



Mass Intentions

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2019

Saturday– Aug 3rd –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate

7:00PM – Bernard and Rose Cunningham, Jr. (WA)
by Bossons Family

Sunday – Aug 4th –

8:30AM – Dave Cunningham (A)
by Sister, Betty

10:30AM – David J. Sweeney
by Daughter, Lauren

Monday – Aug 5th –

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

8:00AM – Joseph W. Kalamar
by John and Mary Daub

Tuesday – Aug 6th – Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Wednesday – Aug 7th – St Cajetan

6:00PM – Mary A. Hutnick (A)
by Daughter, Jean Strohl

Thursday – Aug 8th – St Dominic

8:00AM – Bernard Cunningham, Jr. (B)
by Bossons Family

Friday – Aug 9th –

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Saturday– Aug 10th – St Lawrence the Martyr

8:00AM – Vincent Rivetti
by Sister, Marie Jacoby

Mass at the former St Lawrence Church

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julia Superka (B)
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician

7:00PM – Loretta Solderich (B)
by Michael and Kellyann

Sunday – Aug 11th –

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Avate

10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey (B)
by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krautsack, Sr.



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Trusting God

While We Dread Some Things

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, wrote in his classic, Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones,

The simplicity of the road of confidence in God is almost frightening to us. We are so complicated that we believe the secret of leading a good Christian life must be complicated too. But it is as simple as the Gospel – and just as hard to follow.

One of the masterpieces of the spiritual life is a little book that remained unpublished for over a hundred years. It is called *Abandonment to Divine Providence*. The author, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, was an eighteenth century French Jesuit, spiritual writer and teacher. If you are ready for his teaching you may find this sample helpful.

The great and solid foundation of the spiritual life is to give oneself to God in order to be the subject of His good pleasure in everything internal and external, and afterwards to forget oneself so completely that one considers oneself as a thing sold and delivered to the purchaser to which one has no longer any right in such a way that the good pleasure of God makes all our joy and His happiness, glory and being become our sole good.

This foundation being laid, the soul has nothing to do save to pass all her life in rejoicing that God is good, abandoning herself so completely to His good pleasure that she is equally content to do this or that, or the contrary, at the disposal of God, without reflecting on the use which His good pleasure makes of her.

To abandon oneself! This then is the great duty which remains to be fulfilled after we have acquitted ourselves

faithfully of the duties of our state [in life]. The perfection with which this duty is accomplished will be the measure of our sanctity. A holy soul is but a soul freely submitted to the Divine will with the help of grace. All that follows this simple acquiescence is the work of God and not of man.

Oddly enough, the person who follows God with such great confidence will accomplish much more than others for the kingdom of God. I have personally heard such effective apostles of our time as Br. Roger of Taize, Bishop James Walsh of Maryknoll, Archbishop Helder Camara of Brazil and Mother Teresa of Calcutta all say the same thing. Acceptance of the creative will of God, and effectively doing what we perceive to be that will with courage and indifference to personal obstacles, is the secret of real success in the kingdom. In the face of unspeakable obstacles this faithful confidence in God has achieved and will continue to accomplish all lasting good for the reign of God in human hearts.

In the simplest of terms the Christian way of life is itself simple – love God with everything we’ve got, and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. But, living that way of life is a constant challenge to us and requires that we TRUST GOD IN ALL THINGS. Lord, help our poor faith.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,737.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **August 3rd and 4th**, is the **Mission Co-Op Collection**.

C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been mailed out. If your child attends public school, is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory.

We wish to welcome Fr. Paul this weekend to speak with us about his parish’s needs and how we might help. May God bless him and his parish!



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Martinez D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	A.Banoza M.Ritter	P.McCloskey	L.Bolmer

ST LAWRENCE



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



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **William P. Dinbokowitz, Sr.**, by his daughters, Joan, Linda and Donna.



Please remember in your prayers **Frances M. (Schlacter) Jagers**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND

August 23rd, 24th, and 25th

It is a wonderful weekend to be with our Lord and time for reflection and prayer. I encourage our men of the parish to come with us to this weekend of spiritual renewal. **Fr. Bernard Ezaki**, who is an Allentown diocesan priest at St. Jane’s in Easton, will be giving a reflection on Saturday afternoon on the retreat. You don’t want to miss Fr. Ezaki’s talk. Any questions please call Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689 or Paul Albert at 610-264-3473.



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Edith Stein was born to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany, (today part of Poland), in 1891. At fourteen she became an atheist, but her sincere search for “eternal values” as a scholar of philosophy led her to the threshold of the Church. After reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila at a friend’s house, she exclaimed: “This is the truth!” Ten years later she entered Carmel as Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She was seized by Nazi soldiers in Echt, the Netherlands, on August 2, 1942, and died at the Auschwitz concentration camp seven days later. Teresa is venerated as a “martyr for love” who consciously offered her life for the salvation of her people.

~ Magnificat, August, 2019



GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join Fr. Daniel Kravatz and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, August 10th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. Contact: 610-674-4624.

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major



At Ephesus in 431, the bishops of the Church gathered in an ecumenical council to confirm the creed set forth at the Council of Nicaea and condemn the heretical teachings of Nestorius. The Council declared that Mary was rightly to be acknowledged as *Theotokos*, “God-bearer,” a confirmation that Jesus is a divine Person, a truth our salvation depends on. Consecrated only a few years later, Saint Mary Major was the first Roman church dedicated to the Mother of God. Mary’s role as “God-bearer” is tangibly remembered at Saint Mary Major every year on Christmas day when a manger, said to be the relic of Christ’s first crib, is brought forth for veneration. ~ Magnificat, August, 2019

Saint Dominic



A native of Calaruega, Spain, Dominic de Guzman was initially a canon regular, a priest in service at the Cathedral of Osma. After accompanying his bishop on a voyage in which he encountered many who had strayed into the dualist Albigensian heresy, Dominic envisioned an order especially dedicated to preaching for the salvation of souls. His nights were spent in contemplation of the Word, his days in the preaching of the Word – it was said that he spoke only “to God or about God.” Later, Thomas Aquinas expressed this characteristic rhythm of Dominican life: “To contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation.” Pope Honorius III approved the foundation of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, in 1216. Dominic also founded a community of contemplative nuns in 1206. He died in 1221.

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