St. John Baptist de La Salle & St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes
Partner Parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg
Pennsylvania Charitable Trusts

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

St. John’s/St. Mary’s Mass Schedule
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30 AM (St. John’s)
Tues, Thurs: 8:30 AM (St. Mary’s)
Saturday: 4:00 PM (Outdoor at St. John’s)
Saturday: 6:00 PM (Inside at St. Mary’s by reservation)
Sunday: 9:00 AM (Outdoor at St. John’s)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org for a list of streaming Masses throughout the diocese.
Join Bishop Malesic on the website, Youtube, or Facebook for Sunday Mass each week at 8:30 AM.
Participate on TV through EWTN, Listen on the Radio at WAOB 106.7 FM

We, the partner parishes of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes of the Diocese of Greensburg, celebrate our Roman Catholic Faith and Traditions. Our parish families strive to respond to our baptismal promises by living the Word of God and making the Eucharist the center of our lives.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all our brothers and sisters.
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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat.  Aug 8        Vigil
4:00 PM  St. John  For the People
6:00 PM  St. Mary  Edwin & Regina Wagner
          (Inside by reservation only) (Family)
Sun.  Aug 9      Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
         Time
9:00 AM  St. John  Brandi Flynn Machel, Birth. Remb
             (Dad)
       Anna Stasiak Patalsky
             (Stash & Helen Stetina)

Mon.  Aug 10  St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
8:30 AM  St. John  Peter Ulishney
          (Ulishney Family)

Tue.  Aug 11 St. Clare, Virgin
8:30 AM  St. Mary  William Potter, William Mears, &
          Richard Perfetta
             (Parishioners of St. Mary’s &
             St. John’s)

8:30 AM  St. John  Hannah Drnjevich, Birth. Remb
          (Alice Marie Drnjevich)
6:00 PM  St. John  For Confirmandi & Family
          (Confirmation)

Fri.  Aug 14  St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &
              Martyr
8:30 AM  St. John  Jeffrey Behr
          (Love Mom)
7:00 PM  St. John  Janice Craychee
          (Assumption Vigil)
          (Terri & Frank Palumbo)

Sat.  Aug 15  Vigil
4:00 PM  St. John  For the People
       Richard Kuchar
6:00 PM  St. Mary  (Inside by reservation only)
          (Wife Joanne Kuchar)
          (Confirmation)
         Time
9:00 AM  St. John  Faye Angeloni,
          Wedding Anniv. Remb.
          (Giuseppe & Maria Gulli)
          Edwin & Regina Wagner
          (Family)
          Palumbo
          (Dennis & Barbara Galucci)

Mass Times at surrounding Churches

Mother of Sorrows
M/W/F:  8 am
Sat:  4:30 pm
Sun:  8 am & 11 am

St. Sylvester (SS), St. Ambrose (SA)
& St. Matthew (SM)
M/S/S, T (SM), F (SA):  8:30 am
Sat (SA):  5 pm
Sun (SS):  8:30 am, (SM):  11 am

St. Barbara’s
M - F:  9 am
Sat:  5:30 pm
Sun:  8 am & 10:30 am
Sun (SH):  6:30 am & 10:30 am
6 pm (temp. suspended)

Sacraments

Baptisms:  Contact Fr. Dan

Marriages:  Should be scheduled one year in advance.
Marriage Preparation is a prerequisite for all marriages
(contact Fr. Dan).

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. John’s:
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 4 PM (Drive-up)
Saturday at 12:00 Noon (Drive-up)
Other times by appointment; contact Fr. Dan

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion
to the Sick and Homebound:  Please contact the parish
office to make arrangements.  Visitation of the sick is made
by the pastor whenever possible.  Ministers of Holy
Communion make regular visitations.

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic
Church.  No matter what your current family or marital
situation.  No matter what your past or present religious
affiliation.  No matter what your personal history, age,
background, race or color.  You are invited, welcomed,
accepted and loved at the Partner Parishes of St. John
Baptist de La Salle and St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes,
Churches.

“Get hold of yourselves!  It is I.  Do not be afraid!”  Uncer-
tainty can sometimes bring fear along with God’s call to con-
secrated life or priesthood.  If the Lord is truly calling you,
what is needed is trust.  If you are discerning your vocation,
contact the Office for Priestly Vocations at 724-837-0901 or
email Fr. Tyler Bandura at tbandura@dioceseof-
greensburg.org
Fr. Ulishney’s Updates

Dear friends,

Today please warmly welcome Fr. Thom Dansak, retired priest of Pittsburgh. He’s filling in for me because I am presiding at the Nuptial Mass of my sister Jessica and her (now) husband Marco. Please keep them in your prayers, especially given the unique circumstances of weddings in 2020 (the pandemic), which have been rather stressful.

This is also now the second weekend that we have resumed INDOOR weekend worship at St. Mary’s. I can’t even begin to express the sense of peace, joy, and a strong sense of being home that I felt in resuming public worship in our beautiful church. Our re-opening committee met this week to evaluate the experience, but we plan to continue with those Masses. Last week we still had plenty of space, however we will continue asking folks to pre-register so that we can ensure worship that is sacred and safe! The link for pre-registration is sent out on Sunday afternoon via Flocknote, and also posted on our website and Facebook page. For those without those means of social communication, please reach out to a friend or relative to sign up.

SPEAKING OF, please continue to stay connected to neighbors, family, parishioners and friends with phone calls or appropriate visits. Our pastoral council is working on some ideas for the parish picnic that usually takes place this time of year. For parishioners, if you haven’t already, be sure to join our Flocknote to get our communications. (I’ve helped several people to sign up in just the last few days!) Please get out the word and invite your fellow parishioners to stay connected!

AN EXCITING WEEK! This week we will also be celebrating the sacrament of CONFIRMATION for our Confirmandi (rising freshmen) who were originally scheduled to be confirmed by Bishop Malesic in May. As a faith community we love and support them! Please join us in praying for them daily this week. Let us also pray for everyone in our community, that we, too, may fully receive and live the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God so generously gives to us! Those gifts are so much needed in our lives and our world.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION falls on a Saturday this year. Since the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been temporarily lifted, so too is the obligation of this holy day. I will, however, take the occasion to remind everyone that while the bishop can dispense from the obligation to attend Mass (which is ecclesiastical law), the obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day, which is of Divine Law remains, and CAN NEVER be dispensed. That is to say that even if you do not attend Mass, we must keep Sunday Holy. The same principle could apply to Holy Days such as the Assumption.

On Friday night we will celebrating an outdoor Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit dost instruct the hearts of the faithful: Grant that by the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolation though Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Solemnity of the Assumption at sunset (7PM). Pray for good weather – it should be beautiful! Following Mass, for those who wish to stay, we will pray a candlelight rosary.

BACK TO SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION: One topic on everyone’s mind is going back to school in the middle of the pandemic, which of course impacts our faith formation and families. Our team has begun meeting to make plans. (If you love sharing your faith especially with children, we could use your help!) This is a challenging time and things will look very different. Fortunately the Diocese of Greensburg has made tremendous resources available to it’s parishes, staff, and parishioners.

Fr. Dan

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I am very, very excited about what is coming next. We have received a grant from the diocese for a wonderful online platform known as FORMED. Think of it as a streaming service for Catholics, but better. You will be hearing much about it in the future; it is a veritable treasure-trove of QUALITY (not chintzy) Catholic content: e-books, audio & video; there are formation series; kids content, movies and more. There are so many quality Catholic movies that you could have movie night every week for over a year and not repeat. Same for e-books! If you are familiar with any of those life-changing talks by top-name Catholic speakers from Catholic Lighthouse Media, they are all there. There are also plenty of Bible study series, topical series (e.g. sacraments, morals, faith and life) and more.

This will revolutionize the way that we do ministry especially given the limitations of in-person gatherings due to the pandemic. We are putting together a faith formation committee to steer our launch and to manage and communicated this platform effectively for you. (If you have an interest in being part of this team, please contact Deacon Dan!)

Given the current restrictions, our faith formation will focus on building faith in the home, and this will be a primary vehicle; our catechists are already meeting to plan. Please pray for this initiative and endeavor, that is very rich fruit.

While we are planning for a launch, you don’t have to wait for that to begin enjoying this great content. Simply visit formed.org, select our parish and ZIP Code, put in your email, and start enjoying. There is no need for logins, usernames, or passwords. If you find some content that is interesting to you or what she would like to perhaps be part of a team to host as a virtual series, please also let the Deacon know.

I am truly excited about this opportunity. In truth, FORMED was on my ’pastor wishlist,’ and now it has landed squarely in my (our) lap(s)!

**We are in the season of Ordinary Time!**

**But - what’s that?**

Ordinary Time begins after the Christmas season and ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King; however, this long stretch is interrupted by other liturgical seasons and celebrations - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost. In addition, the 33 weeks of OT are peppered with various other Holy Days of Obligation such as Holy Assumption (coming up in August). This year, a few additional events occur during our OT season, postponed from the pandemic shutdown: the RCIA candidates were received into the Church; First Communions were celebrated a few weekends ago; Confirmations are coming up this week.

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops describes OT as a period of time which “...takes us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.”

In many ways, Ordinary Time is not so “ordinary”, after all! Liturgically, OT is represented by the color green, which symbolizes hope and the freshness of life and new beginnings. Musically, OT is a time when we hear a lot of our “standards” - hymns of praise, comfort, and other familiar favorites. The long stretch of summertime OT provides a good time for trying out new things, such as teaching new music or recruiting for the busier fall season. Make sure to listen closely to the music in our August Masses. Our Cantors have been practicing a new Mass setting!

-Xenia

**ST. JOHN’S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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**ST. MARY’S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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**Mass Attendance (Weekend of August 1 & 2):**

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"A Closer Look at the Proverbs"

Fr. Dan recommends this new on-line weekly Bible Study beginning on Friday, August 7 from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. The study will be offered via ZOOM and will be using the book *The Proverbs Explained: A Blueprint for Christian Living* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ. Fr. Pacwa is an internationally known teacher and television personality who is frequently seen on EWTN television.

The study will be led by Molli Vassar, retired formation director of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Participants will use their own Bibles. There is no cost for the study, however registration is required. Those wishing to register should email to molli.vassar@gmail.com

Calling Coin and Stamp Collectors!

The parish office is in search of an experienced stamp collector and coin collector to assist us in going through several donated collections. If interested, please call the parish office at (724) 327-0647 for more information. Thank you!

Interested in becoming Catholic?

It’s still not too late!! RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets on Mondays. Please contact Patty at the office—724-327-0647, ext 201.

News Around the Diocese

SAINT MARGARET MARY VIRTUAL FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

This year, we’re bringing all of the fun and joy of our summer festival online! Join us for our first ever Virtual Festival of Friendship on our parish website at www.smmlb.org from August 19-22 for phenomenal online raffles (including our fabulous basket raffle!), engaging community videos and activities, and even tons of games and craft ideas for kids. Buy your tickets online for our Big Money Raffle ($3,000 grand prize) or place your chances on our Big Ticket Raffle Item, which this year is a Fire Table Outdoor Dining Set from Amish Yard valued around $9,000. This is one virtual summerfest you won’t want to miss!

Prayer List


Should you wish to add names to our Prayer List please contact the Parish Office. Likewise, if your loved one has recovered please let Patty know so that there is sufficient room for others that need our prayers.
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Introit: Remember, O Lord, your covenant, and do not abandon forever the souls of your poor; arise, O Lord, and judge your own cause; forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon: The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

The Gloria & Acclamations are from “Mass of St. Frances Cabrini” by Kevin Keil.

The Psalm will be read by the Lector. The Organist and Cantor will provide meditative music during the Preparation of the altar and distribution of Holy Communion.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Readings:

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families Michael Stepic, Florence Pace, Barbara Kacin, and John Stefanick. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.