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AUGUST 18, 2019 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
 Holy Day 8:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Thursday..... No Mass
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

Okay! Okay! So, it wasn't First Class, but the upgrade to Business Class on a world class airline was sweet indeed! Someone was praying for me to be sure! I became aware of my upgrade not by way of a page to come to the service counter, but courtesy of an "automated boarding machine," in other words, an electronic gate. After placing my boarding card on the machine so that it could be scanned, there was a slight robotic hesitation. This hadn't happened to other passengers. Then, a slip of paper was printed out that indicated my new seat assignment. This hadn't happened to the other passengers either. "Surprise" isn't quite the word. It was more like "shock." There must be a mistake. Beyond the automated gate (my new friend), there was even a separate, private entrance just for me (insert Happy Face emoji here). My seat – more like a lounge chair – was in the first row. I've never been so far up front on a plane. The cockpit wasn't in front of me. It was above me on the second level. In front of me was the nose cone of the 747-400. The other seasoned Business Class travelers really didn't pay attention, but I thought that they must have all been looking at me as I appeared to be as a "kid in a candy shop." Wow! Upon boarding the plane, I was addressed by name (Welcome aboard Mr. Wilson!), offered a "welcome cocktail" (I had two, thank you very much!), served "pre-flight hors d'oeuvres," and handed a menu. We hadn't even left the gate. It was all new to me. Oh, and then there is the seat. It comes with instructions! There's a foot rest, back support, and it even has the option of lying flat, but I won't be able to sleep. It's like Christmas morning! The other "businessmen and women" are about their "business" already, but for me it's all a game that I must play: pushing buttons, playing with the seat, adjusting the large video screen, checking out the stuff in my "comfort case" (a little purse with toothpaste and brush, soap, hand lotion, socks, and blinders for sleeping) that was in my own personal cubby along with my personal bottle of natural spring water, and generally having just too darn good a time (the cocktails helped). I thought that maybe I was just dreaming, but if so then, I didn't really want to wake-up.



I hope that the Heaven we so desire is something like this. Patiently standing in line and waiting with everyone else. Making one's way through the various checkpoints and hoping that you won't miss the flight. Suddenly, there comes the surprise upgrade. Airline upgrades are cool, but Divine Upgrades are simply out of this world! Enjoy all your travel! Enjoy all your flights! Enjoy life here and now, but remember: always be praying and hoping for that Divine Upgrade!

Peace! Fr. Wilson

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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Monday

August 19

8:30 AM Sheila Flaherty Mc Ginley

Tuesday

August 20

8:30 AM Living Members of the The Cavalcante Family

Wednesday

August 21

8:30 AM Fred Senderoff

Thursday

August 22

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday

August 23

12:15 PM Edward Convery

Saturday

August 24

8:30 AM Thomas Tropia

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

August 24

4:30 PM Dorothy and Ben Pelosi

Sunday

August 25

8:30 AM People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM Anna DiLorenzo

PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

John Boyle	Nicola Giordano
Joanne Marks	Francis Romano
Lynd Butler	Donna Giorgio
Barbara Mc Cusker	Jim Sandusky
Margaret Cook	Stephen Henderson
Lee Anne Mc Gough	Rose Marie Santos
Catherine Mc Nulty	Stefanos Karas
Stephen Collins	Joseph Sindoni
Thomas Miller	Carole Kime
Samuel Dephillipo	Adeline Sulpizio
Dan Murphy	Mary Kull
Sharon Diemer	Anthony Torelli
Francis O' Callaghan	Kendall Lambert
Kathleen Dixon	George Vrettos
Charlotte O' Leary	Rose Leto
Lillian Donahue	Lily Walker
Paige O' Leary	Patricia Lyons
Mary Ann Farrell	Nadia Waltanski
Lauren Palermo	Helen Lyons



~ Correction ~

*The Altar Flowers for the week of August 12
were in the Memory of*

Bernard Campbell



THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection	August 4
Amount Received	\$9,148

Sunday Collection	August 11
Amount Received	\$8,748

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE 2020 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS.



Reading I: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

King Zedekiah listens and yields to his prince advisors, who want to kill Jeremiah. They throw him into a muddy cistern. But Jeremiah is saved through the efforts of a court official named Ebed-melech.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 1-4

Jesus is the model for enduring hardship. So too must we be, never growing weary and abandoning our “struggle against sin.”



The Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Here Luke provides us a rationale for all the opposition and division that come to people who take Christ and His gospel seriously. When Jesus mentions “baptism” He is not referring to the ritual sacrament but is rather using it as a metaphor for His being met by the catastrophe of His rejection and death.



CASSEROLE DROP-OFF DATE

The next drop-off is Wednesday, August 21 between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the parish hall annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes, or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions.

Thank you!

POT OF GOLD RAFFLE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having their “Pot of Gold” raffle to benefit the residents of Holy Family Home (5300 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA). This will help them to provide a home, food, and quality nursing care to the elderly! Over \$40,000 in prizes! 3 Lucky Winners! First prize is \$25,000. Tickets are \$150 celebrating 150 YEARS in Philadelphia for the Sisters. There is a maximum of 2000 tickets to be sold. Drawing is September 8, at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA at a reception to be held from 12:30-4:00 PM. Ticket holders and guests are invited to the buffet dinner. Please call Connie or Gary Labowitz at 610-328-0599 to purchase a ticket.

Thank you for caring for the elderly poor.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

First, thank you for all your generous donations. Our little pantry has been very busy. Many clients with children continue to come. If you are able, we are in need of pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned meats and tuna, and kiddie snacks.

Just a reminder: if you know anyone in need of food in Delaware County, please let them know that our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our most in need in our community. God bless all of you.

The Committee would also like to thank the people who stop by and drop off bags and bags of food. One lady stopped by and asked what was needed for the day. This lady left and returned with bags of food.

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REGISTRATION

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7:00 PM Holy Mass followed by the Healing Service
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Saint Eugene Trip Club has a NYC bus trip to see the new Broadway Musical "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," a play that follows the journey of the Temptations. The trip is October 19, cost is \$185 which includes round trip motor coach, show, and dinner at Mastoris Restaurant. Payment due August 28. For further details contact Margie at margietyrrell@aol.com or 610-368-9533.

People who change the world aren't always who you expect. They are housewives, repairmen, teachers, and the military to name a few. Ordinary people who believe in a better world.

Readers' Digest magazine recently chose what they called were "15 people who changed history." Among them were Rosa Parks, who wouldn't give up her seat on a Montgomery Alabama bus on December 1, 1955. Todd Beamer and the passengers on Flight 93 who fought back against the 9/11 terrorists and crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA instead of slamming into our nation's capital. And then there was Candy Lightner, who stood up against drunk driving after her 13 year old daughter was killed by a repeat DWI offender. She founded Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in her home on March 7, 1980.

Yes, such people aren't always who you expect. Such of course is the case of God's only Son, that most extraordinary Person of all, who made Himself ordinary when He came to visit this planet in person some twenty plus centuries ago. He did that to save all of us from being forever locked out of His high heaven.

Jesus was a handsome man for sure, a bit taller than the males of His time if the Shroud of Turin is authentic. Attractive to all whom He met in His travels not only by His appearance but also by His demeanor, which sprang from His hidden divinity. He demanded that people change their way of living. He wanted them to shun sin.

People of every age are much the same, and sin can be such an attractive proposition at times even for the best of us. So because of His demands about avoiding sin, Jesus was never universally popular. He even puzzled His closest friends. But He knew, and tried to get them to know also, that if their human weakness held them down, His strength would lift them up. If asked, they would agree that He was truly a "man on fire." We agree, do we not?



We His present day followers would also have to admit that Jesus was not what we would expect of a Divine Redeemer. He really was the prophet's "sign of contradiction." He began His public life as a young man amid a culture that thought wisdom was only in the old. His enemies mocked Him with saying "Thou art not yet fifty years old..."

He was uneducated in the formal sense, having had only the usual synagogue syllabus. "Where did He get all this? Is He not the carpenter's son?" His was born into poverty when only the rich were greatly esteemed. "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

He hailed from a dusty nearly forgotten village named Nazareth when the sophisticated people only came from the great cities. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Despite this, Jesus was also magnetic and majestic in His preaching and example. An unusually confident Person, only angry when He had to be, especially when He clashed with those in authority. "You hypocrites! He shouted." But in the end, He suffered the usual fate of the prophets like Jeremiah. "Crucify Him!" they shouted.

There are some conclusions we can draw from this brief recall, if we want to be authentic followers of the Nazarene. First of all, we have to remember our general ordinariness. This despite the fact that in God's eyes each of us is special.

We also must recognize that belief in Jesus always implies a call to action. And then, in this society of ours, with its warped sense of priorities and its tendency to discount God's very existence, we must realize that we will remain unpopular for our beliefs. Mocked sometimes by our own families. But we can lean on that great consolation we have that God is always with us, no matter what. That's how we know for sure that we each have the power to change the world. Not by putting it down, but by lifting it up.

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