SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020
5:30 P. M.  Albert Assidio
Michael Gurliaccio
Intentions of Jessica Skorubski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Parishioners
Margaret & Carl Hivish
Intentions of Grace Montanye
10:00 A.M.  John Nazzaretto
Sister Annette Lucchese, OSF
Ray Nyhuis
12 NOON  John Dipiro

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Joan Hill

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Susan “Suzie” Davis

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Nunzio DiLaura

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Elena Sutula

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.  Intentions of Regan & Mary Jean Wick & Family
5:30 P.M.  Frances Pasquariello
Ralph Cortellessa
Sister Annette Lucchese, OSF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Parishioners
Thomas Sullivan
10:00 A.M.  Ralph Cortellessa
Sinforiana M. Raz
12 NOON  Joan Provenzano

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Lois Maskley
Gary Ragusa Herman Koenig Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Lydia Rivera
Jerome Foray Loretta LaSala Infant Ronan Suatoni
Richard Barnett Manuel Esquerra Kenny Sequeira
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovizt Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Richard DeFalco Alex Coronel
Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jean’na Wojik Post Patrick Keegan
Elizabeth Marren Jessica Skorubski Marianne Dorn
Michael Gotti Bob Delventhal

DECEASED:  Grace Garbarino

CHURCH MEMORIALS
Church Altar Candle in memory of John Nazzaretto requested by his wife, Diane
Church Tabernacle Candle in memory of John Nazzaretto requested by his wife, Diane.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 2, 2020 - $3,922.00
July On-line Giving - $2,085.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scripture Readings of today speak of God's kindness and His saving presence amidst trials and afflictions. In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, we see that the disciples are caught in the midst of a storm. Jesus comes to them walking on water. He tells the frightened disciples to have no fear. Peter wants to walk on water too, but is too afraid of the storm to do. He asks his master to save him. Jesus tells him to place his trust in him. Finally, when they got into the boat, the wind died down.

The Scripture Readings of today tell us that there is never any need for fear and anxiety, for God is always close to us. He is there stretching out his comforting and saving hand so that we may not sink in our storms of life. No matter what may be happening in and around us, his peace is there for us to share. We live in this stormy world - there are many difficulties & problems, anxieties & worries, sufferings & pains, failures & losses and so on – they threaten us and make us frightened. In the midst of them we cry for help.

God does come to our help as He came to help Elijah during his stormy life; Jesus too comes to
save us as he approached his disciples walking on
the sea and calmed the storm. But we often fail
recognize God when He comes, because often-time
He comes as we do not expect. We need to conform
to God, rather than God conform to us. Today let us
ask then for the gift of faith that we may be able to
recognize Him in the ordinary situations of our
lives, and humbly pray to Him saying, “Lord, let us
see your Kindness, and grant us your salvation.”

OUR AMERICAN SAINTS

Blessed Solanus Casey
Feast Day July 30
(November 25, 1875 – July 31, 1957)

Barney Casey became one of Detroit’s best-
known priests even though he was not allowed to
preach formally or to hear confessions!
Barney came from a large family in Oak Grove,
Wisconsin. At the age of 21, and after he had
worked as a logger, a hospital orderly, a streetcar
operator, and a prison guard, he entered St. Francis
Seminary in Milwaukee—where he found the
studies difficult. He left there, and in 1896, joined
the Capuchins in Detroit, taking the name Solanus.
His studies for the priesthood were again arduous.
On July 24, 1904, Solanus was ordained, but
because his knowledge of theology was judged to
be weak, he was not given permission to hear
confessions or to preach. A Franciscan Capuchin
who knew him well said this annoying restriction
“brought forth in him a greatness and a holiness that
might never have been realized in any other way.”

Father Solanus served at parishes in Manhattan
and Harlem before returning to Detroit, where he
was porter and sacristan for 20 years at St.
Bonaventure Monastery. Every Wednesday
afternoon he conducted well-attended services for
the sick. A co-worker estimates that on the average
day 150 to 200 people came to see Father Solanus
in the front office. Most of them came to receive his
blessing; 40 to 50 came for consultation. Many
people considered him instrumental in cures and
other blessings they received.

Father Solanus’ sense of God’s providence
inspired many of his visitors. “Blessed be God in all
his designs” was one of his favorite expressions.

Father Solanus died on July 31, 1957. An
estimated 20,000 people passed by his coffin before
his burial in St. Bonaventure Church in Detroit. At
the funeral Mass, the provincial Father Gerald said:
“His was a life of service and love for people like
me and you. When he was not himself sick, he
nevertheless suffered with and for you that were
sick. When he was not physically hungry, he
hungered with people like you. He had a divine love
for people. He loved people for what he could do
for them—and for God, through them.”
Solanus Casey was declared Venerable in 1995, and
beatified on November 18, 2017.

Jesus: The Prince of Peace

Do you think that I have come to establish peace
on the earth? (Luke 12:51) Well, yes, as a matter of
fact. Didn’t Isaiah announce the coming of the
“Prince of Peace?” Didn’t the angels sing, “Peace
on earth” on the
night Jesus was
born? Of course
he came to
establish peace
on earth! That
may be true, but
at the same
time, the aged
Simeon
prophesied that Jesus would be a “sign that will be
contradicted.” In fact, Jesus’ entire public life
seemed to be marked by division and controversy.
Pharisees and Sadducees argued over him. The
Jewish Sanhedrin couldn’t come to agreement.
Even one of his close followers turned traitor on
him. So is Jesus a source of peace? Or is he a source
of division? He’s both. Jesus knows that not
everyone will embrace his message and the peace
that comes with it. He also knows that divisions
will arise because of this. On a grand scale, we have
seen this in religious conflicts around the globe.
And on a more intimate scale, we see this in many
families. On the one hand are those who have
accepted Jesus and the blessings of his salvation.
On the other hand are those who have yet to
embrace the salvation that Jesus came to bring. At
times, the differences can be so strong as to cause
conflict and separation. Divisions may be
inevitable, but they don’t have to be permanent.
That’s where you come in. How will you respond
when those divisions manifest themselves at home?
With compassion, prayer, and understanding? Or with defensiveness, arguments, and condemnation? Jesus is the Prince of Peace because he came to bring peace to our divided hearts. And as our own divided hearts are healed, we learn how to love as he loves and how to forgive as he forgives. Only Jesus’ love and forgiveness can bring unity. You can make a difference. By staying close to Jesus, who is your peace, you can be a force for reconciliation. Never underestimate the impact you can have.

From: The Word Among Us

ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

On Aug 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul. What better way to thank Our Lord who, on the Cross, gave us His Mother to be our mother too than by coming before Him in Adoration, thanking Him for sharing His Mother with us. Since her Assumption into Heaven, Our Lady has appeared to us countless times showing her concern for us, her spiritual children, and guiding us back to her Son. Mass will be celebrated on Sat., August 15th at 9 a.m.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

After the second reading at Mass and before the Gospel reading, we say or sing a word that remains in the ancient Hebrew language: Alleluia! Did you know that at every Mass, we use two Hebrew words – Amen and Alleluia? Alleluia (also spelled Hallelujah) means “Praise the Lord.”

As we begin the Alleluia verse, we stand – to praise the Lord and give our full attention to the Gospel reading. Usually, Alleluia will be sung by the cantor or choir and repeated by the congregation. Then a short verse may be said or sung, after which the congregation will again join in with Alleluia!

The word Hallelujah was an integral part of the Passover celebration. It is used again and again in the Hallel Psalms, Psalms 113-118. In fact, Jesus and his disciples were probably singing Hallelujah at the Last Supper. And in the Book of Revelation, the multitudes in heaven are constantly singing Alleluia!

During the season of Lent, we don’t sing or say Alleluia because of the penitential nature of the season. In Lent, we use a Gospel acclamation before the reading of the Gospel. But at Easter Vigil and beyond, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with glorious shouts of Alleluia!

THE HARMONY OF LIFE

How can man live without God,
Who gave him his very life?
He, the One we turn to in prayer,
And calms us in time of strife.
Pleasure is sometimes mistaken for joy,
But joy is part of God’s love.
It comes from giving back in return
For the things we received from above.
Seeking harmony without God
Is like rivers that can’t find the sea.
Why search for what is in everyone’s reach –
Our God of sweet harmony.

Margaret Peterson

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

Through the garden gate I see
Lovely flowers, birds and bees,
Yellow and red…colors amaze…
Guide me through daffodil days.
The Lord creates the background
For us to live life profound.
There is not a moment to wait…
Take a walk through a garden gate.

Helen Gleason

LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.  Martha Bisaccio
5:30 P.M.  Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Barbara Garruto
10:00 A.M.  Giovanna Vollaro
12 NOON  Joe Darlington
Gospel Today | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 14:22-33

When Jesus performed miracles, He got people's attention! When He had their attention He preached the Good Word, and built their faith. Jesus tells us to have faith – do not doubt.

Did you ever see a bug skimming the top of water in a pond, lake or river? They seem to walk or run on top, barely touching! These six-legged insects are sometimes called Jesus bugs or pond skaters. Imagine how Jesus looked to the Apostles as He walked on the water! What would you think if you saw that? Web search the Water Strider and see how this fascinating insect actually walks on water.

"You of little faith – why do you doubt?"