



## Mass Intentions

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 4, 2018**

**Saturday– Aug 4<sup>th</sup> –**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julia Superka (B)  
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician  
7:00PM – David J. Cunningham (A)  
by Sister, Betty

**Sunday – Aug 5<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Dopsovic Brother and Sisters  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak  
10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick  
by Family

**Monday – Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – The Transfiguration**

8:00AM – Mary Rose Mahon (A)  
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

**Tuesday – Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – St Sixtus II and Comp**

8:00AM – Mary Hutnick (A)  
by Robert and Jean Strohl

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – St Dominic**

6:00PM – Bernard J. Cunningham, Jr. (B)  
by Wife, Rosa

**Thursday – Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – St Teresa Benedicta**

8:00AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.  
by Eugene Kovalchick and Family

**Friday – Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – St Lawrence the Martyr**

8:00AM – Scott McCloskey  
by Family

***Mass at the former St Lawrence Church***

**Saturday– Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – St Clare**

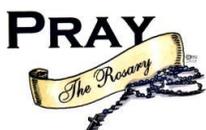
8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Memorial Fund Members  
by Memorial Fund  
7:00PM – Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

**Sunday – Aug 12<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Agnes M. Collis  
by Jane and John Grason  
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey (B)  
by Family



**Sundays**

**8:15AM and 10:15AM**

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## School Spirit, Chapter Two

Once the sports' and band practices were "on a roll," Carl and his landscaping crews were constantly on-call for the slightest maintenance need for the fields around the school. Carl and his "right hand," Sam Nikowski, especially busied themselves with the readying of the football field – a particular pride for the St. John of the Cross school alumni and student body.

After many years of a typical smallish private school team, St. John's, with the able leadership of Principal Ferguson, vitalized the football program with a new coach and new investment in the equipment, facilities, recruitment strategies, and promotion. Mr. Ferguson, truth-be-told, "faked it to make it;" he promoted a great football team until they were one. More importantly, from his perspective, he "knew" that beefing up the sports programs would attract more students and their parents into making the investment in Catholic education. And, it worked like a charm – during Principal Ferguson's tenure the student body increased by 22% the first year, and another 25% in the two subsequent school years. "He can do no wrong!" the alumni stated often and loudly; and for good reason. But any such success isn't only lauded, it sometimes evokes criticism from unexpected sources.

And, on this first week of August, the Principal's principal critic, Sister Marjorie-Rose, F.S.R. (the Sister-Servants of Christ the King), a 72 year old, able-bodied, and exceptionally able-minded religious who had been teaching in Catholic high schools for 51 years, arrived in the principal's office for the first of their monthly wrestling matches regarding the health of the school. Sr. Marjorie navigated her way through the familiar front office to the principal's door, and knocked, "Mr. Ferguson," she announced, "it's Sr. Marjorie...Do you have a moment to give me?" "Sure, Sr. Marjorie!" he trumpeted back, rising from his desk chair to assist Sister into his new office chairs. "Sister," he welcomed her with a kind handshake and half-a-hug, "I've been looking forward to dancing with you again this year." They each took a new chair in front of the desk. "These are comfortable, aren't they," she observed. He nodded, "We can afford a few improvements throughout the school, Sister, because our enrollment has once again reached our capacity!" Mike Ferguson's smile touched his ears at both sides of his happy face; he had accomplished his personal goals for St. John's in less than ten years, validating the Bishop's confidence in him to "turn it around there."

# MARIST MISSIONS

*The Society of Mary*

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwestern Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in "bush stations", teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church. Contributions to the Marists will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and helping the local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.

**Our Missionary will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for our annual Mission Co-op collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection**

**\$3,769.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**, is for the **Mission Co-op Collection**.



## MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

Take some time in your life to renew your spiritual life and spend a weekend with God. It is a refreshing time and a time to reflect on your personal and spiritual life. For information about Malvern call Paul Albert (610-264-3473); Jim Serensits (610-261-2083) or Deacon Jack (610-266-0689). Or you can go online at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) and go under "Calendar" and look for "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" group and register online. Hope to see you at the Malvern Retreat House.



## WOMAN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

An annual women's retreat will be held at St. Francis Center of Renewal in Bethlehem on **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a traditional retreat with a retreat master, Rev. Joseph Serano, giving spiritual talks and reflections. Ladies this is your opportunity to spend time with Jesus and renew your spiritual life. For information and to register call the center at 610-867-8890 or contact Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.

Sr. Marjorie reflected his joy with a smile of her own, "You should be proud, Mr. Ferguson, ...you've really put us 'back on the map' for the diocese and the whole region. Congratulations." "Thanks, Sister, God's been good to us," he acknowledged. "Yes, He has, Mr. Ferguson, and now, I'm wondering, can we make the REAL changes necessary in the curriculum, calendar and formation of these young minds for the darkness coming their way." "Oh, Sr. Marjorie, you have really become dramatic these last couple of years," his face still held half of a smile, and a hopefulness that she wouldn't continue.

"Mr. Ferguson, because we have a full school now, we have all the more reason to return to our Catholic roots in Jesus, the Sacraments, Morality, History, etcetera," she pleaded. She pressed, "I'm just saying, please consider that our next 10-year plan should revolve around the world this new generation will be facing. We don't have to be prophets to know that there are things they are going to need that a Catholic school should be providing them..."

Out on the football field, Carl and Sam were struggling to comprehend what they were seeing...the center of their "state-of-the-art" field, sunken in a misshapen circle down about three feet. "Is it a sink-hole, Carl?" Sam posited. "Must be," Carl distractedly affirmed, "I gotta get the boss. You stay here, Sam, don't let anyone near it, okay?!" Sam nodded, and Carl headed for Mr. Ferguson's office. [ *to be continued...* ]

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



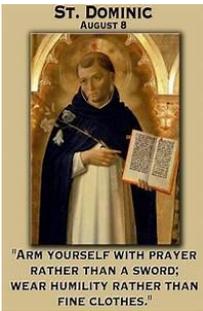
	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



## ST LAWRENCE

The Feast Day of St Lawrence the Martyr will be observed on **Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:00am Mass**. Morning Mass will be held at the former site of St. Lawrence Church.

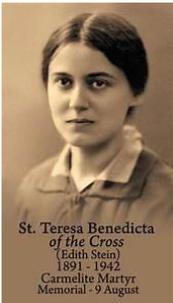
# Saint Dominic



Born in 1170 in Calaruega, Spain, Dominic attended the university at Palencia. Ordained an Augustinian canon, he went to France, where the Albigensians were misleading the faithful with a notion of "purity" founded on a rejection of the material order. Dominic converted many through his austere witness and his sound preaching informed by Scripture. Young men joined him

and, in 1216, the Order of Preachers was approved. Dominic died in 1221. ~Magnificat, August, 2018

## St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



Edith Stein was born the youngest of eleven children to a Jewish couple in Breslau, Germany (present-day Poland) on October 12, 1891, the Jewish Feast of Atonement. A decisive encounter with the writings of Teresa of Avila drew her into the Church, and, ten years later, into the Carmelite Order. She took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. On August 2, 1942, the

Gestapo arrested Teresa and her blood sister, Rosa, at the Carmel in Echt, Netherlands. She died at Auschwitz on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Her last reported words, to Rosa: "Come, we are going for our people." In 1999, Saint John Paul II declared this "eminent daughter of Israel and faithful daughter of the Church" co-patroness of Europe. ~Magnificat, August, 2018

**He who trusts himself is lost.  
He who trusts in God can do all things.  
~ St. Alphonsus Liguori**

# Saint Clare



Of noble birth and reputed beauty, Clare heard Francis of Assisi preach a Lenten retreat in 1212. Captivated by this new witness of a life "after the manner of the holy Gospel," Clare stole away from her home on the night of Palm Sunday to join Francis. For the next forty years she lived in a convent attached to the Church of San Damiano, leading the young women who joined her, the first Poor Clares. When Pope Innocent IV composed a rule for her nuns that permitted them to receive an annual living, Clare responded with her own stricter version, the first women's rule written by a woman. She died in 1253 with the approved rule in her hand. ~Magnificat, August, 2018

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Fr. Pendzick** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way.

## MARRIAGE WEEKEND

*Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Retrouvaille can help and offers a better relationship. Retrouvaille is volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication to build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. The next program begins on the weekend of August 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pa.* For more information or to register, go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.