

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM**

*Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure*

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,482.18</b>
<b>Parish Repairs &amp; Cap. Improvement</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Annual Collection</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Collection for 7/28/19</b>	<b>\$ 1,512.18</b>

During the time of communist reign in Eastern Europe, practicing the Catholic faith was illegal; churches were confiscated and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. Our second collection next weekend is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Catholics still struggle to rebuild places of worship, church ministries and communities and need your help. "Restore the Church-Build the Future" is the national theme of the CCEE. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity.

**Special Fall Fair Envelope**

In your packet of collection envelopes is a special envelope for the Fall Fair. Donations made are for fair expenses and purchasing prizes for the Portuguese Booths. The special collection is for this weekend August 3 & 4. We could use your help and support as the Fair draws near. Thank you!



*PRAYER to the IMMACULATE HEART*  
 O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart. O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer.  
 As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son.

*Mass Intentions*

**Week End Schedule**

- Sat Aug 3rd** 5:30pm Mass †Ernie Gaboury, requested by Helen DiMuzio
- Sun. Aug 4th**—8:30am Mass †Sandra Reardon, requested by the Family
- Sun. Aug 4th**—10:45am Mass †Burt Tobey
- Sat Aug 10th** 5:30pm Mass †Dorothy Morvillo, requested by her husband Dario
- Sun. Aug 11th**—8:30am Mass †Elizabeth Reardon and Leslie Hopper, requested by the Family
- Sun. Aug 11th**—10:45am Mass OPEN

**Week Day Mass Schedule**

- Mon. Aug. 5th**— 7:30 Mass for Parishioners
- Tues. Aug. 6th**— 7:30 Mass †Fr. Joseph W. McKiernan
- Wed. Aug. 7th**— 7:30 Mass for Parishioners
- Thurs. Aug. 8th**— 7:30 Mass for Parishioners
- Fri. Aug. 9th** 7:30 Mass for Parishioners

*The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Please Note: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to heaven is August 15, and is a Holy Day of Obligation  
 Mass will be held next Thursday morning at 7:30 am and next Thursday evening, Mass at 7:00pm

*Please bring bouquets of flowers and/or fruits to be blessed at Mass.*

**Holy Saints this Week**

- Tues. Aug 6th – *Transfiguration of the Lord*
- Thurs. Aug 8th – *St. Dominic*
- Sat. Aug 10th – *St. Lawrence*

**Novena to St. Joseph**

Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.



**Tabernacle Light, August 4th – August 10th**

In loving memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider

**Intercessions for Life**

For those who work against God's gift of human life: May they hear the voice of the Lord in their hearts, turn away from their sin, and work to uphold the dignity of all people;

**We pray to the Lord**

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Luke 12:15*

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle & become "other-centered" & less "self-centered."

**Prayers for the sick:** Ray Renzoni, Sandra Vanhof, Dennis Lennon, Pat Renzoni, Deacon Joe Clonan, Cathy Simmons, Skip Spinney, Joe Renzoni, Bill, Mark, Cory, Luke LeSage, Marianne, Nick, Treasure, Karen Baum, Jason, Maureen, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Jim, Evelyn Centeno, Ron

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday Aug. 3rd– 5:30 pm**  
**Altar Servers:**  
**Acolyte:** Wes, George  
**Lector:** Bob Rainville  
**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Sun. Aug. 4th- 8:30am**  
**Altar Server:**  
**Acolyte:**  
**Lector:** Bob Rainville  
**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Sun. Aug 4th- 10:45am**  
**Altar Server:**  
**Acolyte:**  
**Lector:** Jim Wrobel  
**Eucharistic Minister:**

## *Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider,*

Foolish, or wise? Sometimes it's hard to tell. Consider the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The rich man is determined to not let his bountiful harvest go to waste. He builds barns to store his grain for many years. His life was required of him. To whom will all his wealth go? Jesus tells us to store up treasure in heaven. Today's reading from Ecclesiastes and today's Gospel from Luke each feature a wealthy and successful individual. The rich man in Jesus' parable thinks he is all set for life, but he is about to get a most unpleasant surprise. At least the character in the first reading realizes he can't take it with him, but this doesn't leave him any happier. Saint Paul's words of advice to the Colossians point to an alternative: "Seek what is above." As we listen to the readings today, let us ponder how they reflect in our own lives. One of the most challenging points of conversion for those seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord has to do with how we handle material wealth. Don't focus on possessions, which can inspire greed; instead focus on what matters to God. Imagine how the ending would differ if the rich man upon seeing he had more grain than storage space, decided to give the bounty to the poor and hungry. It is his selfishness that is completely opposed to what matters to God. Even today's Psalm speaks of the unfailing love of God, "Lord, you have been our home since the beginning. Before the mountains were born and before you created the earth and the world, you are God. You have always been, and you will always be." God is eternal, we are not. The frailty of man is ever present as we hear, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone. Today's gospel could not be any clearer. Knowing how we all struggle with this, let us keep one another in prayer.

NIECH BEDZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSTUS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! - *Fr. Tom Tokarz, Pastor*

## **Fall Fair News!**

Our Fall Fair will be the 2nd Sunday in September, the 8th.

**When you are shopping please add us to your list for the Adult /Children's Portuguese Booths.**

*Prizes have begun to come in, thank you!*

*We need many more. Baskets are located at Church entrances!*



### **RAFFLE CHANCES**

The mailing was sent out and we are hoping for a good response. With better odds than the lottery be sure to buy a book of chances, maybe two! Chances will also be available to sell if you are willing, just let us know. Please fill out the stubs and return them with a check made out to St. Joseph the Good Provider. Simply mail them back or drop the envelope provided in the collection basket.

### ***"Booth Highlight"***

#### **THE BREAKFAST BOOTH**

This booth is chaired by the Savoie family. They will be offering Hot bacon egg and cheese sandwiches immediately following the 8:30 Mass. What a great way to start the day!

### ***"Booth Highlight"***

#### **COFFEE and DOUGHNUT BOOTH**

Another great way to start the day! This booth is chaired by the Murphy Family. Their doughnuts are all fresh and homemade with love. Combine that with a perfect cup of coffee or a hot cider and you'll be back for more all day long. There are plain doughnuts (great for dunking), and sugared doughnuts for those with a sweet tooth. Both are absolutely delicious!

*Both booths are great examples of a strong family commitment that makes our fair so very special. You are never too young or too old to lend a helping hand and join in the fun.*

**36 Days and counting until the Fair on Sept. 8**

## **Berlin Family Food Pantry - Outreach**

BFFP will be collecting items Aug. 25, the 4th Sunday of the month The Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

**Religious Education News:** Family registration packets have been mailed. If for some reason you did not receive one, or if you are new to the parish please pick up a packet envelope, located in the basket in the back of the Church. Registration packets are due back by September 10 2019. All classes begin September 22.

## **Fall Fair Work Party**

Thank you to all who helped on Saturday!

**Please join us for our work party next Saturday, Aug. 10**

*We will be holding a work party every Saturday, up to the Fair!!!*

**Saturday Aug. 10, 9am to 12noon**

### **Attic Treasures Set-up**

Beginning: Mon. Aug. 12 and Tues. Aug. 13 - 8:00 to 11:00

Sat. Aug. 17, 9:00 to Noon

## **Important Fall Fair Meeting August 12**

at 7:00pm in the Church Hall

All booth chairs are asked to attend to review final plans and preparations for Sept. 8

### ***"Booth Highlight"***

#### **CRAFT/VENDOR TABLES**

Spaces available. The fee of \$25 reserves a 15x15 area. The Fall Fair is well attended and a great opportunity to sell. Bring your own table and canopy. The Fair is held rain or shine.

*Reserve early, spaces are limited.*

For more info/to reserve a space call George McGee 978-875-2138

## **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun & his clothes became white as light."*

- MAT. 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we're called to be supernatural, to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.



## **REMINDER Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers**

The August sign-up sheet is posted in the Sacristy. There are many open Masses where we need servers.

**PLEASE if you have not signed up check the sheets and see if there are any open spots where you can serve.**



