

Whoever believes in me will never thirst



August 5, 2018 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have ever been on a diet or if you have fasted, you know the feeling of being hungry. Reducing our consumption of food leaves us with hunger pangs that are hard to ignore. Of course, this type of hunger pales in comparison with those who truly lack the nourishment they need. Some lack drinkable water. Their thirst is unimaginable to people who simply turn on a tap from which fresh water flows. There is another kind of hunger and thirst that is part of the human experience. Many of us hunger for a deep relationship with God. This spiritual hunger is sometimes not conscious, until we are attentive to it. The Israelites in the desert and the people who followed Jesus across the sea experienced a flash of insight that changed them. Suddenly, their hunger was about more than food for their physical sustenance. They became aware of their spiritual thirst, which only God can quench. What spiritual hunger do you recognize?

THIRST QUENCHED, WE BECOME THIRSTY

Once we become attuned to our great longing for God, we grow in trust that Jesus is the bread of life who fills us with God's goodness. Assured that we need never hunger again, our faith leads us to thirst—for justice, mercy, or care for those who are on the peripheries, and for an ever-greater relationship with God and within the Christian community. With this spiritual growth, we recognize that we must act in order to meet the needs of those who are physically hungry or thirsty, and that we may have the opportunity to lead others to Jesus, the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. In what ways is Jesus your bread of life? How are you called to provide bread, physical or spiritual, to others?

Today's Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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10 St. Mary's Lane, Cecil, PA 15321
"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"
Rev. Stan M. Gregorek, Pastor
Deacon Leonard M. Thomas, Jr.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday: 7:30AM

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Confessions

Saturday: 11:30AM-12:30PM or by appointment.

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

Children/Youth Services: 412-473-2000

Parish Office: 412-221-1560

Fax: 412-221-9544

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First Diocesan CCD



Parish Business Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Closed Daily: 12:00PM-12:30PM

ON MISSION FOR

**THE
CHURCH
ALIVE!**

Do Not Work for Food that Perishes but for the Food that Endures for Eternal Life – God, in his providence, created the world and everything in it. He made it all very good and, as he sets us forth into the world to enjoy the beauty and substance of his creation. However, the created world is not meant to be a distraction from God, but rather that which draws us ever deeper into the mystery of his Fatherly love for us. His greatest gift to us, and that which unites us most fully to him, is the gift of himself in the Eucharist. Under the appearance of humble bread and wine, Jesus comes to us as nourishment and strength. However, this food not only nurtures our bodies, but our souls as well, enlivening us as we make our pilgrim journey to heaven. From the Eucharist flows the life and mission of the Church as, united in Holy Communion we are formed as the Body of Christ to do his will on earth. As the implementation of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative draws near, may we not be distracted by the things of this world that will ultimately pass away, but instead focus on the Eucharist as we are united in faith and walk together to eternal life. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY “The Gospel of John”

Beginning Tues. evenings Sept. 18th at 7:30 p.m. OR Thursday mornings, Sept. 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Study to be held in St. Barbara Hall

Cost is \$38.00 payable ASAP to “Holy Child Parish”.

Registration forms will be at the doors in all three churches or online at

<https://holychildrcparish.org/the-gospel-of-john>.

~~Healing Mass~~

Come and receive the grace of God’s healing touch during a Healing Mass on Thursday, **August 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in Saint Paul Cathedral. The Mass is being held as a part of the 2018 International Fraternity of Priests Conference including priests from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. lead by the Holy Apostles Parish Praise Band. “I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears.

Now I am healing you.” -2 Kings 20:5

Diocesan Choir Auditions



Auditions for the 2018-2019 Diocesan Choir Season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh,

sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul’s Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and base sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412-456-3042) before



August 21, 2018.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm -- The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading -- Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel -- Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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Employment Opportunity --

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, have openings for a full-time LPN or RN and a full-time NA to care for retired/infirm sisters on the 11-7 shift at Caritas Christi, the sisters’ motherhouse. Positions require heavy lifting. This is a non-licensed facility with a focus on patient care, not paperwork. Interested candidates should call 724-853-1478, ext. 1225.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

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LIFE + LOVE: WEEKEND IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Join us for a celebration of marriage and family in August, as the Diocese of Pittsburgh commemorates the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, "Humanae Vitae". **Activities begin at 7:00 pm**

Saturday, August 11 with a private screening of the movie, "The Sexual Revolution", a musical documentary on the fallout of the free-love experiment, told through the life story of musician and donor-conceived individual, Alana Newman, who discovers the treasure of Church teaching on sex & marriage. A social and discussion follows with medical and ethical experts.

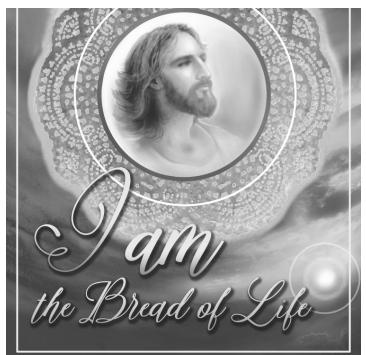
Sunday, August 12, join Bishop Zubik for a family Mass followed by Sunday Brunch with keynote speaker, Dr. Maria Fedoryka. During the address, teens enjoy their own talk while children enjoy games. The entire event on Sunday is only three hours, with Mass beginning at 9:00. Both Saturday and Sunday's events will take place at St. Paul's Seminary. See Bulletin insert for more information. Registration for both events required online at <https://www.diopitt.org/events/life-love-day1> (August 11) and <https://www.diopitt.org/events/life-love-day2>(August 12).

**GOD'S WORK**

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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Your Children & Grandchildren do not go to Mass. What do you do?

Pray. Never forget the example of St. Monica who prayed for many years for her son, Saint Augustine. No case is hopeless. **Don't Nag.** Don't get angry, don't argue. It doesn't help. Let your children and grands know that you love your faith, that you find comfort in prayer, that you enjoy your relationship with God.

Delve deeply into your own faith. Become a better Catholic yourself! Go to Mass often, pray daily, read the Bible, study and know your faith. Your children need you to be more than an average lukewarm Catholic. For their sake you need to be a strong men & women of faith.

Invite. Never stop inviting your family to attend Mass, go to a special religious event, attend a retreat. Invite and don't be discouraged when you get a NO. But keep inviting.

Don't Despair. God loves your children even more than you do. We all hope that our children have the joy of a full Catholic life. But God saves people even late in life. Don't forget that Christian training early in life may bear fruit even later in life, long after you are gone.

Give good example. Show your children that your faith in Christ makes you a better person. Don't be a bitter, hateful dishonest, harsh or angry person. Your children need to see that your faith makes you good.

Joy. Your children and grandchildren need to see that the fruit of a Christ centered life is joy and peace. If your faith does not lead you to love, why should they want to follow your example?

By Fr. Thomas Betz, OFM Capuchin

St. Mary HILLTOPPERS 2018

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St. Benedict the Abbot Garage Sale

Thursday, August 16 9AM to 6:00PM

Friday, August 17 9AM to 6:00PM

Saturday, August 18 9AM to 12PM- \$5/bag sale

Adult/Children Clothing, Jewelry, indoor/outdoor household items, small appliances, home décor, bed/bath linens, small furniture, toys, books, games, holiday decorations, tools and much more. Bargain for the whole family.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation August 14/15, 2018 Masses

7:00PM-Reader: Phil Ponikvar

EMHC: Lou Valente

Servers: Annabella Bellino, Ava Bruschi

6:45AM-Reader: Lillian Veres

EMHC: Barbara Heirendt

9:00AM-Pauline Manko

EMHC: Mary Franjione

Our Parish Share Obligation this year was

\$52,037. Thanks to our very generous parishioners, we have paid off \$43,386 of this debt to date. We still owe \$8651. Thank you to those who have donated!! If you have not had the time or opportunity yet, please help if you can.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR August 11/12

	4:00PM	8:00AM	10:30AM
Reader	Charlotte Smith	Ursula Wauthier	Phil Ponikvar
EMHC's	Kathy Popich Mary Franjione	Rosemary Keefer Nancy Kovach	Dana Provenzano Denise Rankin
Altar Server	Ethan Head Logan Marshall Brendan Purdy	Ben Veres Belle Lucan' Kristen Smith	Nora Provenzano Gio Barbarossa Gwyneth Vogt

July 29, 2018 Offertory

\$	4:00PM
\$	8:00AM
\$	10:30AM



The Sanctuary Lamp
is Lit this Week in Memory of :

Rudolph & Grace Katrenicik
By: Janet & Pete Kouklakis



Congratulations to
Gianna Michelle Bacco
who was baptized on
Sunday, July 29, 2018

Parents: Frederick Bacco
Lea (Mastascusa) Bacco



Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday <u>August 5</u>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM 8:00AM 10:30AM	Luke Blanock (Jan, Kurt & Family) Stephen Zemencik (Jim & Michelle Zemencik) Robert Hervol (Wife, Tina)
Monday <u>August 6</u>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
7:30AM	Communion Service
Tuesday <u>August 7</u>	Saint Sixtus II
7:30AM 7:00PM	Communion Service
Wednesday <u>August 8</u>	Saint Dominic
7:30AM 7:30AM 6:30PM	Communion Service Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers Legion of Mary Meeting/Marian Room
Thursday <u>August 9</u>	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
7:30AM	Communion Service
Friday <u>August 10</u>	Saint Lawrence
7:30AM	Mary Steponak (Bernie & Lil Veres)
Saturday <u>August 11</u>	Saint Claire
7:30AM 4:00PM	People of St. Mary's Parish Sam & Mary Franjione (Al & Mary Franjione)
Sunday <u>August 12</u>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM 10:30AM 12-3:00PM	Dorothy Eibl (Frank Eibl) Vocations to the Priesthood (Dale & Sharon Kreuer) Parish Picnic