

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 2, 2020

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From the priests' desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

In today's Gospel, we see that after learning of John the Baptist's death, Jesus withdrew to a deserted place by himself. BY HIMSELF!! I find that very telling. Jesus needed some alone time! He had been tirelessly preaching the Word of God including healing many sick people. He needed rest desperately and even more so now after hearing that his dear friend, John had been murdered.

Certainly, we can all relate. There are times when we just need to be alone to reflect, rejoice, mourn, whatever the emotion we may be experiencing...and we need to be without distraction as we sort things out. Jesus likely did not have a lot of alone time because shortly afterward there he is feeding the multitude with just a few loaves of bread and fish. He picked himself up and dusted himself off and got right back to spreading His Father's Word.

We need our rest, too and after we've rested it's time for ourselves to pick ourselves back up and dust ourselves off because our fellow brothers and sisters need us to be beacons of light in this increasingly darkened world.

God bless all of us!

In His Grace,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

*Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.*

*Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.*

*Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.*

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### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, August 3**

Mass at 9am

**Tuesday, August 4**

Mass at 9am

**Wednesday, August 5**

Mass at 9:00am

**Thursday, August 6**

Mass at 9:00am

**Friday, August 7**

Mass at 9:00am

**Saturday, August 8 - No Rosary-**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communions**

**Sunday, August 9**

### 2020 - 2021 MASS BOOK

Due to the pandemic we still have almost 100 Masses open in the 2020 Mass Book. Therefore, we will not be opening the 2021 Mass book until Mid- August.

### CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

**Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners.**

As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$88,144.00 towards our goal of \$122,500.

## RENEW AND REBUILD UPDATE

As you may remember just a few short years ago in less stressful times the parish embarked on a campaign **Renew and Rebuild** to help our Church properties. At the time it was decided that all the pledges received would go to the preservation and repair of our beautiful Church building. We were, at the time very successful and pledges totaling, \$1,807,887 were received. As you may recall 26% percent plus the Cardinal's Appeal for that year were included in what was raised and would go directly to Archdiocese. They also received their portion first. Presently we are working with the Archdiocese to install bathrooms in the church (with an addition in the library area). As you may recall last summer the new roof promised was completed. In reviewing the status of monies needed for the installation, it became very clear that a number of donors have lapsed over the last two years in payment of their pledges. To date we have a balance owed of \$905,444.21 thru total pledge amounts and in lapsed donations of \$237,447. The impact of the loss of received payments will of course mean that we will be unable to complete all the projects we were in hopes of accomplishing with the monies. We do realize these are tough times for us all and if possible, we ask that you honor your pledge if at all possible. We also want to keep all informed of where we are in the process of honoring our commitments and accomplish all we are able. Thank you very much.

### SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

2020-2021

Registration

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 7pm

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> -10am to 12pm

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 7pm

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 10am-12pm

**\*\*\*All In Person Registrations Are By  
APPOINTMENT ONLY\*\*\***

Please call **357-6044**

If you are uncomfortable about registering under the current pandemic, we do understand and want to make you aware that we will be providing an online course that will mimic in-class work until the current health issue is resolved. A program for children with Special Needs is also available. Please supply us with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for registration. Thank you.

## PHASE IV

Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Weddings are allowed. Reconciliation has begun again on Saturdays from 4 to 5pm in the Church library and will also be administered by appointment, please call the Rectory Office which is now open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 2pm. Although permission has been granted for Church's to go to 50%, here at Sacred Heart we feel due to the layout of the building we would be unable to maintain the 6ft. distance still required for safety, so we are keeping our current seating arrangement but will now also have the Mass live streamed into the gym where social distancing can be maintained and more of our parishioners can attend Mass feeling more confident that no further exposure with increased numbers of people attending Mass. Communion will be brought to the gym. Please remember, that because of the ongoing health crisis, the Cardinal has *dispensed* everyone from the Sunday Mass obligation, so if you are uncomfortable about being with a group, watching Mass and a spiritual communion is still in effect. Please observe the following when planning to attend:

- + If any member of your household has a fever, or is feeling ill, please remain at home.
- + If you have any pre-existing health conditions, you should remain at home at this phase.
- + Pews have been premeasured for seating with appropriate 6' social distancing in-between. Members of the same household may sit together. Available seating is marked with a green X.
- + Since seats will be filled-in as people arrive, there will be no choice of seating location.
- + Facial coverings (masks) must be worn to Mass.
- + To avoid contact, there will be no offertory procession or *exchange of peace* during the Mass.
- + The Sacred Host will be distributed in the hand only. For those who feel that receiving in the hand is unacceptable we ask that you wait to receive until the celebrant asks those who wish to receive on the tongue come forward. Please form a single line and observe the 6' social distance as you proceed down the center aisle. Disabled persons may remain seated.
- + Hand sanitizer dispensers are available on the walls of the church, and at the entrance
- + Entrance into the church is on the awning side of our building only.
- + Please exit again using social distancing due not bunch up please.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, Assistant

# PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

John Sanowski  
Patrick Sheridan  
Robert Byrnes

Miriam Gregory  
James Ryan



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:* Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

## FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

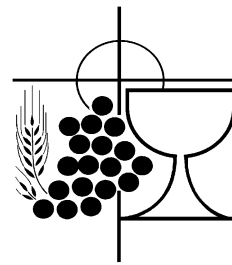
## ALTAR MEMORIALS AUGUST 2, 2020

### All Memorials In Memory of those Lost to CoVid 19



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Maria E. Morales**



**DAILY MASS  
WILL OCCUR AT  
9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)  
AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SUNDAYS AT  
8:30AM, 11:30AM AND 5:30PM  
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**MASS WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR  
WEBSITE:**

[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)

### **SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Jessie Cici / Denis Davey

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

8:30am – Francis Circelli / Benjamin Harvey

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Rosemarie DiNapoli / Carrin V. Holborn

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

9:00am – Jack & Louis Rittendale /

Special Intention Vivian & Kevin O'Connell

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

9:00am – Dolores Cangelose /

Palma & Henry Heck

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

9:00am – Carol Stronach

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

9:00am – Andrew Haggerty, Jr.

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**

9:00am – Yvonne Romano

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

**11:00AM – 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

**1:00PM – 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Special Intention Theresa Hubbard /

Kay Finnen

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

8:30am – Lawrence & Catherine Diebner /

Catherine & Daniel Greeley

10:00am – Spanish Mass

11:30am – Ken Gaudreau / William & Mary Maloney

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

## **BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 24– PHYLLIS DOMINO**