

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 3rd

8:30 am - St. John –Spiritual welfare of all of our children by M/ M Scott Schoppe  
 9-9:30am *Confessions at St. John's*  
 3:00pm *Confessions at St. John's*  
 3:30pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*  
 4:00pm - St. John – Deceased members of the Belanger family by Van George & family  
 4:30pm –St. Elizabeth- Joel Rivera

### Sunday, August 4th – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John's*  
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*  
 8:00 am - St. John – Mass for the parishioners  
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace –Mary Letourneau by the family  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Gloria Isham by Terri Binney  
 11:00 am - St. John – Nellie Azur by Bruce & Denise Whitehead

### Monday, August 5th – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30am – St. Elizabeth – Living & deceased members of St. E. Women's Group  
 5:15pm – St. John- Janice Maynard by the family

### Tuesday, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30am – St. John – J. Williams, Janice Maynard & Mabel Maynard by the family  
 5:15pm - St. John –Special Intention by Deacon Pete & Mary Anne Gummere

### Wednesday, August 7th -- St. Pope Sixtus II & Companion Martyrs: St. Cajetan

8:30am - St. John -- James & Gloria Carlton by the family  
 5:15pm - St. John – **No Mass**

### Thursday, August 8th – St. Dominic

8:30 am - St John – Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko  
 5:15 pm - St. John –Samuel & Jesus Lucido Pedro Lucido by M/M Pierre Berube

### Friday, August 9th – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – James & Gloria Carlton by the family  
 4:30pm - St. John – *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
 5:15 pm - St. John – Special Intention by a parishioner

### Saturday, August 10th – St. Lawrence

8:30 am - St. John's-No Intention  
 9-9:30am *Confessions at St. John's*  
 3:00pm *Confessions at St. John's*  
 3:30pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*  
 4:00pm - St. John –Giovanna Belanger by Van George & family  
 4:30pm –St. Elizabeth- Deceased military

### Sunday, August 11th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John's*  
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*  
 8:00 am - St. John – Mary Letourneau by Bill & Sally Young  
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the parishioners  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Shari Aussiker by Bruce Crabtree  
 11:00 am - St. John – John & Ceasar Lucido by M/M Pierre Berube

*Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlotte Farrow, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Hugette Authier, Jerry Prevost, Kate Wall & Camilla Dente*

We are compiling a list of all homebound parishioners, with the goal that each would be visited by a priest at least once a month. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to this list, please call Fr. Robert at the rectory or email him at [fr.robert.little@gmail.com](mailto:fr.robert.little@gmail.com).

**FOOD FOR THE POOR TO VISIT CORPUS CHRISTI:** Next weekend, Fr. John Cooney from CT will be here to explain the mission of Food for the Poor. There will not be a Second Collection. Please welcome Fr. Cooney.

*On Monday August 5th there will be an informational meeting at the Fr. Lively Center, at 6:30pm for anyone interested in helping out with the Pregnancy Center. Call Patrick Mc Williams for more information. (802) 274-3542*

## PARISH EVENTS

Mon. August 5th -- 6:30pm For those interested in Pregnancy Center – FLC  
 Sat. August 10th -- 6:00pm K of C Bingo

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)  
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$18,515.68 On-Line: YTD: \$3101.00

## Second Collections

August 4th: Stewardship August 11th: No 2nd Collection

**Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: [nekatholic.com](http://nekatholic.com) and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!**

## **\*\*\*BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL\*\*\***

Goal	Pledged to Date	% of Goal	# of Gifts
\$72,573.00	\$35,562	49%	152

**Please consider giving if you have not done so. Thank you!**

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

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The parish has received reports of vandalism at Mt Calvary Cemetery. If you see any suspicious activity in the cemetery, please let us know. Also, we'll be closing the gates at night, and so we're looking for a volunteer who would be willing to open and close the gates, morning and night. A gentleman has volunteered to shut them in the evening. We could use another person to help. If you're willing to take on this service, please call Sue at the rectory.

The Corpus Christi conference of the St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its annual orientation on Saturday, August 17th 2019 at the Fr. Lively Center from 9:00 am to 2.00 pm. and is open to any parishioner that may feel called to serve others in our parish. The conference will be conducted by Irene Frechette, Regional Vice President for the Society.

If you are interested in attending, or learning more about the work of the Society, please call Patrick Mc Williams at (802) 274-3542.

## CALENDARING DAY

AUGUST 6, 2019 BEGINNING WITH THE 8:30 AM MASS  
 THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AS THE STAFF SPENDS TIME PLANNING THE ACTIVITIES & LITURGIES FOR THE YEAR.

## Confirmation Classes

As the age for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation continues to transition, students in grades 8 & 9, as well as any older students who have not yet received the Sacrament, are scheduled to be Confirmed this year. The program will run most weekends on Sunday evening. There is a parent/student meeting on September 8th at 6pm in the Fr. Lively Center. Please call the rectory with any questions.

## Good Shepherd School Appreciation

*Thank all of you for your generous support of our School!*

~ from the students and staff at the Good Shepherd Catholic School.

### **August 5<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the the Dedication of St. Mary Major**

First raised at the order of Pope Liberius in the mid-fourth century, the Liberian basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III shortly after the Council of Ephesus affirmed Mary's title as Mother of God in 431. Rededicated at that time to the Mother of God, St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring God through the Blessed Virgin. Standing atop one of Rome's seven hills, the Esquiline, it has survived many restorations without losing its character as an early Roman basilica. St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal cathedrals in memory of the first centers of the Church. St. John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St. Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, the see presided over by Mark; St. Peter's, the See of Constantinople; and St. Mary's, the See of Antioch, where Holy Mother Mary spent most of her later life. The title, "Our Lady of the Snows" is also associated with this church reflecting the tradition that the Blessed Mother herself chose the site for the church by sending down a miraculous snow fall on August 5<sup>th</sup>, when Rome is usually unbearably hot, to mark the place where she wanted the church built. The story has been long celebrated by releasing a shower of white rose petals from the basilica's dome every August 5. In the crypt under the high altar lies the celebrated relic known as the Holy Crib. A statue of Pope Pius IX kneeling before the ancient wooden pieces of the manger serves as an example to the faithful who come to see the first humble crib of the Savior. Pius IX's devotion to the Holy Crib led him to commission the crypt chapel, and his coat of arms is visible above the altar. The wood is kept in a precious crystal urn trimmed in silver, through which the faithful can venerate the relic.

### **August 6<sup>th</sup>: The Feast of the Transfiguration**

It is written (Mt 17:2) that Jesus "was transfigured" in the presence of three of His disciples ... Our Lord, after foretelling His Passion to His disciples, had exhorted them to follow the path of His sufferings (Mt 16:21-24). Now in order that anyone go straight along a road, he must have some knowledge of the end: thus an archer will not shoot the arrow straight unless he first see the target. Hence Thomas said: "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5). Above all is this necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end. Now by His Passion Christ achieved glory, not only of His soul, which He had from the first moment of His conception, but also of His body; according to Luke: "Christ ought to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory." To which glory He brings those who follow the footsteps of His Passion, according to Acts 14:21: "Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God." Therefore it was fitting that He should show His disciples the glory of His clarity (which is to be transfigured), to which He will configure those who are His; according to Philipians 3:21: "(Who) will reform the body of our lowliness made like to the body of His glory." Hence Bede says on Mark 8:39: "By His loving foresight He allowed them to taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, so that they might bear persecution bravely."

A glorified body has four gifts ... viz. impassibility, agility, subtlety, and clarity ... Of those four gifts, clarity alone is a quality of the very person in himself; whereas the other three are not perceptible, save in some action or movement, or in some passion. Christ, then, did show in Himself certain indications of those three gifts—of agility, for instance, when He walked on the waves of the sea; of subtlety, when He came forth from the closed womb of the Virgin; of impassibility, when He escaped unhurt from the hands of the Jews who wished to hurl Him down or to stone Him. And yet He is not said, on account of this, to be transfigured, but only on account of clarity, which pertains to the aspect of His Person. ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, ST III Q.45 a.1

### **August 9<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

**On August 9** the Catholic Church remembers St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, also known as St. Edith Stein. St. Teresa converted from Judaism to Catholicism in the course of her work as a philosopher, and later entered the Carmelite Order. Born on October 12, 1891, she died in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1942. As a teenager she gave up the practice of her Jewish faith. As a young woman with profound intellectual gifts, she gravitated toward the study of philosophy. Through her studies, the then non-religious Edith met several Christians whose intellectual and spiritual lives she admired. After earning her degree with the highest honors from Gottingen University in 1915, she served as a nurse in an Austrian field hospital during World War I. She returned to academic work in 1916, earning her doctorate after writing a highly-regarded thesis on the phenomenon of empathy.

In 1921, while visiting friends, she spent an entire night reading the autobiography of the 16th century Carmelite nun St. Teresa of Avila. "When I had finished the book," she later recalled, "I said to myself: This is the truth." She was baptized into the Catholic Church on the first day of January, 1922. Edith intended to join the Carmelites immediately after her conversion, but would ultimately have to wait another 11 years. She spent 1931 writing a study of St. Thomas Aquinas, and took a university teaching position in 1932. In 1933, the rise of Nazism, and Edith's Jewish ethnicity, put an end to her teaching career.

After a painful parting with her mother, she entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name "Teresa Benedicta of the Cross" as a symbol of her acceptance of suffering. "I felt," she wrote, "that those who understood the Cross of Christ should take it upon themselves on everybody's behalf." She saw it as her vocation "to intercede with God for everyone," but she prayed especially for the Jews of Germany whose tragic fate was becoming clear. "I ask the Lord to accept my life and my death," she wrote in 1939, "so that the Lord will be

accepted by His people and that His kingdom may come in glory, for the salvation of Germany and the peace of the world.” After completing her final work, a study of St. John of the Cross entitled “The Science of the Cross,” Teresa Benedicta was arrested along with her sister Rosa (who had also become a Catholic), and the members of her religious community, on August 7, 1942. The arrests came in retaliation against a protest letter by the Dutch Bishops, decrying the Nazi treatment of Jews. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. St. John Paul II canonized her in 1998.

### **August 10<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Lawrence**

Today Catholics around the world celebrate the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, who fell victim to the Christian persecution of A.D. 258 under the Roman emperor Valerian. Of him St. Ambrose writes:

*“Such gold the holy martyr Lawrence preserved for the Lord. For when the treasures of the Church were demanded from him, he promised that he would show them. On the following day he brought the poor together. When asked where the treasures were which he had promised, he pointed to the poor, saying: ‘These are the treasures of the Church.’ And truly they were treasures, in whom Christ lives, in whom there is faith in Him. So, too, the Apostle says: ‘We have this treasure in earthen vessels.’ [2 Cor. 4:7] What greater treasure has Christ than those in whom He says He Himself lives? For thus it is written: ‘I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in.’ [Mt 25:35] And again: ‘What you did to one of these, you did it unto Me.’ [Mt 25:40] What better treasures has Jesus than those in which He loves to be seen?”*

St. Lawrence was killed slowly; cooked to death on a gridiron.