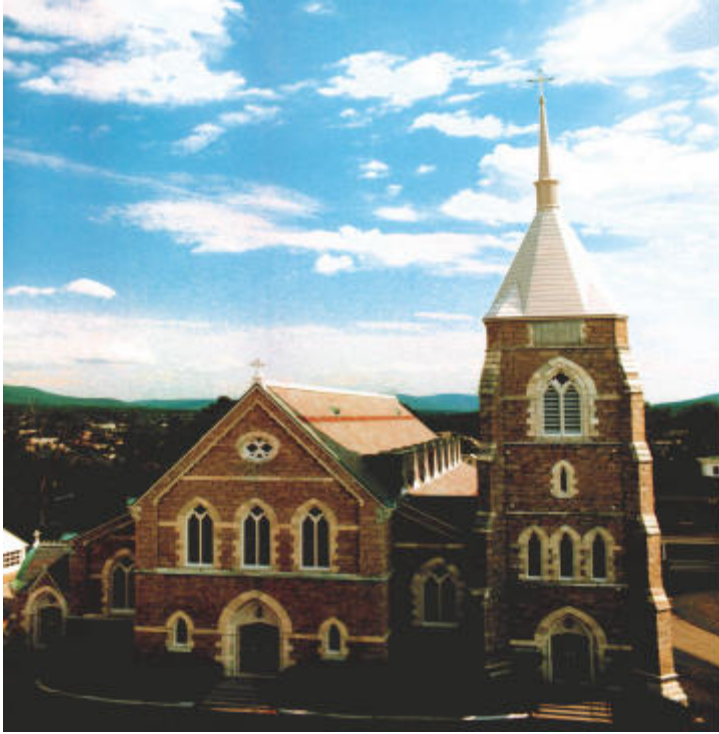


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 2, 2020

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Saturday—4:15 PM
Sunday—11:00 AM

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Weekday Masses

Chapel of our Lady

Monday—4:45 PM—**Except Holidays**

Suspended until further notice

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM—or by appointment

New Parishioners

Please call Parish Office to register.

Religious Education

DRE, Michael Audette

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 1

4:15 Mem: Linda Parker by your friend Phill

Sunday, August 2

11:00 31st Ann: Gaetano & Maria Tedesco by Family
and Birthday Mem: Nancy McGinnis by Husband & Children

Monday, August 3

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, August 8

4:15 Mem: Mary Louise Cioffi by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mondella

Sunday, August 9

11:00 Mem: Ronnie (Birthday), Donna (Birthday) & Julie Gilligan by Family
and 34th Ann: Earl Ley by Family



CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 01/02

Mem: Giovanni, Pasquale & Antoinetta Valente by Sarah Valente

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As you all may know the Diocese is running a Capital Campaign to provide funds for the running of the Diocese and our Parish. The planning and execution of the Campaign has begun. Parishioners will receive information and details in the mail concerning the Campaign. Presently we are asking for volunteers to make follow-up phone calls to 10-20 households concerning the campaign. These phone calls will be made over a period of 8-9 weeks. There is a simple training session about the content and delivery of these calls which will be provided. Please consider volunteering. We need about twenty—twenty five volunteers. Please call the Rectory if you wish to volunteer.

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF JULY 25/26

51 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$327.00	2,562.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,938.00
Last Year—Same Date	2,894.00

“Give them some food yourselves”

In the Holy Gospel for this Sunday we are told of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This famous miracle of Jesus takes place in a very special context of the heart. The Gospel describes the place and setting in which the miracle takes place. It describes the situation and circumstance. However, the Gospel goes even farther. The Holy Gospel describes the feelings of Jesus Himself. The Gospel describes the condition of the Heart of Jesus, His feelings. “When he (Jesus) disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His Heart was moved with pity for them, ...” Here, in this description we are given the true and most important context of the miracle ...pity.

What is pity? At first pity might seem to be an emotion which is condescending. An emotion of a very fortunate privileged person or an enlightened person for one who is not privileged, enlightened or fortunate. Yet pity is much deeper and richer than this. Pity is a sympathetic compassion for someone or for something. Therefore pity is based in a “feeling with” someone as opposed to a “feeling for” someone. Pity invites the one who feels it to try to imagine the condition of the one who is pitied. This emotional imagination is then the basis for action on behalf of the one who is pitied.

Our Lord in the Holy Gospel is moved to pity and it is the beginning of the miracle. The disciples do not seem to have that experience and remain on the practical superficial level, “...dismiss the crowds”, they say, “so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Yet Jesus tells them, “...give them some food yourselves”, in other words, “look into your hearts, imagine their situation feel with them and the miracle will begin.”

We all have something to give because God has blessed us all in some way and to some extent. However, our giving, if it is to be genuine must begin with compassion and sympathy ...a “feeling with”. We are called by Our Lord not to just solve “the problem” but to understand “the problem” and imagine how people in “the problem” feel. With this pity in our hearts we can offer those in distress not just a solution but the dignity of being understood and perhaps this is the best gift. Once we have this understanding we will discover unique and different gifts we can offer such as the gifts of time, gifts of talent, gifts of experience and gifts of insight. These gifts might not provide immediate solutions but they can be the beginnings of changes in the human heart and changes in the human heart are the greatest of miracles.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to honor a long tradition of celebrating this feast in our parish there will be an outdoor Mass of the Assumption offered on Saturday, August 15th at 10 AM in the parking area in the rear of the church. If you would like to attend please bring a folding chair for yourself. In case of rain or inclement weather there will be no Mass. All are welcome.

Congratulations

Next Saturday, August 8th, within the Mass at 4:15 PM we as a parish have the privilege of praying with and witnessing a young woman Ann Corie Fatima Laurent receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I have been delegated by the Bishop to celebrate the Sacrament with her and for her. She has been a student at MSJ this past year and is from Haiti. We ask God to bless her with health and peace as she is confirmed in our Faith.

Fr. John



I would like to sincerely thank everyone who created and contributed to the ice cream social this past Sunday. It was a wonderful way to be welcomed to St. Peter Parish and your kind and warm expressions of greeting are much appreciated. God bless us all here at St. Peter Parish.

Fr. John

NO KNEELING

We are asking that the kneelers in the church **NOT** be used; the reason for that is if they are used, it means more work and time to sanitize them; if they are left in their upright position than a simple spraying will take care of it and our volunteer “sanitizers” will be able to finish much more quickly. Thank you for your understanding and observance of this.

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN

There is a deadline each week for information to be put into our bulletin. It is Monday by noon. Holiday bulletin deadlines may vary.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Starting August 6th, until further notice, all first Thursday Knights of Columbus meetings will be held in Engle Hall at Christ the King Church. The #1147 Assembly meeting will be held at 6 PM; the #232 Council meeting will be held at 7 PM. Masks and social distancing will be required.

IN NEED OF USHERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

We still need parishioners who would be willing to assist in serving as ushers; those of you who have been serving as ushers, taking up the collection, your continued help would be most appreciated. Anyone interested in serving as ushers, or continuing to serve as ushers, please call the friary at 775-1994, or simply pitch in when you are here.

We also need volunteers to help in sanitizing the church after each Mass. For this, the more volunteers we have, the easier it will be on everyone. “Sanitizers” are most needed after the Saturday afternoon Mass, and on Sundays when there is something else going on in the church in the course of that week. It takes 2 volunteers just 30 minutes, from beginning to end, to sanitize the whole church with the equipment that has been obtained for this purpose. Please call the Friary—775-1994—if you are willing to volunteer to be “Sanitizers” in this area, or simply stay after the Masses, and pitch in. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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