

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
 Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
 Next 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

LORD’S DAY MASSES (IN CHURCH & FACEBOOK LIVE)
 SATURDAY 4:00 PM (ENGLISH)
 SUNDAY 9:15 AM (ENGLISH) & 11:45 AM (ESPAÑOL)

HOLY DAYS (IN CHURCH)
 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:30 PM (BILINGUAL)

WEEKDAY MASSES (CHAPEL)
 MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:00 AM (ENGLISH)
 TUESDAY 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM (CAPILLA)
 THURSDAY NO SERVICE UNLESS IT IS A HOLIDAY

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RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:30 -7:00 pm Chapel
 Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm church or by appointment

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER GROUPS

Monday Circulo de Oracion (Español) 7:00-9:00 pm
 Juan XXIII (Español via Zoom) after 7:00 pm Mass
 (Zoom Meeting #: 357 545 7586)
 (Rosario Zoom Meeting #: 881 431 68943
 Password: **Maria**)

Come Back to Mass!

Bishop Byrne has announced that the general dispensation from attending Sunday Mass/Holy Days will end for the weekend of June 19/20th (Father’s Day Weekend). This means that for those who are not home-bound, sick, or with complicating health conditions, the obligation to attend Mass will return that weekend.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 31

4:00 pm +Doug Kenney

Sunday, August 1

9:15 am +Clarence Marceau

11:45 am +Blanca Rosa Muñoz - Awilda Santiago

Monday, August 2

8:00 am +Bob Brennan (12th Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 am +Alice Kennedy

7:00 pm +Jose Rivera - Elena

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 am +Dominic Galloni - Mom

Thursday, August 5

No Mass

Friday, August 6

8:00 am +Edith & +Fran Carroll

Saturday, August 7

4:00 pm +Dick Braese - Family

Sunday, August 8

9:15 am D'Amario Family - Cheryl

11:45 am +Carmen Muñoz - Awilda Santiago

Note: "+" Cross on mass said for deceased
 ****Please be attentive to Mass intentions!

You may book Mass intentions by calling office
 Tel. 413 782-8041

This week's Special Offering Candles: August 7, 2021
 Church: All our Angels & Saints
 Pastoral Center Chapel: All deceased Parish Members
 Adoration Chapel: +All parishioners at Mass this week

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Bienvenue!

Returning Parishioners or New to our Parish?

We welcome any visitors amongst us. Please like our Facebook page and feel free to return!
 Please see a priest, deacon, member of the Pastoral Council, or call the Pastoral Center for a parish registration form and for more information about receiving sacraments.

Baptisms: Please call the office for Fr. Ryan Rooney in English, or Deacon Angel in Spanish. Baptisms are on the first weekend of the month and require a scheduled class beforehand for the families.

Weddings: It is important to schedule as close to a year in advance. Please see Fr Ryan.

Annulments: If you are currently seeking the Church's help in determining if your previous marriage was invalid, have divorced, and are seeking to be free to marry in the Church, please contact Fr Ryan for a meeting to seek a declaration of nullity. This process can be lengthy, but is a healing process for many who seek to remain in the sacramental life of the Church.

Collection for JULY 24 – 25, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1,473.00
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Assumption	30.00
Calendar	10.00
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Fuel	402.00
Total \$	2,670.70

Thank you for your generosity!

Actual need weekly: \$ 6,000
 Difference: \$ -3,329.30
 Last week: \$ 3,002.75

Our finance council has voted that we show the difference based off our actual need of \$6,000, rather than a goal of \$4000. We don't want you to be discouraged in this, but together we can increase our efforts toward our sustainable budget.

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QUESTIONS? Contact Your Parish Office.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**August 1, 2021**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA
(Gospel Meditations)**1 de agosto 2021**
18º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estamos en momentos difíciles de la historia. Mucha gente murmura y se pregunta: ¿Cuándo terminará la pesadilla de la pandemia? ¿Dónde está Dios en todo esto que estamos viviendo? Vivió algo similar el pueblo de Israel que caminaba en el desierto, también sentía la angustia de saber dónde estaría Dios en su experiencia de jornada, después de su salida de Egipto. Ellos basaban su realidad en el hambre, pues recordaban las ollas de carne y de comer pan hasta saciarse. Con todo esto, Dios dijo a Moisés: *“He oído las quejas de mi pueblo. Diles: por la tarde comerán carne y por la mañana se saciarán de pan; así sabrán que yo soy Yavé, el Dios de ustedes”* (Éxodo 16:11-12).

El maná que cae del cielo es un alimento que la misericordia de Dios da al pueblo de Israel. Pero, debía ser recogido todos los días, es decir, alimento para cada día que obliga a la gente a confiar en Dios y a darse cuenta que este maná es un alimento para el camino por el desierto. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice a la gente que lo buscaba: *“En verdad les digo: Ustedes me buscan, no porque han visto a través de los signos sino porque han comido pan hasta saciarse”* (Juan 6:26-27). Cuando participo en la Eucaristía, ¿busco a Jesús como alimento de vida, o lo busco para saciar mis caprichos? ¿Veo la Eucaristía como alimento de vida que me acerca a Jesús? Recordemos que Jesús es el Pan de vida y el que acude a él con sinceridad de corazón nunca tendrá hambre, y el que cree en él nunca tendrá sed. Pidamos, en la Eucaristía que seamos cristianos que orientamos nuestra vida a ejemplo de Jesús.

Jesús les contestó: *“Yo soy el pan de la vida. El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed”*. — Jn 6, 35

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Pro-Life Breakfast to highlight 40 Days for Life

Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley will be holding their annual Pro-life Breakfast on Saturday, September 18th from 10AM to 12 Noon at The Holyoke Elks Club, 250 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke, MA. The speaker will be from the 40 Days for Life organization. 40 Days for Life is an international pro-life group that holds prayer vigils outside abortion providers in more than 60 nations worldwide. In the United States they have successfully shut down over 100 abortion mills. Tickets for the breakfast are only \$25.00. This is our major fundraiser for the year. The breakfast will feature french toast, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh juice and more.

For more information and tickets call Monica at 413-746-0655

Observances for the week of August 1, 2021

- Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
- Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections:

Practicing Faith

Question:

I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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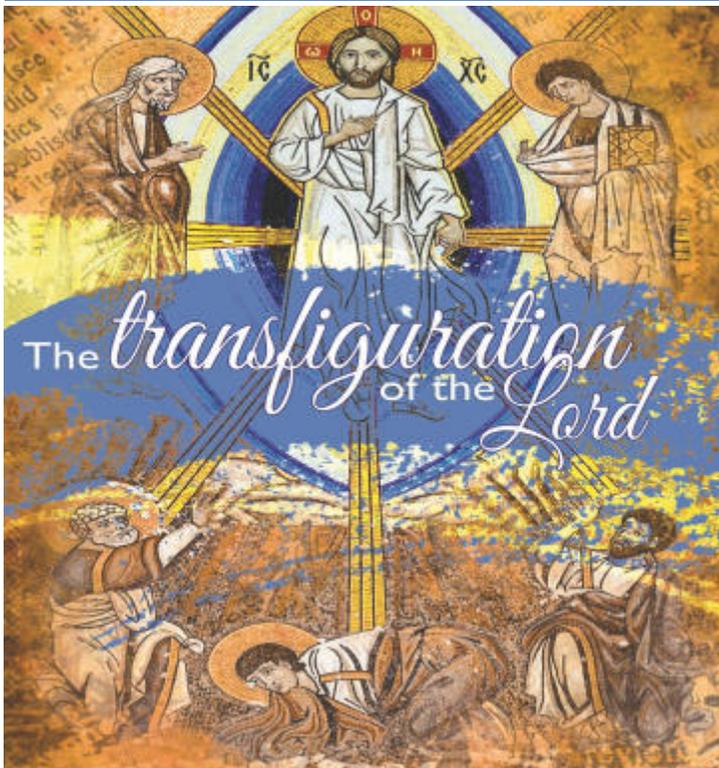
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