available.

There are five biblical reasons for wanting to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

First, He Is truly Present. Jesus said: “I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven.” (Jn 6:35)

Second, He said: “Could you not watch one hour with Me?” (Mt 26:40)

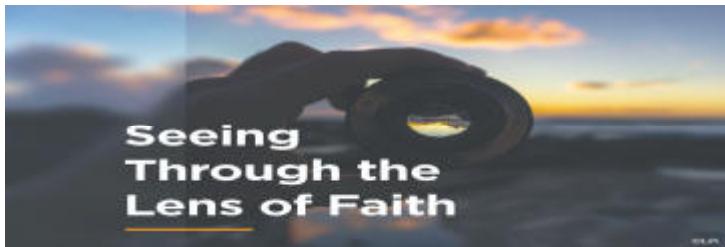
Third, Jesus Is the Divine Physician who heals you. He will deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him. Jesus said: “Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.” (Mt 11:28) “Cast all of your anxieties upon the One who cares for you.” (1Pet 5:7) “My peace is My gift to you.” (Jn 14:17)

Fourth, each hour you spend with Jesus will make your soul more beautiful in Heaven. Jesus said: “They who humble themselves shall be exalted.” (Lk 18:14) “All of us gazing on the Lord’s glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image.” (2Cor 3:18)

And fifth, Jesus will bless you, your family and our world for the hour you spend with Him. Jesus said: “Faith can move mountains.” (Mk 5:36) “Behold, I make all things new.” (Rev 21:5)

Let us finish with this quote from St. Pope John Paul II: “I encourage Christians to regularly visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly the Mystery at the heart of Christian life.”





19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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?

August 8, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory—August 1, 2021: \$3,137.50

Missionary Cooperative Appeal \$2,548.00

This weekend's special collection supports our **Parish Capital Fund**. All contributions placed in our pink envelopes will be earmarked toward our Capital Fund.



Saturday 4:30 pm	August 7th Mary Devlin Memorial Mass requested by her friends and family
Sunday 8:00 am	August 8th Mass for the People of St. Florence
11:00 am	Benjamin Tropeano, Sr. Birthday Remembrance requested by his family
Tuesday 9:00 am	August 10th Mary E. Ardagna Memorial Mass requested by her friends
Thursday 9:00 am	August 12th Eleanor Hubbard Month's Mind requested by Marie Adinolfi
Saturday 4:30 pm	August 14th Carmela Perillo 25th Anniversary Mass requested by her children.

The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is \$20.00.



Dear Lord,

Let us pray for the soul of **Philip Spagnuolo, Jr.** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday morning. We, the Parish of St. Florence offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

MINISTRY NEWS

As a reminder, all of our volunteers need to complete a **CORI Form** each year. If you are recently returning to a Parish Ministry, please contact our Business Office to check on the status of your CORI. There may be some volunteers who need to renew this year. Thank you.



Before celebrating Daily Mass, please join us at **8:25 am Monday-Thursday** to pray **The Holy Rosary**.



St. Florence Parish will celebrate **Eucharistic Adoration Monday & Thursday from 10:00 am—12:00 noon**. We are looking for parishioners to volunteer on Tuesday and Wednesday for one or two hours a week to adore the Lord in His Eucharistic Presence. Please contact the office if you are available.



We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection baskets in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our parishioners has been greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you.



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm**. "Recognizing our need for true peace, both with others and within our own selves, let us confess those ways we have distanced ourselves from God."



St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles or Altar Flowers** or the **Sanctuary Tabernacle Lamp**. If you are interested in making a donation in your family's name, please contact the office.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

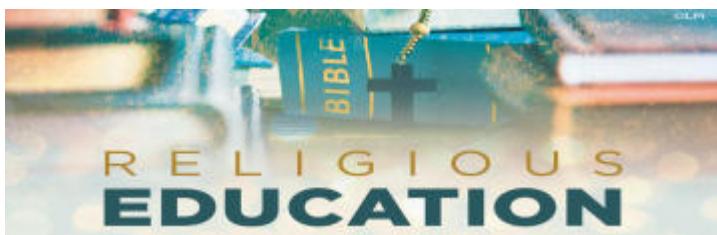
On Saturday, August 14th, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Green Day Recycling will host an **Electronics Recycling Event** in our church parking lot.

Costs:

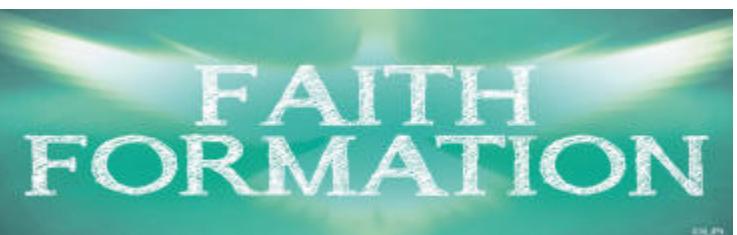
- \$5 each for Computers, DVD Players, Printers, Laptops, Small Electronics
- \$10 each for Microwaves, Small Household Appliances
- \$15 each for Computer Monitors, AC's, Dehumidifiers, Large Printers, Range-Top Microwaves
- \$20 each for TVs up to 24", Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Large Appliances, Grills, Exercise Equipment, Large Yard Equipment
- \$25 each for TVs between 25" and 31", Large Refrigerators
- \$30 each for TVs between 32" and 35"
- \$35 each for TVs over 36"
- \$40 each for Projection TVs
- NO CHARGE: Cell Phones, Bicycles in any condition, Wires, Batteries, Keyboards, Tablets

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mass Intention Cards and Healing Cards are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per card.



Registration for our **Religious Education Program** for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. St. Florence will again offer classes for Grades 1 through 10 starting this Fall. Please contact **Anne Dooley**, our Religious Education Coordinator for a registration form or if you have any questions.



What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?



Happy August everyone! Please note, all **Summer Catch Up Religious Education Lessons** for all grades are **due by Monday, August 23rd**. If you have received a book and an alternative lesson plan in paper format, please drop off your completed binder and book by Monday, August 23rd to the parish office. Thank you.



If you are interested in volunteering as a Catechist this Fall, please contact our office as soon as possible. We need to know who is available so we can plan our program accordingly. Thank you.



Due to the pandemic many of our families experienced financial challenges this past year. If you are interested in supporting our young families, we are accepting scholarship donations for our Fall Religious Education Program. Please contact the office for more information.



This week we welcome and celebrate the newly baptized **Emilia Anne Scott**, daughter of James and Cassandra Scott. God bless our new sister in Christ.

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



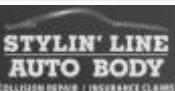
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