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Monday to Friday  
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 26, 2018**

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

4:00 PM November through March

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, 4:00 PM Saturday and call the priest for an appointment

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage:** A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact a priest at any time.

**Communion calls:** For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

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**Devotions:**

**First Friday:** Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

**First Saturday:** MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday after Mass

**St. Jude Novena:** Thursday after Mass

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**Societies of the Parish:**

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD:** Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

**Filipino Choir – 3rd Sunday,** 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church

**Worship Apostolate,** in Room 104

**Reuniones Hispanos**

Eucaristía Dominical: 12:30 PM

Bautismo: Por favor llamar a la oficina de lunes a viernes.

Matrimonio: Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación: Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor de llamar la casa parroquial para visitas a las casa y hospitales.

Educación Religiosa: 732-382-0004

Coro: Miércoles 7:30 PM

Movimiento Juan XXIII: – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall -Sotano del Audi

Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor" Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia,

Connell Hall

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One of the most powerful scenes in all of American literature is found in Harper Lee's masterpiece "To Kill a Mockingbird." Atticus Finch, the town's respected white lawyer, representing the African American Tom Robinson falsely accused of raping a white woman in the town, makes his closing argument to the jury in a powerful speech, here in part:

*"And so a quiet, respectable, humble Negro who had the unmitigated temerity to 'feel sorry' for a white woman has had to put his word against two white people. I need not remind you of their appearance and conduct on the stand—you saw them for yourselves. The witnesses for the state...have presented themselves to you gentlemen, to this court, in the cynical confidence that their testimony would not be doubted, confident that you gentlemen would go along with them on the assumption – the evil assumption – that all Negroes lie, that all Negroes are basically immoral beings, that all Negro men are not to be trusted around our women, an assumption that one associates with minds of their (prejudiced) caliber."*

Unfortunately, the jury ignores Atticus' words. They were tested and failed when they handed in their guilty verdict. Read that book if you note any latent racism in your soul, or tend to prejudge present day immigrants to our country.

There was a day, long ago in time and far away from us geographically, when Jesus of Nazareth also spoke boldly, and in what we would call a "counter cultural" way, and announced Himself as the "Bread of Life." His hearers, like those jurors, were stunned. Yes, as they themselves had said earlier, "No one has ever spoken like this." But this? This was, as John put it, "a hard saying." Who can accept it?

I don't blame those walk away disciples. For them, this was the strangest linkup of subject and verb they had ever heard. It made no sense. Therefore, it was non-sense. They too were tested, and they failed. But oh! If only they had stayed!

Fortunately, wonderfully, St. Peter and the Eleven did stay. They too had been tested. But St. Peter spoke for them all with a beautiful confession of faith: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." They passed with flying colors. None of them had mighty intellects as far as we know, but they had that openness of mind to take Jesus at His word.

Similarly, the Ephesian married couples that St. Paul writes for, as well as for present day couples, are

asked to view their marriages as mirrors of Christ's with His Church. Those most important words of Christ about the Holy Eucharist also form a test of all of us. How does our faith and love of Him hold up, now so long after our baptism? Fortunately, the Holy Spirit helps us pass the test. We just have to remember that we Christians are on a "watchlist" of sorts.

Once upon a time, a pastor at the local parish was making a wooden trellis to support a climbing vine against a rectory wall. As he was pounding away, he noticed that a little boy was watching him. The youngster didn't say a word, so the pastor kept on working, thinking the lad would leave. But he didn't. Pleased at the thought that his work was being admired, the pastor asked, "Well, son, trying to pick up some pointers on gardening?" "No," replied the boy. I'm just waiting to see what a priest says when he hits his thumb with a hammer."

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



**JOIN US**  
**DIVINE MERCY VIGIL MASS**  
**EVERY 4th SATURDAY AT 5PM**  
Divine Mercy Parish, 232 Central Ave.  
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- \* Chaplet Of Divine Mercy at 4:30PM
- \* Messages of diary from St. Faustina will be shared
- \* Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available
- \* Image of Divine Mercy will be available for send off to home visitation
- \* Meet and greet devotees after mass and know more about Divine Mercy

<b>SANCTUARY GIFTS</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	Ephesians 5:21-32
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: John 6:63c, 68c

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 25  
5:00 PM Loretta Petrovaia

Sunday, August 26  
*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM William G. Davis  
9:30 AM Ethel Fech  
11:00 AM Vincent Addona  
12:30 PM Paulina Maria Rivas

Monday, August 27  
*St. Monica*  
Noon The People of the Parish

Tuesday August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
Noon William G. Davis


Wednesday, August 29  
*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
Noon William G. Davis

Thursday, August 30  
Noon William G. Davis

Friday, August 31  
Noon William G. Davis

Saturday, September 1  
9:00 AM Nagre Nucgek  
5:00 PM Mary Pileggi

Sunday, September 2  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM William G. Davis  
9:30 AM George Schenk  
11:00 AM Pedro Velazquez  
12:30 PM William G. Davis



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.  
**Antoinette Jones & Gloria Shieds**  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.

**LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US**

Brian Brenkman, L/CPL Christopher Castro, Sgt. Brian Chandler, Trooper William J. Condrón, Jr., Michael Dinis, Airman Paul Domingues, Jr., LTC Kenneth Gawronski, Johannes Hanselmann MSG. Robert Karnas, Lt Bernadette Lack, SSG Osvaldo Lee, Arthur Magaspac, SPC Robert McCartney, Jr., Cpl. Megan Michel, Zack Palmer, SSG Ian Peattie, Thomas Quinn, Corey Rafter, PFC Joseph Reinman, Sr. Airman Davey Rivera, III, Matthew Smith, AB Sean Twerdak, Keith Zalasar.



**DIVINE MERCY KITCHEN & PANTRY**



Let us ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to lend a helping hand to feed those especially in need. We are always in need of funds in order to continue our mission. We are open every Sunday at 12:30 in the Annex building to serve the needy of our community. Your generosity will help us meet that goal.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops calls us to join Catholics nationwide in a moment of prayer by saying one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be from August 3<sup>rd</sup> until September 28<sup>th</sup> that every human being is protected in law and welcome in life.



Bill Belig, Edwin and Mary Blazewicz, Ruth Breen, Josephine Brown, Anna Caffrey, Marietta Clark, Kathleen Condrón, Kathleen Cremone, Nicholas Delmonaco, Santiago Escobar, Eileen Flade, Helen Freshcoln, Rose Geraghty, Christine Gianella, Jose Luis Gonzalez, Nicolette Greco, Margarita Perez Hernandez, Diane Henry, John Hladinec, Mary Ann Hofmann, Solomon Igbinosun, Frank Jacik, Wladyslawa Kalafut, Linda Kasprzyk, Victor Krivitski, Gloria Latherow, Ana Alvarez-Marquina, Kitty McGuire, Janice McEwen, Ida Mele, Lourdes Mendez, Travis Mitchell, Jane Monahan, Ronnie & Guy Morosini, Dorothy & James Mottley, Edward Mowczan. Cesar Nieto, Madison Noguerras, Nicholas Noguerras, Iena Olivo, Gregory Romeo, Ronald Rosivack, John D. Rusin, Jr., Lucille Salvatore, Kelly Scholte, Richard Shackell, Anthony Spadora, Joseph N. Terracina, Patrick Toner, Sharon Katzenback Wilson, Fr. Peter Vo, Baby Bennett Vogel, Daniel Zur.

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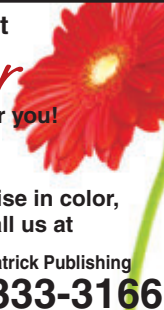
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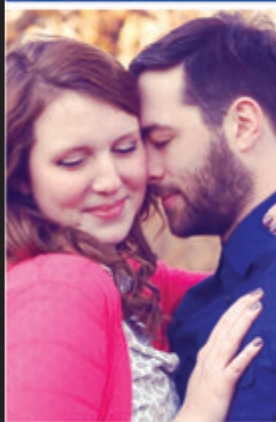
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