



The Parishes of St. Monica & St. Peter Lithuanian

A Catholic Community of Welcome and Peace

XIX

DOMINGO ORDINARIO



“Tranquilícense y no teman.
Soy yo.”

Mateo 14, 27

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Take courage,
it is I; do not be afraid.”

Matthew 14:27

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ST. MONICA

Saturday August 8:

5:00 PM: Vung The Le

Sunday August 9:

10:30 AM: Rev John McLaughlin

12:30 PM:

Wednesday August 12:

7:00 PM: People of the parish

Friday August 14:

9:00 AM: Annina & Antonio Prezioso

Saturday August 15:

5:00 PM: Joseph Nguyen

Sunday August 16:

10:30 AM: Beverlee Vanaria

12:30 PM:

ST. PETER

Sunday August 9:

9:00 AM: Aldona Krista Poniene

10:30 AM: Silvia Azuolas

Thursday August 13:

9:00 AM: People of the parish

Sunday August 16:

9:00 AM: People of the parish

10:30 AM: Adele Povilavicius

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday: 4:00 PM St. Monica

Wednesday: 6:00 PM St. Monica

Sunday: 8:00 AM St. Peter



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reading from the first Book of Kings recounts the prophet Elijah's encounter with God. Much to Elijah's surprise, God did not come to him in the wind or the earthquake, rather God came in a tiny whispering sound.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes time apart to be quiet in God's presence, to listen to God. The storm which the disciples encounter was anything but and caused them to be frightened and uncertain about Jesus' presence. The scriptures today remind us that whether we are seeking some quiet prayer or facing a difficult or stormy situation - God is present desiring to relieve our fears and to give us hope. Be attentive then to the way God comes to you.

Online Giving

If you would like to make contributions online, please go to our webpage: [HTTPS://sbscatholic.org](https://sbscatholic.org) and click on the Give button. You will then have an opportunity to donate to St. Peter Church, St. Monica Church, St Monica Food Pantry, and St. Monica Good Samaritan Ministry.

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Si desea hacer contribuciones en línea, vaya a nuestra página web: [HTTPS://sbscatholic.org](https://sbscatholic.org) y haga clic en el botón Donar. Luego tendrá la oportunidad de donar a la Iglesia de San Pedro, la Iglesia de Santa Mónica, la Despensa de Alimentos de Santa Mónica, el Ministerio del Buen Samaritano de Santa Mónica y la Campaña Católica 2025.

Weekly Offertory July 26, 2026

St. Monica: \$ 622
Utilities: \$284

St. Peter: \$ 812
Utilities: \$ 2615

August Second Collections:

9 Aug: Maintenance

23 Aug: Utilities

Please pray for our parishioners who cannot join us at Mass.

Ann Ford, John Healy, Kathleen Kenny,
Bernadette Moss McGowan, Alice Ruseckas,
Florence Zaleskas, Helen Suprin

Sacramental Preparation Teachers Needed

Even though it is the beginning of summer, it is time for us to find teachers for our sacramental preparation programs. St. Peter parish is set. However, we need to identify teachers for our First Communion and Confirmation programs at St. Monica Church. Confirmation is a 2 year preparation program. Candidates must have been baptized and received First Communion. First Communion classes will begin in the fall with the children receiving the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in the spring. Please consider volunteering to teach our young parishioners.

Se Necesitan Maestros para la Preparación Sacramental

Aunque es el comienzo del verano, es hora de que busquemos maestros para nuestros programas de preparación sacramental. La parroquia de San Pedro ya está cubierta. Sin embargo, necesitamos identificar maestros para nuestros programas de Primera Comunión y Confirmación en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica. La Confirmación es un programa de preparación de 2 años. Los candidatos deben haber sido bautizados y haber recibido la Primera Comunión. Las clases de Primera Comunión comenzarán en otoño y los niños recibirán el sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía en la primavera. Por favor, considera ofrecerte como voluntario para enseñar a nuestros jóvenes feligreses.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

1894 - 1941
FEAST DAY: AUGUST 14

Raimund Kolbe, born in Russian Poland, was ordained a Franciscan, Maximilian Mary, in Rome. In the 1920s, he reopened a ruined Polish friary, started a Marian press, and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Despite his illness, he had successful Marian missions to Japan and India before returning to Poland in 1936. After the 1939 invasion of Poland, the Franciscans' criticism of the occupiers prompted the arrest of Maximilian and four others, who ended up in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz. Maximilian volunteered for martyrdom, taking the place of a married man who was to be executed by starvation. This man was present at the saint's 1982 canonization. Maximilian is the patron of prisoners, journalists, and others.

Father Maximilian Kolbe is pictured in an undated black-and-white file photo. The Polish priest, who gave his life in place of a young father condemned to execution, was declared a saint by then-Pope John Paul II.



“Only love creates,” [Maximilian Kolbe] repeated to all those who approached him. This is the expression which, like a lamp, illumines his whole life. It was this superior ideal, this essential duty of every true Christian, that enabled him to overcome the cruelty and violence of his tremendous ordeal by the splendid testimony of his brotherly love and his forgiveness of his persecutors.

—Saint John Paul II, February 18, 1979



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San Maximiliano Kolbe

1894 - 1941
DÍA DE FIESTA: 14 DE AGOSTO

Raimundo Kolbe, nació en la Polonia rusa, fue ordenado franciscano con el nombre de Maximiliano María, en Roma. En 1920, reabrió un monasterio polaco que estaba en ruinas, inició una imprenta mariana y fue diagnosticado con tuberculosis. A pesar de su enfermedad, realizó exitosamente unas misiones marianas en Japón y en India antes de retornar a Polonia en 1936. Después de la invasión a Polonia en 1939, la crítica que hacían los franciscanos acerca de los invasores, provocó el arresto de Maximiliano y de otros cuatro más, quienes terminaron en el campo de exterminio nazi en Auschwitz. Allí, Maximiliano se ofreció de voluntario para el martirio, tomando el lugar de un hombre casado que iba a ser ejecutado por inanición. Este hombre estuvo presente en la canonización del santo en 1982. Maximiliano es el patrón de los prisioneros, de los periodistas y de otros más.

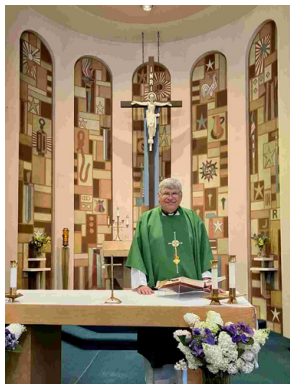
Aquí vemos al sacerdote Maximiliano Kolbe en una foto de archivo, en blanco y negro, sin fecha. Este sacerdote polaco, que ofreció su vida en vez de la de un joven padre condenado a la ejecución, fue declarado santo por el entonces Papa Juan Pablo II.

“Solo el amor crea”, repetía a cuantos se le acercaban. Y ésta es la expresión que, como lámpara, ilumina toda su vida. Fue este alto ideal, este deber primordial de todo cristiano auténtico, el que le hizo superar la crueldad y la violencia de su tremenda prueba con el espléndido testimonio de su amor fraterno y del perdón concedido a los perseguidores.

—San Juan Pablo II, 18 de febrero de 1979



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Lithuanian Community

On Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, the 10:30 Mass was celebrated by Pastor William Kennedy. In his homily Fr. Bill referred both to the first reading and the Gospel both of which seemed to be focused on food and want. By the end of the Gospel reading, Matthew shifts the focus to Jesus asking people to "hear me, listen to me, I will renew and give you eternal life."

Who wants to live forever? We do live forever.

Jesus spends the day with the people, speaking with them, saying parables. By the evening, he was tired and wanted some time alone to pray. The people continue to track him. He takes pity on them and continues to interact with them. By now, it is evening, and the apostles express their concern, and the people are hungry. Jesus takes bread, breaks it and feeds them. Like at Mass with the Holy Eucharist. The psalm focuses on the fact that God answers all of our needs. What is the difference between needs and desires? Matthew wrote his Gospels at a later time - more people were well off, not hungry. Medieval art portrays the people in heaven as fat, well-fed. In those times, many people were constantly hungry, food was not available, especially to the poor. Matthew moves us away from physical need to hunger for the Lord and righteousness. Jesus had pity for the people. Do we look at people with that same pity, willing to help if needed?

The attendance at Mass was depleted because of other events attended by our parishioners. Daiva Navickas accompanied the congregation which enthusiastically helped with singing the Liturgy and Hymns.

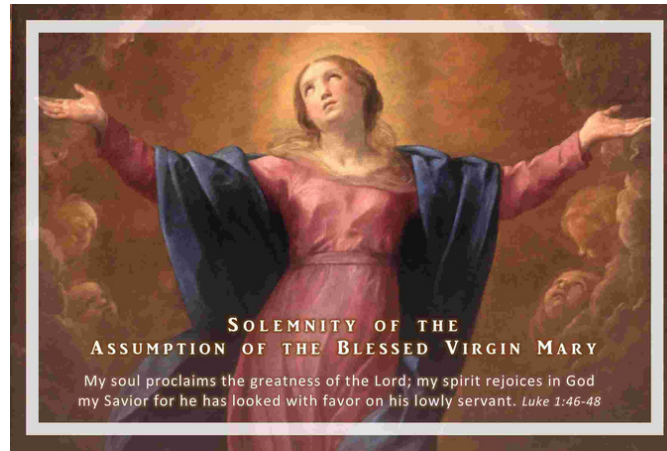
This weekend there were 3 other important events going on in the Lithuanian community:

Annual friendship picnic at the Immaculate Conception convent in Putnam, CT.

Year of St. Francis of Assisi celebration and pilgrimage at St. Anthony Priory, organized by Lithuanian Franciscans in Kennebunk, ME.

Annual Knights of Lithuanian convention in Waterbury, CT.





Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother falls on Saturday, August 15th. Because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of obligation. There will be a Mass offered at St. Monnica Church at 9:00 AM.

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

La Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María cae el sábado 15 de agosto. Como cae en sábado, no es un día de precepto. Habrá una Misa en la Iglesia de Santa Monnica a las 9:00 AM.

*"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
Matthew 14:27*

Protecting God's Children

In 2002, The bishops of the United States issued guidance on the protection of children in response to the clergy sexual abuse scandal. Their work was published as the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. One of the requirements of the charter is that all church employees and volunteers must attend the Protecting God's Children class. This spring our parishes were audited and we found to not be in compliance with this requirement. We have a number of volunteers who have not received the training. We will compile a list of all the people for whom we have no documentation and reach out to them. We also need some volunteers to take the class and then the facilitators' class so that we can teach the classes in our parishes. Please consider becoming a facilitator.

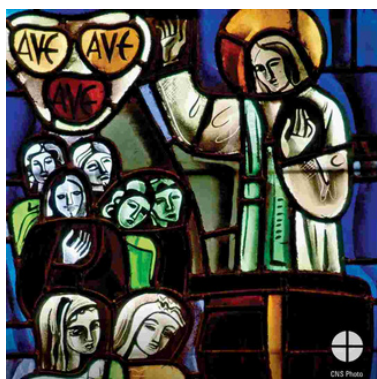
Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios

En 2002, los obispos de los Estados Unidos emitieron pautas sobre la protección de los niños en respuesta al escándalo de abuso sexual por parte del clero. Su trabajo se publicó como la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes. Uno de los requisitos de la carta es que todos los empleados y voluntarios de la iglesia deben asistir a la clase Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios. Esta primavera, se realizaron auditorías en nuestras parroquias y se encontró que no cumplimos con este requisito. Tenemos varios voluntarios que no han recibido la capacitación. Vamos a elaborar una lista de todas las personas para las que no tenemos documentación y nos pondremos en contacto con ellas. También necesitamos algunos voluntarios que tomen la clase y luego la clase de facilitadores para que podamos enseñar las clases en nuestras parroquias. Por favor, considera convertirte en un facilitador.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023	
19 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
MONDAY Aug 14	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
TUESDAY Aug 15	<i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27 /Lk 1:39-56
WEDNESDAY Aug 16	<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i> Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5+8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
THURSDAY Aug 17	<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i> Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1
FRIDAY Aug 18	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22+24/Mt 19:3-12
SATURDAY Aug 19	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
20 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 20	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

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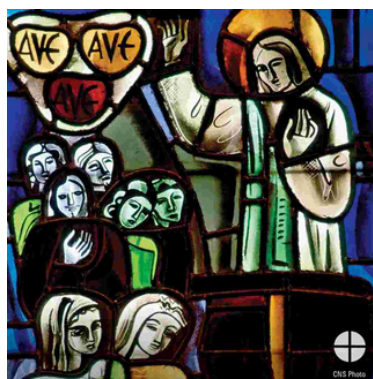
...surely the
Lord
will proclaim
peace
to his **people**,
to the
faithful,
to those
who **trust** him.
psalm 85:9



SAINT JOHN EUDES
AUGUST 19

For 20 years, this Oratorian priest preached the basics of the faith to unschooled Catholics across northern France, distinguishing himself especially by serving the sick during epidemics of the plague. John, devout from childhood, helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and was the first to call for an official feast day.

Saint John Eudes, Pray for Us!



SAN JUAN EUDES
19 DE AGOSTO

A lo largo de 20 años, este sacerdote oratoriano predicó los fundamentos de la fe a católicos sin instrucción por todo el norte de Francia, distinguiéndose especialmente por servir a los enfermos durante la epidemia de la peste. Juan, quien desde niño fue muy devoto, ayudó a propagar la devoción al Sagrado Corazón y fue el primero en alzar su voz para solicitar un día de fiesta oficial.

¡San Juan Eudes, ora por nosotros!

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After teaching for many years, a well-known professor could not go anywhere without bumping into someone who recognized him. His sizable frame, his booming laugh and his deep voice could not be mistaken, even after many years had passed. Former colleagues, students and friends of the university would stop and chat. Even if he could not recall a name, he would remember the person's face and perhaps a detail or two from long ago.

Jesus comes to the Apostles at a time and place they are not expecting. In such unusual circumstances, they are caught off guard and think they are seeing a ghost. Peter recognizes the Lord, but still asks for proof. His faith and courage fail him, however, and he needs the Lord to rescue him. He calls for help as quickly as he called for proof.

We can be surprised by the Lord's Presence, too. In odd moments, places and situations, we can come face to face with Him and fail to recognize Him. In the weak and helpless, in the annoying and unloving, in the old and the young, the Lord is present. We are invited to walk with him; will your faith and courage hold out?