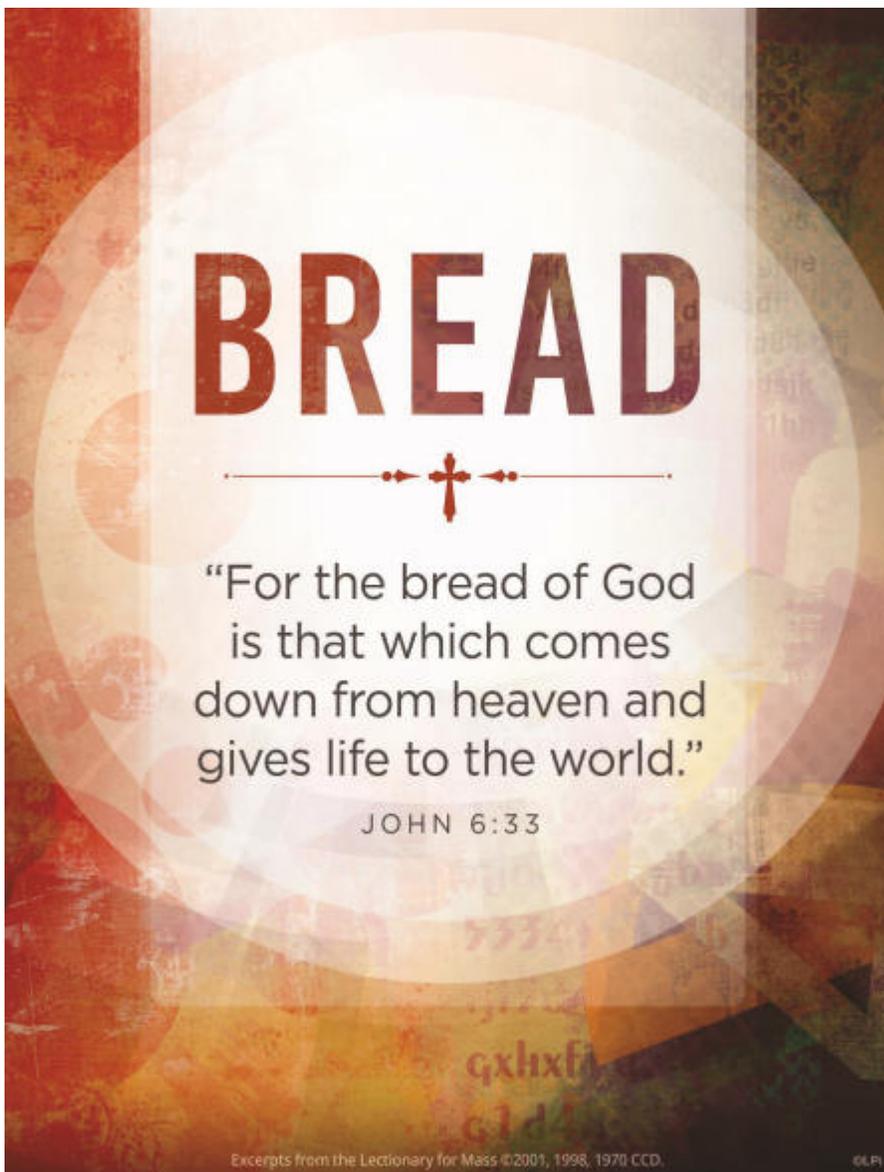


1 AUGUST 2021—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Rectory, and Parish Office
13500 Oak Park Blvd.
• Oak Park, MI 48237*

*Ferndale Worship Location
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Office Hours

M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

**Parish Office Phone Number
248.545.2310**

Parish Fax 248.545.2312

Parish Email

omophparish@gmail.com

Parish Website

www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale**

Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale

Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park

Sacraments:

Baptism,

Anointing of the Sick,

and Reconciliation

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

Marriage

**Must be active and registered members
of the parish for at least 6 months prior
to scheduling**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.533.5424

See page 3 for Faith Formation Perspectives on the Gospel



Saturday, July 31, 2021

Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ronald Pellerito by Mary Beth Western

Rev. Donald M. Clark (1995)

Sunday, August 1, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

James and Dorothy Kay Cannon

Ronald Pellerito by Mary Beth Western

Jim Lama by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Marilyn Serapiglia by 50+ Club

Stephen “Steve” Vargo by Dorothy Kay Cannon

Margaret Vargo by Dorothy Kay Cannon

Mildred “Roberson” Vargo by Dorothy Kay Cannon

John Cardinal Dearden (1988)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

John Cardinal Dearden (1988)

Monday, August 2, 2021

Msgr. Peter Lentine (2017)

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Msgr. Robert S. Humitz (2019)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Rev. James J. O’Mara (1966)

Thursday, August 5, 2021

7 pm – Oak Park

Rev. James Leukert (1658)

Friday, August 6, 2021

Rev. Elemir J. Mikus (2013)

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Leo Broderick (2017)

Sunday, August 8, 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Maryanne Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

William Cummings—41st Anniversary of Death—

by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Rocco D. Palazzolo

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone’s privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

***Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners***

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

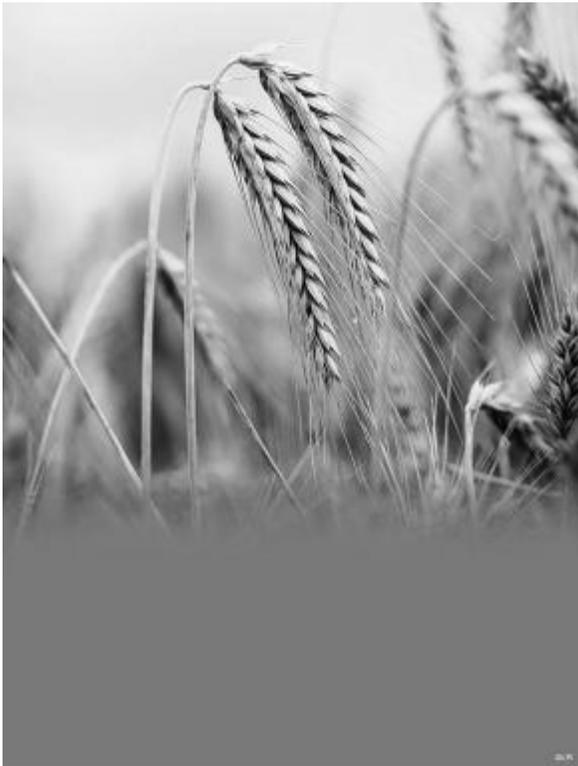
UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE

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OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God’s love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
our mission and vision?***



AUGUST 1 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
BREAD FOR THE BODY, BREAD FOR THE SOUL
(JN 6: 24-35) PART 2

The crowd from Tiberias having been previously fed now traveled to Capernaum seeking Jesus and his disciples. Jesus gives his thoughts to the crowd for their worldly intentions of seeking him out, "I assure you, you are not looking for me because you have seen signs but because you have eaten your fill of loaves." He continues, "You should not be working for perishable food but for food that remains unto life eternal." The people normally would have to labor or beg to get the means to receive their daily bread.

The crowd asks Jesus, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus simply replies, "This is the work of God: have faith in the One he sent." The crowd is asking what 'they' must do, to get this miraculous bread from Jesus. Jesus tells them believe and have faith in me, and, this is the work of God. The crowd wanted Jesus to perform a sign and asks what is the 'work' he does. The crowd continues with the argument that their ancestors during the Exodus from Egypt and were wandering in the desert cried out to Moses for food and they were fed with manna from the heavens (Ex 16:12-35; Num 11: 7-8). Jesus explains to the crowd, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from the heavens; it is my Father who gives you the real heavenly bread." The heavenly bread from the Father gives life to the world. The crowd asks

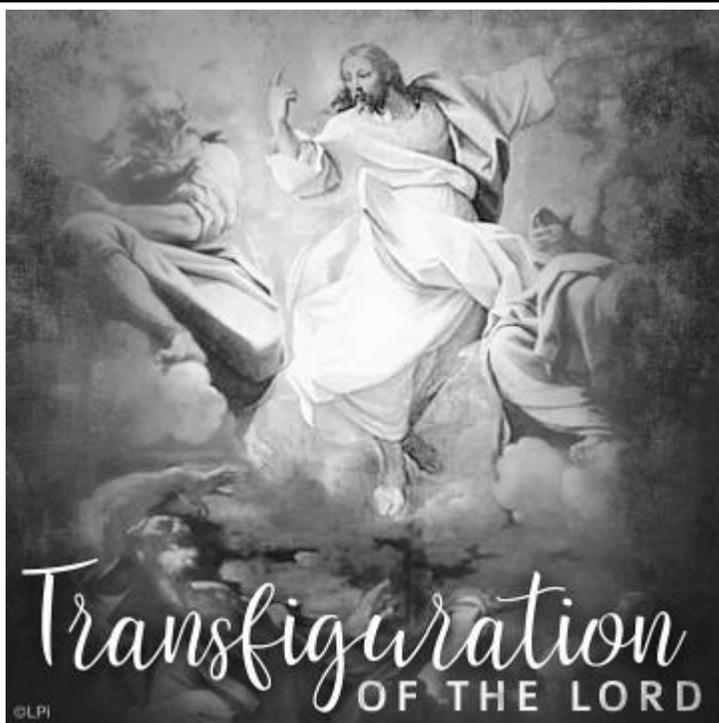
Jesus for this bread. One wonders if the crowd truly understood the meaning of heavenly bread, he is presenting to daily bread to eat. Jesus explains to them, "I myself am the bread of life. No one comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall thirst again."

The crowd on hearing Jesus calling himself the bread of life was not what they expected or wanted to hear. The crowd wanted Jesus to feed them with daily bread for their bodies to satisfy their hunger and not words of eternal life.

This week pray on the words of the hymn "I am the bread of life" from the hymnal 'Gather' #945

(vs. 1) - "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believes in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons." (Refrain) "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day." (GIA Publications, Inc.)

By Leonard Piasta, FFC



PRAYER FOR THE
FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
AUGUST 6, 2021

Our request for the light of God to shine in our lives brightly and in full force is heard and will be answered.

Radiant God, source of light,
 as you surrounded Jesus with your glory, so you come to us in penetrating brightness.

You catch us off guard and expose our weakness.

We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness.

We seek the spectacular while you bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy.

We seek to stay on the mountain or in a comfortable pew while you walk to the valleys of need.

Radiant God,
 fill us with light and courage to carry good news into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence. Amen

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**AUGUST 1, 2021****EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY****FIRST READING:**

Then the LORD said to Moses,

“I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;

thus I will test them,

to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Ex 16:4)

PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

SECOND READING:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

and put on the new self,

created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

(Eph 4:23-24)

GOSPEL:

“I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (Jn 6:35)

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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

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

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

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK****FIRST READING:**

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their “grumbling” by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

SECOND READING:

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should “put away” the bad parts of “your former way of life.” How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

GOSPEL:

We hear today the introduction of Jesus’ extended “bread of life” discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate “manna” (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: “I am the bread of life.” How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

**RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—
PRACTICING GRACIOUSNESS
IN THE DESERT**

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we’re being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven’t we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He’s led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can’t go any further. No, I won’t do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help,
Pray for Us*

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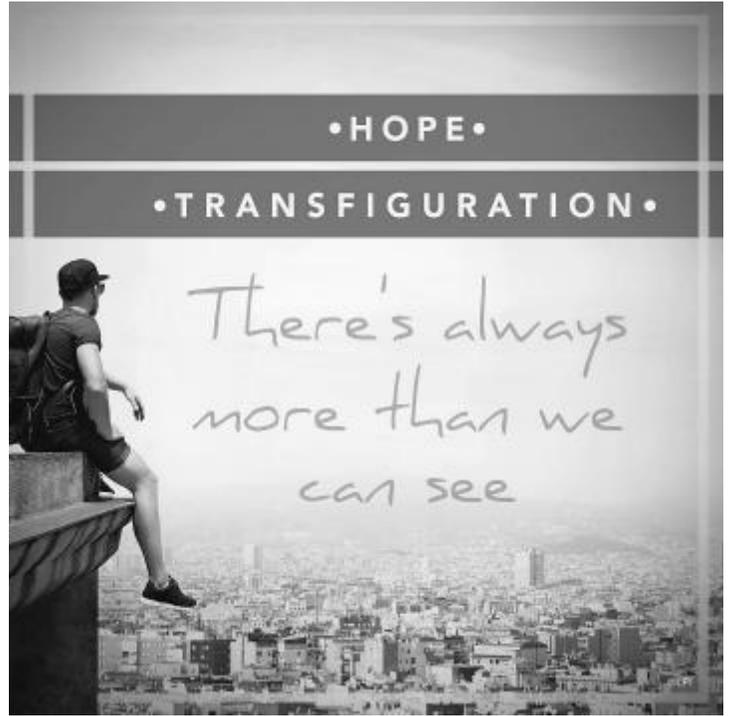
A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:

	July TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$8,479	\$8,479
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$2,755)	(\$2,755)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$5,540)	(\$5,540)
Week of 07-18-2021 Offertory total: \$2,296.00		
On-line giving totaled \$1,630.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$6,849.00 for a grand total for 3 weeks of July deposits totaled \$8,479.00.		

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

	\$37,746.00
AS OF 07-19-2021:	87 PLEDGES RECEIVED
	77 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$31,531.66
TOTAL PAID:	\$28,976.66 [approx. 77% of goal]
ACTUAL SHORTFALL:	\$8,769.34



IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.”

**YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET OUR NEW FAMILY!
REGISTER TODAY—THE NEXT GATHERING IS AUGUST 17TH
FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS**

You are invited to attend a series of Family Gatherings, involving members of Transfiguration, Divine Providence Lithuanians, Our Lady of La Salette, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. These gatherings are an opportunity to learn more about our transition to Families of Parishes.

Each one of us is called to go and make disciples, to share the Good News. That’s what’s behind our move to Families of Parishes. We want each one of our Families to be places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be his witnesses.

**THE SECOND GATHERING—GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH AS A FAMILY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 7-9 PM—DIVINE PROVIDENCE LITHUANIAN**

This gathering will aim to deepen those new, faith-founded relationships and begin to grow together as disciples.

**THE THIRD FAMILY GATHERING—WITNESSING WITH SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 7-9 PM—OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

This gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel.

All parishioners are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up.

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