

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 9, 2015

SATURDAY: AUGUST 8TH

5:00 PM SISTER BARBARA GERWE, S.C.

SUNDAY: AUGUST 9TH

8:00 AM EDWARD CHESHUL

9:30 AM GLORIA OPITZ

11:00 AM DICK BURCHFIELD

MONDAY

8:00 AM MARTIN BEDELL

TUESDAY

8:00 AM JAMES STANLEY

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM SARAH MANDEL

THURSDAY

8:00 AM EOGHAN DEMSAK

FRIDAY

8:00 AM PATRICK DI MICCO

SATURDAY: AUGUST 15TH

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5:00 PM ED FLAHERTY

SUNDAY: AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM ROSE DI MICCO

9:30 AM PATRICK WRIGHT

11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. BY THE FERNANDEZ FAMILY
REQ. BY MR. & MRS. P. GOHEEN

REQ. BY MARGARET WINGLE

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. H. DUNLEAVY

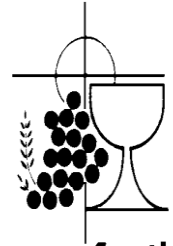
REQ. BY THE POSKONKA FAMILY

REQ. BY THE DI MIERI FAMILY

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. W. FREDRICKS

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. E. BUSH

REQ. BY THE MEN'S CLUB



**Masses for the
Week**

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and of our families.

SHOP-RITE, WEIS, STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

Cards in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations are available. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser.

FLEA MARKETS

Last Saturdays of the month (Apr through Oct). For info & registration call Joe Zidek 973-948-5752.

Bake Sale: Sat, August 29th at the flea market - baked goods may be dropped off in the hall on Fri., August 28th between 9am & 2pm or Sat morning.

CAMP AUXILIUM SCHOOL

Now accepting registrations. School serves ages 6 weeks through Pre-K 4 (ages 4-5) Hours 6:30am – 6:30pm. Visit our website at

www.campauxilium.org or call 383-2621 x1 for info.

PARISH CRUISE

Panama Canal – March 4-14, 2016 – Reserve now and save!!! Contact Regina @ UNIGLOBE Travel Partners (973)810-8025

LECTORS

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Lorri Opitz
8:00 John Iacopelli
9:30 Debbie Carter
11:00 Scott Ruvo

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Ric Hahn
8:00 Tom Lapinski
9:30 Mary Dunleavy
11:00 Kathy Braun

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Steve Opitz
8:00 Judith McMahan
9:30 Gabriella LaBouseur
11:00 Katie Brady

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Kim Hahn
8:00 Lorraine Lapinski
9:30 Doug Post
11:00 Linda Jorritsma

ALTAR SERVERS

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Andrew Opitz
8:00 Joe Mitchell
9:30 Paul Corazza
11:00 Tai Ruvo

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Remy Hautau
8:00 Samantha Price
9:30 Carly Studt
11:00 Jon-Paul Devetori

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we continue to hear in our Gospel the Bread of Life Discourse from St. John. *“I am the bread of life...I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever...”* Yet the Jewish leaders of Jesus’ time *murmured* because of what he revealed to them. They were not open to what Jesus was trying to teach them; they were holding onto Moses, the Law, and the Manna, the bread from Heaven which he gave the people while they were wondering 40 years in the desert. They knew Jesus; that is they knew his hometown and his family, *“is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say he came down from heaven?”* They were familiar with Jesus and his family and they recognized the man but they lacked the eyes of faith to see that not only was he fully man but fully God.

In this Gospel today, Jesus reveals to us also that we need him. We need to eat his Body and drink his Blood – We need the Eucharist...without it we die...we die spiritually. *“The Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”* When someone doesn’t eat they become physically weak and if they stop eating altogether they will die. In the spiritual life it is similar. When we turn away from the Bread of the Life, the Eucharist, we become spiritually weak and if we cut ourselves off from the Eucharist we die spiritually. When our souls are not right before God or we are not in the state of grace we lose out on this spiritual food that we so desperately need to grow in holiness. How do we get in the state of grace, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) that is the only ordinary means that we have. We have to humble ourselves before the Priest and confess our sins with an amendment of heart and God will open the doors of our soul so that we receive the many graces he wishes to give us.

In our first reading from the first Book of Kings we hear how Elijah was fleeing for his life. He had just faced off with the many false prophets of Baal and put them to the sword and now was in danger of his own life. Elijah worn out from his journey in the desert and fearing for his life asked the Lord to take his life. The angel of the Lord brought him a hearth cake and water to give him strength for his journey. Elijah ate the bread and journeyed for 40 days and nights and was able to climb Mount Horeb where he encountered God and heard his voice.

The food given to Elijah that strengthened him on his journey is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist that strengthens us on our journey and leads us to encounter God in the here and now and for all eternity in the kingdom of Heaven.

In our second reading today, a letter from St. Paul to the Ephesians, he warns the community, *“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.”* St. Paul gives us the same advice that we too are not to grieve the Holy Spirit. We grieve the Holy Spirit when we fail to recognize that Jesus is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. We grieve the Holy Spirit when we become too familiar and fail to show the reverence due the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We grieve the Holy Spirit when we approach the table of the Eucharist and not in the state of grace.

We have been given the greatest gift...Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us approach the Table of the Lord with our souls made right before our God through the powerful Sacrament of Reconciliation and faith that Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and truly present in the Eucharist.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us,
Father Ed
Administrator

Parish Life:

Joan Polanski, the administrative assistant of our parish will be retiring. Joan, a longtime parishioner, has served the parish in this position for almost 35 years. Next Sunday, August 16th after the 8:00 am Mass, which Joan attends regularly, there will be a farewell “Coffee And” so that we can thank Joan for her wonderful commitment in serving so many people in the parish. Please be sure to join us and keep Joan and her family in your prayers as she begins her retirement.

A special thank you to one of our parishioners (who wishes to remain anonymous) for donating the beautiful sounding, new brass bells in our sanctuary that are rung during the Consecration at Mass.

Our Bishop has requested that at all Masses in the month of August we are to pray for those suffering religious persecution. There will be a prayer card that we will use at the end of Mass, after the Prayer after Communion. Please pray especially for our brother and sister Christians who are suffering in the Middle East.

Parish Picnic

This year our Parish Picnic will be sponsored by the Men's and Women's Clubs on Sunday, **September 20, 2015** after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Music, games, hamburgers, hotdogs and more will be provided at the picnic.

This year we are hoping to rent **several inflatable rides** and **games** for the children of our parish. We will keep you informed as we get more information.

For further information please call:

John Dalmas 973-600-8010 or

Geralyn Boyce 973-702-7755

Baptism

We want to welcome our newest member of our parish: Caiden Jacob Herbison; Baptized on July 26, the child of Robert & Stephanie, with older sister, Madison, and godparents Robert and Monica (at right side of photo).



Second Collection:

At all the Masses this weekend we will be joined by a Maryknoll Priest, Father Douglas May. Father Doug will be preaching on the Missionary work of the Church. The Second collection is to help support the missions. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be hosting their annual outdoor function at:

The Sanctuary of Mary

25 Wantage Ave.
Branchville, NJ

Saturday, August 15, 2015

11:00 AM Holy Mass
12:00 – 1:30 Lunch: Bring your own brown bag
(Coffee, Tea, & Water provided)
1:30 – 2:00 Rosary Walk
2:00 – 2:30 Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet
and Benediction

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 10 - Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug 17 - Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug 24 - Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug 29- Flea Market from 8am to 3pm
Aug 31 - Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Calendar

Aug 9 Sussex County Fair Food Booth
Aug 13 No Council Mtg. On Thursday
Aug 23 Past Grand Knights Dinner 2pm Bella
Italia in Andover
Aug 29-30 Football Ticket Sales-St. Joseph & Good
Shepherd
Sept 10 Council Mtg Sacred Heart Cntr 7:30pm
Sept 14 St. Joseph Migrant Ministry Dinner 7:30
Sept 27 Picnic Panther Lake Camp Grounds 2pm

Collections:

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| Aug. 1 & 2: | \$4,707 |
| Weekly Goal: | \$6,500 |

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| Envelopes Mailed: | 219 |
| Envelopes Received: | 115 |

If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS. Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes.

Memorials:

Week of August 9:
Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Robin Lancaster