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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: First & Third
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Second & Fourth
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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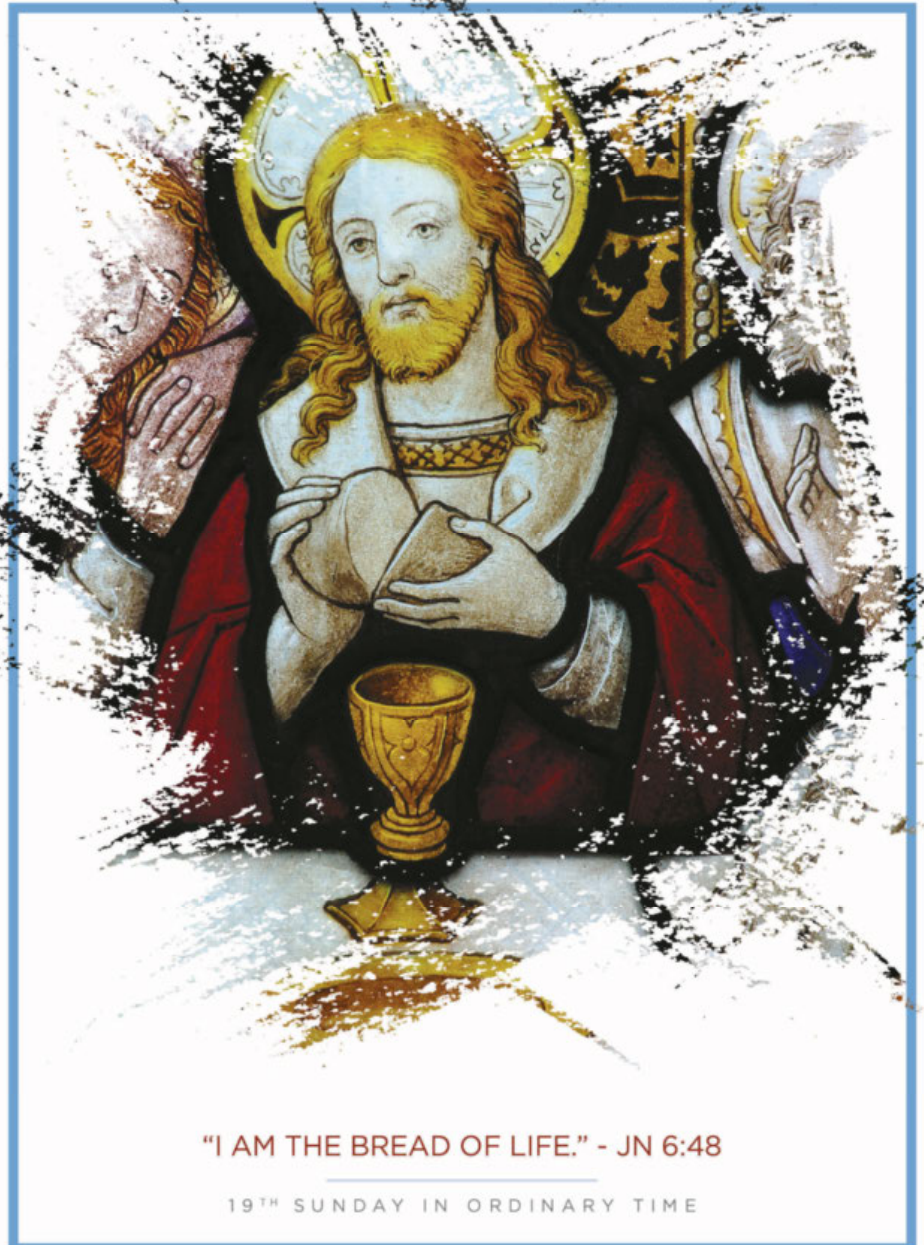
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August 11, 2024



"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." - JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of Divine revelation. Within the New Testament, the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principal witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. (CCC#124-127,139)

If this is so, everything that our Lord Jesus revealed publicly about Divine truths that was written in the four Gospels must always be our compass to navigate our journey through life, supplementing human comprehension and understanding of the unfathomable mystery of God. Embracing these Divine truths will make us more grounded on the reality that this assistance conveys so much of God's love and care for all humanity. God wanted us to see the beautiful relationship being laid out between us and Him.

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a continuation of the series of Bread of Life discourse found in the 6th chapter of the Gospel John and, once again, we are invited to reflect on this public revelation made by our Lord Jesus Christ being the "Bread of Life" that comes down from heaven. This Divine truth is for us to see and understand that there is a God who continually looks for our wellbeing both physically and spiritually. God wanted us to progress through life being assured that His hand is always reaching out, assisting and expressing His love and care for us to build a life of holiness worthy of His kingdom.

But, we have to take note that there is a demand for us. We have to believe in this revelation. The people who first heard about this revelation have the predicament of believing or not. Their expression "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?" speaks loudly of their bias because of their immediate knowledge of human lineage of our Lord. Even for us, if we heard it for the first time, presumably our reaction will be the same. Taking per se this Divine truth without God's inspiration and faith will always be a challenge to anyone.

We as human beings would like to see supernatural events. We want God to perform extraordinary events to validate our faith. If we heard a miracle happened anywhere around the world, we feel reassured that we made the right decision in taking the right path embracing our faith in God. Ordinarity of events in our daily life seems for everyone devoid of God's activity and not worthy of faith recognition and validation. Seeking proof is good but discerning God's presence in our ordinary daily activities in life is much better. You will be inspired to do more good things because you recognize His presence in your daily activities and, in this way, your faith will always be validated because God's goodness and truths are being lived and shared.

Jesus revealed himself as the "Bread of life". When He instituted the Holy Eucharist, He made it available for us to perpetuate the very truth of His divine presence and continually be nourished spiritually by sharing His holiness to all of us when we receive the holy communion. Jesus is calling us all to embrace and believe this Divine truth. Let Jesus, the bread that comes down from heaven, transform our lives and make it possible for us to share and manifest God's holiness and love in our world today.

Fr. Teo's reflection is based on today's Gospel, John 6:41-51



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this Thursday, August 15.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

12:00 pm (Noon) in Footedale

6:00 pm in Masontown

The Parish Office will be closed this day.



I am the living bread that came down from heaven. (John 6:41)

How privileged we are to receive that same bread of life every time we receive the Eucharist! How hard it can be at times to believe that we can experience miracles! God wants to work within each one of us at every Mass, filling us with courage, strength and faith but it can be so easy to “grieve” the Holy Spirit by having much lower expectations than God Himself has. Don’t minimize what Jesus can do when He comes to us in Communion. Don’t grieve the Holy Spirit. Inner healing, newfound courage, deeper revelation, more abiding wisdom - all this and more is ours for the asking. Today at Mass we have the opportunity of becoming one in the Spirit with none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, August 15 we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son. This is Mary’s greatest feast! It is the solemnity of her death, burial and resurrection - it is her Passover. It is also the patronal feast of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Celebrating Mary’s Assumption into Heaven strengthens our belief that the human body is sacred and destined for glory. Just as Christ was raised from the dead in bodily form, we recognize that when she fell asleep in death, Mary was also raised bodily into heaven.

Assumption Day is sometimes thought of as Mary’s “harvesting” into heaven and is a day to thank God for the bounty of growing things. The blessing of flowers, herbs and garden produce is traditional this day.

Assumption Prayer: Dear Lord, if the day of death is the day of birth into Heaven, Your Mother was never so young as on the morning of her Assumption. Help us to grow old as she did while continually becoming younger, until the day when we will be children enough to enter the Kingdom. (Lucien Deiss, Cssp, from *Come, Lord Jesus*)

Bishop Kulick will celebrate Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption, the patroness of the Diocese of Greensburg, at 7:00 pm on **Thursday, August 15**, in Saint Joseph Chapel at Christ our Shepherd Center. The Mass will be followed by an outdoor candlelight procession and the rosary recited in various languages, modeled after the custom at Lourdes, France. The Bishop invites the faithful of the Diocese to join him in this celebration.

From the Diocese of Greensburg



With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick has called Mr. Tyler Randolph to be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders.

Bishop Kulick will confer the Rite of Admission to Candidacy within Mass at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Immaculate Conception, Irwin.

Please keep Tyler in your prayers as he prepares to begin his theological studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. In addition, please continue to pray for all those discerning God’s call in our diocesan formation programs.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of

† **Patricia (Reagan) Cheschin**

who was buried Monday, August 5

† **Mildred (Plesh) Stager**

who was buried Tuesday, August 6

May God grant to them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.



Summer Celebration News

Thank you to all who supported our Pasta Dinner, Salad Bar, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale last Sunday. Your support enabled us to realize a profit of \$7,010. Special thanks to those who dined with us, donated the baskets and baked goods, made monetary donations and to those who gave of their time and talents in every way.

We can’t thank enough those who planned, prepared and served the meals, those who set up and cleaned up. This event takes a team effort and our team is awesome!

The Practice of Stewardship

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Stewardship of Treasure

August 4: \$5,892; loose \$595; monthly \$650; online \$420; totaling \$7,557

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PARISH FESTIVAL



LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

on the parish grounds in Masontown

Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm: Outdoor **POLKA MASS**
with **The Vibrations Band**

5:00 pm: Festival begins

7:00 to 10:00 pm: Live entertainment
featuring the **Shelly McCombie Duo**

Sunday, September 1

5:00 pm: Festival begins

5:30 to 10:00 pm: Live entertainment
featuring **The Vibrations Band**

EVERYONE’S help is needed to make the Summer Celebration a success! There is something that everyone can do to help. If you can’t help out during the events, please consider helping us to prepare beforehand and/or to help us clean up afterwards. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated. Young people seeking service hours are welcome! If you are not physically able to help, then please pray for us!

Needed for Both Events:

✓ **Cases of water** (16 oz) and **Coke & Pepsi products** (12 oz cans - regular and diet)

✓ **Theme Baskets - All Types**

Sports, movies, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc.

If you have these items to donate, please bring them to Church (both sites) on weekends or drop them off at the Parish Office in Masontown Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you!!!

✓ **SUMMER CELEBRATION SPONSORS**

We are asking for donations to help cover celebration expenses and entertainment costs. Donor levels are: Platinum \$250; Gold \$100/\$249; Silver Level \$50/\$99; Bronze \$30/\$49. Sponsors will be displayed on the signs throughout the celebration grounds, in the bulletin and on our Facebook page.

Your sponsorship supports both events!

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Include name on signs? Yes No

Please make checks payable to: **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish** and return to the Parish Office. Many thanks!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, **September 21**, led by Bishop Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in what promises to be a very special experience.

For information and registration, please visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org and click on *Events*.

BINGO & CASH BASH - Sunday, September 15,

at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at Noon; regular games 2pm; 20 games at \$100; letter T at \$250; outside edge at \$750; 12 Cash Bash drawings at \$200 each; grand prize \$1200 plus \$300 if present.

Only 333 tickets sold. Donation of \$40 includes 2 packages (extra packages \$5 each); free food and refreshments. No admittance without a ticket.

Tickets will be available at the Parish Office Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Proceeds benefit Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR TICKET

Cost of \$20 per ticket gives you a chance to win \$400 every day of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the PA Daily Lottery Evening number.

Tickets will be available at the Parish Office Monday/Friday 9am to 4pm or by returning the form below **with a self-addressed stamped envelope and payment** to the Parish Office via the Sunday collection or by mail.

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All ticket stubs and payments must be received by the Parish Office by September 29. Any unsold tickets are the property of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

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Thank you for your continued support of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!

MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, August 10 -- Vigil: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 pm-F Pro Populo
6:00 pm-M Dolores Malik (Daughter, Connie)

Sunday, August 11 -- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Michael A. Zumerling (Wife & Family)
9:30 am-F Bridget M. Berisko (Sons)
11:30 am-M Mary Fotta (Vickie & Kenny)

Monday, August 12 -- Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 am-M M/M George Waydo & Family (Janis)

Tuesday, August 13 -- Saints Pontian & Hippolytus

8:00 am-F Frank Palo (David Kordella)

Wednesday, August 14 -- Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 am-M Elaine Rockwell (Husband, Ed)

Thursday, August 15 -- The Assumption of Mary

12:00 pm-F Patrick Dunlevy (MaryLou/Charles Taylor)
6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

Friday, August 16 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Betty Berish (Dave & Vicki Berish)

Saturday, August 17 -- Vigil: 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F Pro Populo
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M Frances Oravets (Lud/Terrie Kopec Fam)

Sunday, August 18 -- 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Grace Riley (Colleen & Frank Ricco)
9:30 am-F Lauren Madison (Family)
11:30 am-M Geno J. Coll (Lydia Coll & Family)

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Ez 1:2-28; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Rv 11:19, 12:1-10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:6-10
Friday: Ez 16:1-15,60-63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-32; Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

COFFEE & DONUTS will be served after all Masses this Sunday. Please join us!



There will be **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION this week.** Adoration will be held as follows:

Friday, August 23, 4:30-6:00 pm in Masontown
Wednesday, August 28, 12:30-2:00 pm in Footedale



We may live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into His journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly by sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive today in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.

Did you know that two Saints with August feast days died during World War II at Auschwitz?

August 9: Saint Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) was sent to Auschwitz as a Catholic Nun of Jewish descent and died in the gas chamber. She worked her whole life in education and service to others.

August 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe died by lethal injection after ministering to fellow prisoners in Auschwitz and offering his life to save another.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint Teresa Benedicta, pray for us!

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Blessed Mother** - Dolores Malik
requested by daughter, Connie

Joan Cech
requested by son, Kevin Cech

† **Saint Joseph** - Joseph G. Novotny
requested by Nadia & Joey

† **Saint Anthony** - Patty Reagan Ceschin
requested by Sandy Rantovich

† **Sacred Heart** - Elaine T. Rockwell
requested by Edwin Rockwell



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