

JULY 31, 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 30

5:30PM No Intention Requested

Sunday, July 31

8:15AM People of St. Stanislaus Kostka

11:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Monday, August 1

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Tuesday, August 2

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Wednesday, August 3

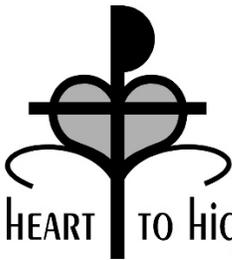
No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday, August 4

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Friday, August 5

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family



SET YOUR HEART TO HIGHER THINGS

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND
COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT
REDUCTION**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS*

July 30

Jennifer Carnecchia, Andraea Dizon, Matthew McDonald, Evan Rickard, Matthew Rocco

July 31

Matthew Cave, Vincent Iovane, Gwen Moschetto

August 1

Susan Grega, Steven Lang, Shannon Meagher, Scott Smith

August 2

Dale Chapman, Audrey Dizon, Steven Lorenz, Carmela Spence, Rachel Viani

August 3

Tristan Hayes, Valerie Keto, Kurt Schollmeyer, Joan Waters-Leutz

August 4

Maria Becerra, Gael Jimenez, Sergio Lavariega, Deanna O'Neill, Max Wenzel

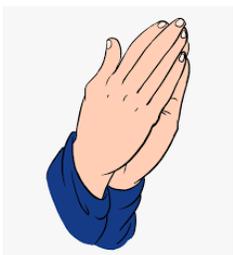
August 5

Denise Croshier, Courtney Hart, Mariana Helfrich, Hildegard McQuillan, Amber Ortiz, Robert D. Powers, Lisa Pretak, James Schollmeyer

**Eucharistic
Adoration**



Confessions will be heard on
Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 7:30PM
in the Church. During that time, we will expose
the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration.
All are welcome



Let us pray each day for peace in our world, especially Ukraine

FROM YOUR ARCHBISHOP

I write to you today to ask for your help again as we prepare to collect an offering on Sunday, August 7** for the *Solidarity fund for the Church in Africa*. Founded on the basic principles of Saint John Paul II's call to action in Africa, we are enabled to express love "in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18), a love that creates no borders and sets no limits to what might be accomplished together in Christ.
***Due to scheduling conflicts, St. Stans will have this collection on the weekend of August 13 and 14.*

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, persecution, and political unrest. Despite these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years.

However, it is difficult for the Church there to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The solidarity fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

Your participation has been crucial to fostering tolerance and respect between neighbors, including those of different faiths, which has contributed to interreligious cooperation and more peaceful communities across Africa. You can learn more at www.usccb.org/africa.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families for a blessed summer.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings to one and all.

I would like to add a couple of thoughts for those who are interested in being part of the Martha and Mary Project that I mentioned in last week's bulletin. This is intended, first of all, to be something for the rest of our lives. It is not a project for a group, although it could become one, but rather a personal one. There are no meetings, no assignments, nothing that must be done on a deadline. It is simply an idea that each of us find or make the time to "touch base with God...for a few minutes...each day in a way that fits into our schedules", and its purpose is to put down a foundation of daily prayer that causes us to reach out to others in need. I also hope that those who are parents will help their children do this and that those who are not parents may encourage a friend or two to "give it a try."

With this being done all summer long, I hope to use it to help our parish begin, after Labor Day, a path that will lead us out of Covid as quickly and safely as we can do so. Project "M and M" is meant to build on the work of "Start with Jesus", renew our parish and bring a new source of light to a world that has been in darkness for too long. We do not want to go back to where we were before Covid, but instead, to a new place where we should have been, had we as a church, listened to the Holy Spirit a little bit more that we had. Once again, I invite you to find a way to join me and others in setting a new foundation for the parish. If I may be so bold as to offer a suggestion, *how about taking a deep breath and inviting someone back to St. Stans that you haven't seen here in a while?*

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Stay safe and healthy.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

“Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.’ He replied, ‘Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?’ Then he said to the crowd, ‘Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.’... Thus will it be for all who save up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Do you know anyone who had saved something special to bring to the next life? The adage ‘you can’t take it with you’ is so true, but what shall I do with all I have?

If it is not something which can lead my soul to eternal life, I can rid myself of it. The recent expression about ‘Black Lives Matter’ should apply to all life from conception to natural death. The gift I have received can be shared with someone else in need.

Our society unfortunately places value on things, accumulation and earthly treasures. They mean nothing when we consider someone suffering with terminal illness, the ravages of war. Greed, or covetousness are on the list of capital sins, and contrary to our society’s values. As disciples of the Lord we wish to avoid it.

*From HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly,
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ*

RENEWING OUR MINISTRIES...

We had a few volunteers attend a meeting last Wednesday to “get things moving again at Lutheran Care Center on Wednesday afternoons” and are hoping a few others will come forward to join us.

You will be reading elsewhere in this bulletin about renewing our Music ministry at both our Saturday Evening Mass and the 11:00am Mass on Sundays. We will soon announce a date for a meeting for Altar Servers after Labor Day.

For now, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in reading (being a Lector) at our Weekend Masses to a meeting on Friday, August 5 at 7:00pm in the church. If you are interested but cannot attend on the 5th, please give Fr. Jay a call to let him know you are still interested.

A LOOK AHEAD: READINGS FOR AUGUST 7, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram’s faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God’s promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

FOLK GROUP

The St. Stanislaus Kostka Folk Group is actively seeking new members...adult and teen vocalists and instrumentalists who can commit to playing at the 11:00am Mass. If you are interested and available to be a part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 845-635-1700 and leave your name, email address and phone number. Either Bill Markey or Marji Markowitz will return your call. *“He who sings, prays twice.”*

FORMED CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

For Children.... You might find this of interest:

The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello-Season 2-Episode 1: It’s time to read a book! Benjamin Cello, Annie Appleseed, and Miss Gretchen, the Music teacher, go to the bookstore. Along the way they explore classics and the one Holy book that stands above all others. For more go to:
<https://watch.formed.org/the-wonderful-world-of-benjamin-cello-season-2>.