

August 11, 2024
19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

SEND ME!

Take and eat; this is my body. —Mt 26:26

The excerpt below recounts clandestine efforts to provide Holy Communion to Catholics throughout the Nazi Dachau concentration camp. Of Dachau's thirty barracks, three were reserved for clergy, the vast majority being priests, monks and seminarians. More over a third of them perished.



TARCISIUS, BOY-MARTYR OF THE EUCHARIST
by Alexander Falguière (d. 1900)

THE priests of Dachau sought spontaneously to bring the Blessed Sacrament to their lay comrades. A clandestine eucharistic network was set up to distribute Communion throughout the camp. Some priests managed to get into the quarantine block to take Communion to Zugange by relying on their confreres who were ill. Father Andre Schumacher, of the Diocese of Besancon, succeeded in infiltrating Barrack 19, through which Father Jean Kammerer passed after his arrival at the camp on October 29, 1944, the feast of Christ the King. "He brought me a second helping of soup to share and, in a cough drop box, some consecrated hosts. Therefore I met that evening with the priests of the convoy and with some comrades who had been found out as practicing Catholics, in a hallway of the bunkhouse where half-light reigned, to receive Communion together", Father Kammerer recalls. Jacques Sommet also benefitted from this immediate solidarity in the quarantine block. "In the pocket of my tunic I found a small packet. Someone had put it there. Who? I still do not know. In this tiny packet was a little box, in this little box was a piece of ordinary bread to eat,



and ... a small piece of a host", he relates. Once he was appointed to Block 26, Jacques Sommet tried in his turn to bring Communion to the quarantine block. When caught doing so, he was punched repeatedly and driven away from the area.

Beyond the quarantine barrack, the priests tried hard to serve all the blocks in the camp. Those who left their barracks to go meet believers desirous of receiving Communion circulated in the roads of the camp in fear of an unexpected search, which was always a possibility. The distribution always took place with the greatest discretion, as Marcel Dejean testifies: "Some priests who passed in the blocks took out of their pockets an ordinary box, from which they extracted one or several hosts for us and our comrades. We made off; we received Communion ourselves ... and we distributed the rest to our comrades. Later, when Gerard [Pierre] was at the priests' blocks, he would be the one who came to bring us the Body of Christ." In certain circumstances, some priests even said Mass in the blocks for laymen, despite the risks they incurred. On Christmas Day, 1944, Father Alexandre Morelli said Midnight Mass in the consultation room of the camp's oculist, who was also a detainee.

"At Dachau I performed the most extraordinary priestly ministry of my life. One of my greatest blessings was to be able to celebrate a clandestine Mass for Christmas of '44. In case of surprise, everything was set up so that I could immediately make the glass and the host disappear. And the Mass began. Footsteps of the SS were heard in the corridor. The steps came closer, passed, returned. It was very dangerous. Our hearts throbbed as though they would burst, but we wanted to have our Midnight Mass."

The priests received assistance from the laymen in their task of delivering the Eucharist. Father de Coninck nicknamed them "MODERN TARCISSE" after the young third-century martyr Tarcisus, who used to carry Communion in secret to the sick and was stoned by the Romans, to whom he refused to give the Sacred Species, which they tried to profane.

Edmond Michelet, whose duties within the disinfection commando gave him access to the whole camp, got involved with other laymen in this clandestine service. On Sundays, Michelet asked the celebrant to give him some consecrated hosts, which he hid in a large match box, in order to take Communion to the sick. And as he could not go

everywhere at the same time, he shared his precious cargo with other members of the commando. So it was that, often, some militantly atheistic communists went to take viaticum to dying Catholics.

The activity of the eucharistic network sometimes resulted in mystical phenomena. Bernard Py, a French layman who had been deported at the age of nineteen for acts of resistance, received thus a fragment of a host. He slid the folded paper which sheltered it into his breast pocket, so as to communicate later. Then, during the afternoon, he was assailed by dark ideas in his commando; he tells of having felt a peculiar sensation coming from inside his chest.

"I felt an expansion, a joy, a tenderness which slowly became more precise and grew minute by minute, overflowing, invading my whole person, an experience that was simultaneously physical, burning, and moral, which stirred me with a love and an unexpected happiness."

A little later, the young man realized that the host was still in the pocket, causing this unexpected sensation. He took it out of the wrapper and communicated. The comfort brought by the Eucharist to the Catholics in the camp, both priests and laymen, remains an established and mysterious fact.

Guillaume Zeller, *The Priest Barracks: Dachau, 1938-1945* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2017), pp. 188-191.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug 11, SUNDAY — 19th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass

10:00 AM | Sunday Mass

6:00 PM | Sunday Mass

7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Aug 12, MONDAY

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

6:15 PM | Monday Women's Group

Aug 13, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Aug 14, WEDNESDAY — St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)

10:30 AM | NO "Hebrews" Bible Study Class

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

5:30 PM | HOLY DAY (VIGIL) MASS

6:30 PM | NO "Hebrews" Bible Study Class

Aug 15, THURSDAY — ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN, Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM | Day Away

10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group

12:15 PM | HOLY DAY MASS

7:00 PM | HOLY DAY MASS

Aug 16, FRIDAY
 10:00 AM | Food Pantry
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Aug 17, SATURDAY
 8:30 AM | Men's Group
 9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
 4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
 5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

OFFERING

4 Aug '24 (18th Sunday Ordinary Time): \$5,689.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 10 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Tom Vennard (req. by family)
Aug 11 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Joan Veilleux (req. by Mary Ellen Brookes)
Aug 11, 10:00 AM	Lee Ray - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Linda Ray)
Aug 11, 6:00 PM	Alice Danas - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)
Aug 12 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Mike Vincent (req. by Linda Ray)
Aug 14 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Peggy Capozzi (req. by John & Mary Mann)
Aug 14, 5:30 PM	Robert James Nichols (req. by Mike & Linda Marolla)
Aug 15 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Elizabeth Mooney (req. by the Roy Family)
Aug 15, 7:00 PM	Pia Costas (req. by Alejandra)
Aug 16 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Jean Agneta (req. by Joan Kofalt)
Aug 17 (Sat), 5:30 PM	James Gallagher (req. by Tom & Cynthia Sullivan)
Aug 11 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Laura Sassak (req. by Pat Ritz)
Aug 18, 10:00 AM	Ethnea Daniels (req. by Bronwen Pritchard)_

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Day of Obligation
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 15 Aug 2024

Vigil Mass (Aug 14) 5:30 PM
 Holy Day Masses (Aug 15) 12:15 + 7:00 PM

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is at the heart and center of parish life. Only the LITURGY is more important.

- The parish offers a K-thru-5th Grade program on Sunday mornings, High School on Sunday nights, and Middle School on Monday nights.
- REGISTRATION FORMS and additional information (e.g., dates, Sacraments information) are available on the parish website: SJNNH.ORG
- Diocesan Sacramental Policy—the "Restored Order"—provides for FIRST RECONCILIATION during 2nd Grade, and both CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST during 3rd Grade.



FALL ENROLLMENT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY in Nashua, NH offers an outstanding Catholic education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of athletic and extracurricular opportunities support the development of students who are well-rounded learners and leaders grounded in the Catholic faith. APPLICATIONS are open for the fall of 2024 ...

apply now! To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorraine Bedard at (603) 882-7442, ext. 310.



Is God calling you to work for Him? ST. GIANNA'S PLACE is seeking a mature, caring individual to work directly with our residents.

Responsibilities include supporting residents on a daily basis with their immediate and long-term goals. Previous experience working with families and knowledge of early childhood care is a plus. Contact Donna Meade at DMeade@StGiannasplice.org if interested.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

To add someone please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Youth volunteers and students-past, present, & future. Alejandra. Joe. Hazel. Branden. Personal Intention. Kathy. Leon. Ron. Brianna. Brenda. Jane. Melody. Tony. Bob. Lisa. Andrew. Dale. Suzie. Carol-Ann. Deb. Soul of Jeremiah. Ginny. Mark. Ruthann. Lisa. Elaine. John. Gail. Maureen. Eileen. Ivory. Susan. Tom. Jordyn & baby. Karen. Chris. Barbara. All our priests. Holy Souls in Purgatory. Those that have stepped away from the faith. For vocations.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) is a Diocesan wide effort to support the ministries of our local Catholic Church here in New Hampshire. The annual appeal supports the following charitable works:

- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarians, Permanent Deacons, and Vocations
- Priest Retirement
- Parable magazine
- Parish needs (Parish-to-Parish Support Fund and individual parish support)**
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in NH**
- Catholic University of America**
- The US Conference of Catholic of Bishops**
- Faith Formation: Campus Ministry and the Totus Tuus Program
- Catholic Cemeteries

**These were second collections that used to be taken up in the parishes, but which are now consolidated into the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

Our participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest: recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Also, our support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Our gifts demonstrate our commitment to the greater Church for we are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.



TO MAKE A GIFT: Return the GIFT ENVELOPE distributed at Mass, or the one you may receive in the mail. Or, DONATE ONLINE at the NHCA website:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>