

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM
(CLOSED 12PM-1PM FOR LUNCH)

MASS TIMES - UPDATED

Saturday at 6pm

Sunday 7:30am (Latin), 9:30am, 11:30am

Rosary inside the Church at 10:30am

Monday and Friday at 6pm

Tuesday and Wednesday at 8am

**Confessions will be held at 5pm every
Monday, Friday and Saturday**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 9:30 - PEOPLE OF PARISH

11:30 - Italia Visciglio+

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, Rolando Gilbuena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, Umberto Marsella

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, Leyola & Juan Navarro+

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, Marlene Verduci

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, Robert DeSio+

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST



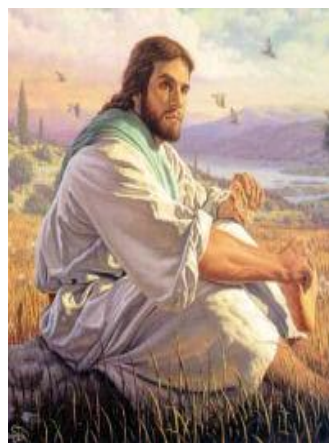
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51



The main point of this verse in John's gospel is the necessity for belief in Christ who has come down from heaven. Christ explicitly states that he is about to give his very own body as spiritual food to those who believe in Him. The description of himself as "bread from heaven" and the vital difference

between the effect of this bread and the manna given to their fathers in the desert are a preparation for the announcement of the doctrine of the Eucharist. However, before the Jews could even think of accepting this teaching, they first had to accept as divine, the Son of God. This was not easy for the Jews for whom strict monotheism was the center of their faith. To admit that Christ was God would at first, seem like admitting two gods. Secondly, even though Christ had worked extraordinary miracles, to all appearances he was still a mere man--and the prophets of old, too, had worked miracles. True, Christ was evidently claiming to be more than a prophet; he claimed that he alone had seen the Father, that he had come

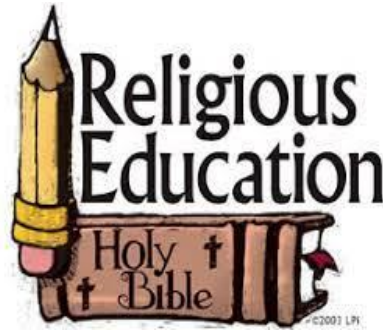
from the Father. This claim of equality with the Father would be sheer blasphemy if it were not true. Some believed Jesus was a humble Galilean like themselves but one who had developed strange ideas about who and what He was. These Galileans began a long line of unbelievers which has stretched down through the centuries to our own day. The reasons for the unbelief are the same today as they were in the year 29 A.D. Man is proud of his intelligence; which he did not give to himself. Whatever he cannot grasp within the limited confines of that intellect, he treats as non-existent as far as he is concerned.

We believe in a loving God, and in his divine Son, Jesus Christ, who came on earth to bring us to heaven, and in the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. Surely, we owe this Blessed Trinity a debt of gratitude! We can never fully repay it. Because of our Christian faith which has come to us from Jesus, we know where we came from, we know where we are going and how to reach that destination. Of all the knowledge a human being can acquire on this earth, these facts are the most essential and important. Any other knowledge is of temporary value. The knowledge our Christian faith gives us concerns eternity and our journey toward it. Today, we must thank God from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the Christian faith. The unbelievers and free-thinkers may feel that they are free to do what they wish here on earth, but we know that we have been given the freedom of the children of God for all eternity, if only we live according to the faith given us.

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

Saint Lawrence was chief among the seven deacons who served the Roman Church during the mid-third century. The young cleric held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. He was arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258, laid upon a gridiron and slowly roasted to death. Lawrence rejoiced in his gruesome martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world. From that time idolatry began to decline in Rome.

CCD ENROLLMENT WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 15!



For Public School and Private School students without Catholic Education classes and all the children of the Parish preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, details to follow.

For those requesting to receive a sacrament, be sure to fill out a Gold Sacramental Request Form found in the entrance of the church in the pamphlet racks. You can drop them off in our office during business hours or in the office door mailbox slot before August 15.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Maximilian Mary Kolbe was born in Poland. He consecrated himself to the Lord in the Franciscan Order. Filled with love for the Virgin, he founded the Militia of the Immaculate Mary and, with his preaching and writing, undertook an intense apostolic mission in Europe and Asia. Imprisoned in Auschwitz during the Second World War, he offered himself in exchange for the father of a large family who was to be executed. He was given a lethal injection because he failed to die fast enough from starvation in the concentration camp. Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed him the "Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!!

As a result of your generosity over the past year, your Knights of Columbus received 2000 lbs of food for distribution to our local homeless brethren through our *Homeless Outreach* program. The Knights also delivered an additional 2,100 lbs of food to Brother Benno's through our *Food For Families* program. You truly have helped feed your hungry neighbors. May God bless you for your charity!

