

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19th St. Januarius

8:30 am St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm St. John – Pauline & Diane Langlois

by Ed

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
 7:30 am - St. John – Cecil Ainsworth by the family
 9:00 am - 9:25 am – Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the People
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – William & Rose Kania
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, September 21st St. Matthew

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30 am - St. John – Helen Dymek by M/M Joe McKeon

Wednesday, September 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John - Virginia Fortin by the St. Ann Mortuary Fund

Thursday, September 24th

8:30 am - St. John – Special Intention by Deacon/Mrs. Pete Gummere

Friday, September 25th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – William & Germaine Thompson

Saturday, September 26th St. Cosmo & St. Damian

8:30 am St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm St. John – Francis & Alice Goyette by Edna

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
 7:30 am - St. John – Mass for the People
 9:00 am - 9:25 am – Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace –
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed.

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas.

September 9/26-27	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
Lector	4pm (Sat.) 7:30am H. Robertson	9:30am J. Simard	11:30am D. Rivard

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

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Employment Opportunity: We are looking for someone to shovel snow at St. John Church for the upcoming season. This would be a part-time position taking care of the walkways for the Church, Rectory & Fr. Lively Center. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 20th 10:00am Franciscan Mtg/Ad. Ed.
 Tues Sept 21st 5:00pm Community Meal tailgate/ STJ parking lot
 Tues Sept. 21st 6:45pm St. V. de Paul Mtg/St. E
 Sat. Sept. 27th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$33,819.21 + **On-Line: YTD:** \$15,395.55
Collections and Receipts: September 13, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$36,107.73

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

2nd Collection: fuel for all of our buildings. Thank you for your help.



"Mrs. O."

Congratulations to our oldest parishioner Mrs. Constance Olszowy who will be celebrating her 102nd Birthday on Thursday, September 29th! **Unfortunately she has been isolated like many of us and getting Birthday cards would be wonderful!** Let's make her day memorable and "shower" her with cards and warm thoughts! Her address is: Constance "Mrs. O" Olszowy, Box 4393, St. J

Yard Sale "THANK YOU"!

Many thanks to those who helped haul on Friday: set up, work, and tear down the yard sale on Saturday. God blessed us with a beautiful day and a steady flow of shoppers who definitely will miss the Bazaar this Fall. Profit of \$594.01 was made. – Marie Hagan

Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign

Proverbs 28:27: "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."

God calls us to support the most vulnerable among us and the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign offers us the opportunity to do that. A portion of the dollars raised will fund an endowment for Catholic Charities so we can expand our ability to serve the needy. This is a pressing need because Catholic Charities serve on average 70 families or 280 people per month.

Beyond that need, the campaign offers great hope at home here at Corpus Christi Parish. Sixty cents of every dollar will come back to us so we may address our renovation needs.

While considering your gift, it's worth remembering that a key provision of the CARES Act states that a donor may deduct 100% of any gift to a qualified charity against their 2020 adjusted gross income. Please note this deduction expires at the end of 2020.

Soon volunteers will begin making outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer questions. Please be receptive to their call and take time to talk with hem. Remember, these are your fellow parishioners, your friends, your brothers and sisters in Christ. They are serving God in their volunteer role.

September 21st: Feast of St. Matthew

A parable is a story in which a real and earthly thing is used to parallel or illustrate a spiritual or heavenly thing. Such a story acts as a "riddle" that both veils and reveals all at once -- veiling the spiritual behind words that reveal the earthly and which can be penetrated to reach the spiritual by those "who have ears to hear." Jesus tells us that He spoke in parables precisely to veil and reveal, to speak, *in a sense*, "secretly" while not in secret at all. As recorded in Matthew 13:10-17.

There is no "secret doctrine"; Jesus Himself said: "In secret I have spoken nothing." His words spoken in open for all to hear -- but which "go over the heads" of those who *will* not to hear and whom God has allowed to be hardened in their choices. To those wearing dark glasses, a rose's red looks black -- but the rose is there in its brilliance for all to see if they remove the obstacles. St. Hilary spoke of this when he wrote, "we do not read that our Lord was wont to preach at night, and expound His doctrine in the dark: but He says this because His speech is darkness to the carnal-minded, and His words are night to the unbeliever." The parables are found in the synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke; none are found in St. John's Gospel.

September 23rd: Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

He desired to alleviate the sufferings of others and inaugurated the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (House of Relief from Suffering), a modern hospital. "It is the apple of my eye," he said of the hospital. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with the His rays of love."

He died on September 23, 1968, and was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

Eucharistic Jesus Is God Among Us

When St. John Vianney arrived at the obscure little village of Ars, someone said to him with bitterness, "Here there is nothing to do." "Therefore, there is everything to do," replied the Saint. And he began immediately to act. What did he do? He arose at 2am and went to pray near the altar in the dark church. He made his meditation and prepared himself for Holy Mass. After the Holy Sacrifice, he made his thanksgiving; then he remained at prayer until Noon. He would be always kneeling on the floor without any support, with a Rosary in his hand and his eyes fixed on the Tabernacle. Things continued this way for a short time. But then he had to start changing his timetable. The Eucharistic Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, little by little, drew souls to that poor parish, until the Church did not seem big enough to contain the crowds, and the confessional of the holy Curate became swamped with endless lines of penitents. The holy Curate was obliged to hear confessions for ten, fifteen and eighteen hours a day! How did such a transformation ever come about? There had been a poor Church, an altar long unused, an abandoned tabernacle, an ancient confessional and a priest of little talent with no means to do anything. How could these things achieve such a remarkable change in that obscure village?

We can ask the same question today regarding San Giovanni Rotondo. Until a few decades ago it was an unknown place ... today it is a center of spiritual and cultural life and its reputation is international. Here, too, there had been an unpromising, sickly friar, an ancient, dilapidated little Friary, a small neglected Church, with altar and tabernacle left ever alone to this poor friar, who wore out his beads and his hands in the untiring recitation of the Holy Rosary. How did the change come about? What caused the wonderful transformation that came to Ars and to San Giovanni Rotondo, so that hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, of persons have come there from every part of the earth? Only God could work such transformations using, according to His ways, "the things that are not, to bring to naught the things that are." (1 Cor. 1:28) It is all due to Him, to the Divine and infinite power of the Eucharist, to the almighty force of attraction which radiates from every tabernacle, and which radiated from the tabernacles of Ars and San Giovanni Rotonda, reaching souls through the ministry of those two priests, true "Ministers of the Tabernacles" and "dispensers of the mysteries of God." (1 Cor. 4:1)

Let us ask the question: What is the Eucharist? It is God among us. It is the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacles of our churches with His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is Jesus veiled under the appearance of bread, but really and physically present in the consecrated Host, so that He dwells in our midst, works within us and for us, and is at our disposal. The Eucharistic Jesus is the true Emmanuel, the "God with us." "The faith of the Church," Pope Pius XII teaches, "is this: That one and identical is the Word of God and the Son of Mary Who suffered on the Cross, Who is present in the Eucharist, and Who rules in Heaven." The Eucharistic Jesus is here with us as a brother, as a friend, as spouse of our souls. He wishes to enter within us to be our food for eternal life, our love, our support. He wants to make us part of His mystical Body in which He would redeem us and save us, and then take us into the kingdom of Heaven to settle us in an everlasting bliss of love. With the Eucharist, God has truly given us everything. St. Augustine exclaimed: "Although God is all-powerful, He is unable to give more; though supremely wise, He knows not how to give more; though vastly rich, He has not more to give."