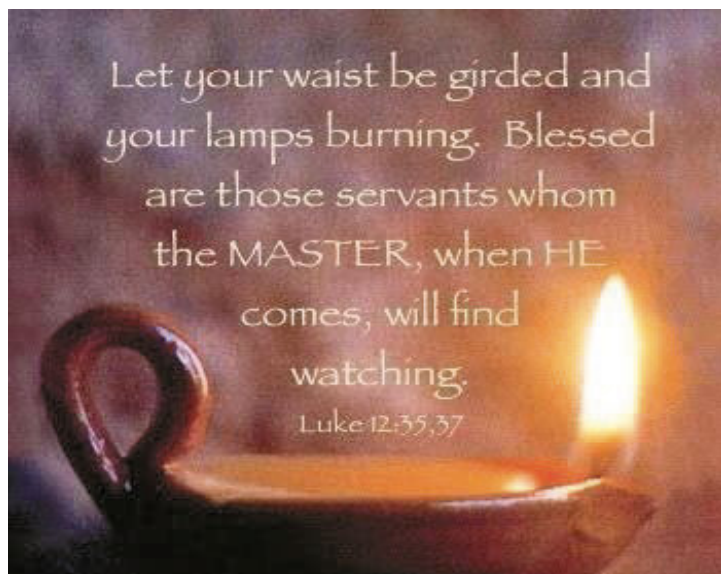


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Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

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Friday: 8:00AM

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Sunday: 10:00 to 10:25 AM

Other times by appointment

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY AUGUST 08

8:00 AM Peter & Theresa Kochenash - Daughter Karen  
William Meltsch - wife Polly & children

### TUESDAY AUGUST 09

8:00 AM Charles T. Eby - Family  
Pauline Albert - Richard & Barbara Ebner & Fam.

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10

8:00 AM Hope Stempo - Linda & Vinnie Santucci  
James Eby - Joe Karo

### THURSDAY AUGUST 11

**NO MASS**

### FRIDAY AUGUST 12

8:00 AM Louis Kurtz - Justin Molnar  
Richard Farrell - Charles & Mary Louise Kimmel

### SATURDAY AUGUST 13

4:00PM Robert Yost - John & Kelly Milisits

### SUNDAY AUGUST 14

8:00AM James R. Lynch - Mary & family  
10:30AM Qua Nguyen - Dau Tang

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 31 - will be in next week

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## SANCTUARY LAMP

will be lit this week

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## AARON'S BLESSINGS

### Confession

Confession is a necessary and important element in keeping our soul healthy and resistant against temptation and sin. While it is only required by the Church to go to Confession once a year, it is a Sacrament which we can and should receive much more frequently. Confession and Holy Communion are the only Sacraments which we are permitted to receive frequently and regularly, so we should avail ourselves of both these Sacraments when the opportunity presents itself.

Unlike Holy Communion, Confession is often a very daunting experience. Presenting our sins, the dark parts of our lives, to a priest can be awkward and uncomfortable but great freedom comes from this Sacrament. Through Confession we are freed from the chains of sin which bind us and are brought back into full relationship with God. In this Sacrament we bring our brokenness to the Lord and through the ministry of the priest He lovingly puts us back together.

Confession is also a necessary if we are aware of a mortal sin. Mortal sins alienate us from God and make us unfit to receive Holy Communion. St. Paul is very clear that those who are aware of serious sin should not receive Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:27-32). But by bringing mortal sins to Confession, we receive God's forgiveness and pardon for the sin and God's life within our soul is restored allowing us to once more receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Confession is worth braving the anxiety, fear, and discomfort in order to receive God's incredible mercy and forgiveness. It is not a Sacrament of judgement but of healing and mercy.

All of the Sacraments are incredible moments of grace and encounter with God, it is a great benefit to our spiritual life to regularly examine our lives and make frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession so we may receive God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

## St. Philomena

Little is known about the life of St. Philomena. However, it is believed she was a Greek princess who became a virgin martyr and died at 13-years-old.

Remains of a young lady were discovered in May 1802 at the Catacombs of Priscilla on the Via Salaria Nova with three tiles reading "Peace be to you, Philomena."

All that is known about St. Philomena's life comes from a Neapolitan nun's vision. Sister Maria Luisa di Gesu claims St. Philomena came to her and told her she was the daughter of a Greek king who converted to Christianity. When Philomena was 13-years-old, she took a vow of consecrated virginity. After her father took his family to Rome to make peace, Emperor Diocletian fell in love with Philomena. When she refused to marry him, she was subjected to torture.

St. Philomena was scourged, drowned with an anchor attached to her, and shot with arrows. Each time she was attacked angels took to her side and healed her through prayer.

Finally, the Emperor had Philomena decapitated. According to the story, her death came on a Friday at three in the afternoon, the same as Jesus.

Two anchors, three arrows, a palm symbol of martyrdom, and a flower were found on the tiles in her tomb, interpreted as symbols of her martyrdom.

The nun's account states Philomena was born on January 10 and was killed on August 10.

Devotion for Philomena began to spread once her bones were exhumed and miracles began to occur. Canon Francesco De Lucia of Mugnano del Cardinale received relics of St. Philomena and had them placed in the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Mugnano, Italy.

Soon after her relics were enshrined, cancers were cured, wounds were healed and the Miracle of Mugnano, when Venerable Pauline Jaricot was cured of a severe heart issue overnight, were all attributed to St. Philomena.

Other Saints began to venerate Philomena and attributing miracles in their lives to the young martyr, including St. John Marie Vianney and St. Peter Louis Marie Chanel.

Although controversy sometimes surrounds the truth behind St. Philomena's life and sainthood, many believers all around the world continue to see her as a miraculous saint, canonized in 1837. St. Philomena is the patron saint of infants, babies, and youth. She is often depicted in her youth with a flower crown, a palm of martyrdom, arrows, or an anchor.

**Her feast day is celebrated on August 11.**

## SUNDAY READINGS

August 07, 2022

### Wisdom 18:6-9

The expectation of your people was the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of their foes.

### Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

### Luke 12:32-48 or Luke 12:35-40

[Jesus said,] "Sell your belongings and give alms .... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 8-13

**Monday**, St. Dominic: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday**, Weekday: Ez 2:8-3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday**, St. Lawrence: 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

**Thursday**, St. Clare: Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday**, Weekday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday**, Weekday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15



## GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information regarding enrollment, please call Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

**Good Shepherd Catholic is hiring!** Our current open positions are: 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Part time Pre-K aide, and Part time extended care assistant. If you are interested, please send your resume to our principal, Mrs. Parker at [mrsparkegscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:mrsparkegscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com)

## PREP NEWS

Our PREP classes which begin on September 21, are now taking Registrations. If you would like to register your child for the classes and have not received any information, please contact Alexa Doncsecz at 610-262-2227 ext-104 or email her at [prep@queenshipmary.com](mailto:prep@queenshipmary.com)

Classes are held Wed. evening 6:45-8:00PM in the school. (GSCS)

**Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church**, 4 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Coplay, will have their annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming **TODAY August 7**, from **12:00pm – 9:00pm**. Ethnic foods, adults and children's games, bingo. Music and dancing with "Emil Schanta Band" 1-4:30PM and "Flirtin' with the Mob" from 5:00-8:30PM. Bring your lawn chair and end your Summer on a high note. All are welcome.

**St Thomas More Parish** is excited to announce that we will be holding our **first Annual Parish Festival** **Friday, August 19 - 5-930PM** **Saturday, August 20 Noon- 9:30PM** at 1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown! Live Bands! Festival Foods! Bingo! Beer Garden! Raffles! Kids Entertainment! Free Admission-Free Parking Rain or Shine, our tents will keep you dry

**Walking in Hope, a service of healing our losses**, will be held at **St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, on Monday, August 15**, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm** in the Main chapel. We suffer many types of losses in our lives: loss of family, friends, mental and physical health, finances, security, goals, control, belief in our abilities and systems of justice. Join us as we pray for ourselves and others. **All are welcome!**

# Finding Our Treasure in God

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**A**braham is considered our father in faith because he practiced his faith even when it didn't seem sensible to do so. His faith allowed him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity. And because of his faith, Abram became Abraham, the Father of nations, the common ancestor of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim peoples.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God doesn't always make sense right away, and we're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

Have you ever been caught in a storm—perhaps a really scary storm with wind howling, rain pounding, skies so dark it looks like night in the middle of the day? This is how the winds of our passions, and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear God's voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

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- Do I thank God every day for all that is good in my life?
- Is there anything more important to me than doing God's will?

## PRAYER

Generous God, we give you thanks for all our blessings and dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray always in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

The Redemptorists

## The Pope's Monthly Intention for August

### For Small Businesses

**We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.**

## A Word from Pope Francis

In dark moments, in sad moments [Jesus] is well aware that our faith is weak—all of us are people of little faith, all of us, myself included, everyone.... [O]ur journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces. But ... He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety.

Angelus, August 9, 2020

# Music in the Meadow



**6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19**

Spend a musical summer evening with us when we host *Music in the Meadow*, featuring local musician Robbie Lawrence, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19. Pack your picnic basket and bring a lawn chair, blanket or mat to the meadow behind the White House convent to hear Robbie and friends perform a variety of popular standards on winds and accordion. It's sure to be an entertaining evening. Admission is free, but please kindly RSVP so that we know how many folks to expect.

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# A Be-attitude Adjustment

By William Clark, OMI

We all want to be happy. The Declaration of Independence affirms the pursuit of happiness as “an inalienable right with which all men are endowed by their creator.” Someone once remarked that the tricky thing about the pursuit of happiness is knowing when you’ve caught up.

What actually makes a person happy? What constitutes happiness? Human beings always want more, and when we have more we want better, and when we have better we want different.

The super-rich want more than one mansion or a bigger boat. The ordinary person wants a nicer house, a newer car. The poor person desperately wants a job and income to provide the necessities of life. The object may vary, but the desire for more or better or different is always there. As long as our desires are not guided by reason enlightened by faith, we can never be truly happy.

We don’t automatically come upon the secrets of our happiness. Over the course of history, various systems aimed at achieving happiness have been proposed. For Gautama Buddha, the only means to happiness lies in the elimination of desire. Early Greek philosophers thought the solution was to seek a balance in one’s longings. But neither the Buddhist mystic nor the Greek philosopher can achieve complete success. The calm achieved by the Buddhist is always subject to disturbance by recurring desires. The Greek philosopher’s balance is necessarily an arbitrary standard and is always liable to change.

The Christian knows where true happiness lies. The Christian knows it’s found in directing our desires toward God. One Christian expression of where happiness lies can be found in the beatitudes, listed in the Gospel of Matthew. (See 5:3–12.)

Scripture scholars agree that it’s difficult to find an adequate translation for the word that begins each beatitude. It’s usually translated as “blessed,” but a good case can be made for translating it as “made happy.” In any case, the beatitudes are both expressions of grace and implicit commands leading to happiness.

From a purely natural viewpoint, the beatitudes do not make sense. In faith we ask for the grace to understand. How does being poor in spirit make one happy? How does mourning or being meek make one happy? Who is truly happy when hungry and thirsty, even if it be for righteousness? From a natural viewpoint, purity of heart/chastity is, as the ancient Romans put it, “a virtue greatly to be admired...in others.” Peacemakers are often shot at from both sides. Finally, how does being persecuted make one happy?

Clearly, the beatitudes become a formula for happiness only when viewed with the eyes of faith—eyes that look beyond this world.

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