



Saturday, July 18
5:30pm – Dorothy Leubert by Frank and Kathe Henrich

Sunday, July 19
8:00am – *Pro Populo*
10:00am - Abe Madkour by John Bradbury

Monday, June 20
8:00am – Dorothy Leubert by daughter, Carolyn Smith

Tuesday, June 21
8:00am – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, July 22
8:00am - NO MASS

Thursday, July 23
8:00am – Joan Robinson by Nancy Gleason Black

Friday, July 24
8:00am –

Saturday, July 25
5:30pm – Jack and Frieda Flack
by Harold and Kathleen Hogstrom

Sunday, July 26
8:00am – Vicente Conde by Sylvia Jolivette
10:00am - Hal and Renie Knox
by Linda Berrettini McGinnis

Let us remember in prayer:

For the sick, the dying and those who care for them.

Dear All,

The ‘image of God’ in humanity is humanity’s destination for eternal life. That destination was not changed by Eve and Adam’s decision to trust the snake rather than God, but it became complicated by humanity’s new-found freedom to second guess the Creator. God could no longer simply bestow eternal life on humans, he had to bestow eternal life on humans who would rather die than trust. This is where the Son, Jesus, comes in. Be patient as I recap from last week.

The eternally begotten Son was already someone besides the Creator who possessed eternal life. Humans were created to be like the Son – the ‘spit and *image*’ of the Creator. Because A&E had chosen death over likeness to the Son – pay attention – the Son now had to accept death for himself so he can be the mortal recipient of eternal life. Thus, the image of God in A&E is restored by the Eternal Image of God!

I mentioned the ‘public order’ role of early theologians as the lens through which they viewed this story; turning into a crime and punishment narrative, as if there were no inner connection between the crime and the consequence. And certainly, over the centuries people have wondered how and apple could reasonably merit death – and still more, merit eternal damnation. But, as we have seen, the loss of eternal life was the inner logic of Eve’s decision to mistrust the Creator.

Since the days of Paul and company, the focus on the tree rather than the mistrust, has led us to think of two objects of redemption: sin *and* death. But, in fact, there is only one -- *DEATH*. And Jesus attitude toward his life, even his dying life, reveals a choice that is exactly the opposite of Eve’s.

In the Garden of Olives (note the ‘garden’ motif) he surrenders his own ‘will’ to the will of the Father – to be the perfect image of both the Father and fallen humanity. On the cross itself, he ‘entrusts’ his life to the Father, rather than accepting the challenge from thieves and soldiers to ‘save himself’. This is why the Fourth Gospel is able to speak of ‘the Hour’ of the cross and also ‘the Hour’ of the glory of the Son. It is in that hour that the Son chooses, not life on his terms – as if he knew ‘good and evil’ – but only the life that is the Father’s Gift to the uncreated Image and the created image alike.

I want to pause and let those of you who have hung on this far have time to absorb this line of thought – not a line invented by me, but obscured over the centuries by other lines of thought that are easier to understand.

But nothing wonderful is ever easy.

Really and truly and wonder-fully yours,

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A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross,
took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving
Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and
safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick,
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.
Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

**The Feast of the Assumption
A Day to Honor Our Lady of Ephesus
August 15, 2020
1:00 pm – Gathering Time
2 pm – Guest Speaker, Fr. Dominique Faure
3:00 pm – Songs & Reflections
Presented by our dear friend – Grace Login
4:30 pm – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Pot Luck Supper Following Mass
All Events ‘al fresco’ under individual umbrellas,
masks and spacing required!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is still time for you to join our campaign team at Christ Our Savior. As you know, the Diocese of Burlington is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign. We will participate—and benefit—as 60% of the funds we raise will return to our parish.

You can help make a difference for Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Christ Our Savior. Please considering lending your talent to this important cause!

If you would like to assist, Fr. Tom with the effort, or have questions about the role of a volunteer, please call the Rectory if you think you can and will help out. Thank you.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 6816** are offering our **Ted and Adeline Lencowski Scholarship** to graduates of the class of 2020. Ted was an invaluable member of our council. Ted and Adeline were dedicated to the support of our Parish and Community. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a successful high school academic career school and community involvement and financial need. The scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,000. To apply for the scholarship your family must be a registered member of Christ Our Savior Parish. You can receive an application by emailing Tom Michaels at TMICHAELS527@yahoo.com

Volunteers for CFC Still Needed in August

As we go to press (on Tuesday this week), we have 8 slots (out of 36) filled by three volunteers in our August schedule for staffing the Community Food Cupboard. If you think you can help on Wed. afternoons or Thursdays (AM or PM), please sign up. Masks are required; gloves will be available when needed for the job. The arrangements are very different from what they used to be, with volunteers indoors packing bags, which are then delivered to clients in their cars. For more information and/or to get on the schedule, please contact Sue Washburn, 325-3525 or sswashburn@gmail.com Your generosity is always needed and is very much appreciated--especially in this strangest of times everybody is all living through.