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The Flowers on the main altar have been designated by Jeanette Devine in celebration of Pauline M. Devine and a friend's birthday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Benjamin Prin
Sunday	Bernadette Pevnarik
	The People of the Parish
Monday	Joe Stella & Bobbi Miller
Tuesday	Pauline M. Devine
Wednesday	Agnes "Dusty" Pohlman
Thursday	Dick Lawrence
Friday	Katherine Sneeringer
Saturday	Living & Deceased Members of Wm. H. Smith, Sr. & John Timmins families
Sunday	Clyde & Rita Swartz
	The People of the Parish



The Readings for this weekend are:

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

Second Reading: Romans 9:1,5

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The Church is open daily from Noon – 5:00p.m. Please use the upper handicap parking lot as only Mary's side is open, the rest of the inside of the Church is roped off. The limited access and shortened hours are due to the required cleaning and sanitizing that must be done before re-opening the next day.

Confessions are at 4:00p.m. on Saturdays in the Church but instead of the confessional a portable confessional is set up at the Daily Mass Chapel.

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Pastor's Column:

Next Saturday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption which is not a day of obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday. The Saturday Evening Mass will be the Mass of the Assumption which counts for Sunday since the Mass will begin after 4:00 pm.

Wednesday August 4 was the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. When he was ordained, he was denied faculties to hear confessions or preach on account of the poor marks that he received during his seminary studies. He is now considered to be one of the greatest preachers and confessors. He wrote the following on prayer (excerpted from the Liturgy of the Hours):

Consider, children, a Christian's treasure is not on earth, it is in heaven. Well then, our thoughts should turn to where our treasure is.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Man has a noble task: that of prayer and love. To pray and to love, that is the happiness of man on earth.

Prayer is nothing else than union with God. When the heart is pure and united with God it is consoled and filled with sweetness; it is dazzled by a marvelous light. In this intimate union God and the soul are like two pieces of wax molded into one; they cannot any more be separated. It is a very wonderful thing, this union of God with his insignificant creature, a happiness passing all understanding.

We had deserved to be left incapable of praying; but God in his goodness has permitted us to speak to him. Our prayer is an incense that is delightful to God.

My children, your hearts are small, but prayer enlarges them and renders them capable of loving God. Prayer is a foretaste of heaven, an overflowing of heaven. It never leaves us without sweetness; it is like honey, it descends into the soul and sweetens everything. In a prayer well made, troubles vanish like snow under the rays of the sun.

Prayer makes time seem to pass quickly, and so pleasantly that one fails to notice how long it is. When I was parish priest of Bresse, once almost all my colleagues were ill, and as I made long journeys I used to pray to God, and, I assure you, the time did not seem long to me. There are those who lose themselves in prayer, like a fish in water, because they are absorbed in God. There is no division in their hearts. How I love those noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette saw our Lord and spoke to him as we speak to one another.

As for ourselves, how often do we come to church without thinking what we are going to do or for what we are going to ask. And yet, when we go to call upon someone, we have no difficulty in remembering why it was we came. Some appear as if they were about to say to God: 'I am just going to say a couple of words, so I can get away quickly.' I often think that when we come to adore our Lord we should get all we ask if we asked for it with a lively faith and a pure heart.

Housekeeping Notes

While we are back in the church, we did not return to our normal way of doing things. The rules that we have received from the Bishop aim toward two goals. The first is to have everyone spend less time in a gathering because risk of Covid exposure increases the longer that a group is assembled. The second is to reduce the amount of things that you may or have to come in contact with because the virus can be transmitted on surfaces. Keeping this in mind, please remember:

Masks are required and sanitizer is available and should be used when entering the church. Pews should be filled from the center to the aisle Do not cross yellow ropes or tape. Votive candles will be lit upon request. Candle offering envelopes are available at the entrances and may be placed in the collection or dropped off at the parish office. This eliminates the sharing of tapers.

Sun. Aug. 9, 2020

Restrooms are available in the school lobby.

The 10:00 Mass was filled (5 seats to spare). Consider attending an earlier Mass.

Parish Pictorial Directory

We have been informed by Lifetouch that they will resume printing in about three months. We may have the Directory available by Thanksgiving.

Diocesan Annual Campaign (formerly known as the Lenten Appeal)

As of July 31, we have met 94.47% or \$58,555 of our \$61,807 goal.

Thank you for your support

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re Diocese of Harrisburg

Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 19, 2020 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established November 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "bar date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH> or call (866) 977-0992 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.