



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 2014

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 7:30 AM Rosemarie Melchiorre
- 9:30 AM George & Eleanor Dudasko
62nd Wedding Anniversary
- 12:30 PM Rev. Joseph C Hilbert (Hispanic Mass)

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- 9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:00 AM Mary Sheppard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 9:00 AM Virginia Riofski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

- 9:00 AM Angelo Tuzzi
- 7:00 PM M/M Earl Blake (Special Intention)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- 9:00 AM Katie Kerbacher
- 5:00 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 4:30 PM George Gabsewics

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:30 AM Yvonne Seesholtz
- 9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Richard Criqui requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Richard Criqui requested by Rose Chiki.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Joseph O'Brien requested by Rose Chiki.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of David Vencloski and Anthony & Betty Ciampi requested by Debbie Vencloski.

THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Richard "Dick" Criqui given by Marylou Daddio.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Richard Criqui and to the family of Joseph O'Brien. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of George & Elizabeth Pirnick given by their family.

PARISH SUPPORT

August 3 Offering

Adult	\$4938.25
Youth	12.75
Loose	<u>454.00</u>
Total	\$5405.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, August 17

Saturday, 4:30 PM

- Eucharistic Ministers: Czajkowski, Troiani, Panzak
- Lector: Ferentz
- Altar Servers: 3
- Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

- Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Pierce, Wolfe
- Lector: Kalie
- Altar Servers: 1
- Greeters: M & B Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

- Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Wharton, Eroh
- Lector: Stephens
- Altar Servers: 2
- Greeters: P & J Kachurka

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY AND THE
CHURCH FRONT LOBBY**

CCD NEWS

The CCD program is in need of Monitors, Aides and Catechists for the forthcoming year. Please call the religious education office @ 570-759-9225 for more information or check our bulletin board.



THE ASSUMPTION celebrates Mary's redemption in Christ. As He rose, so He raised her up before the rest of us. Our redemption, though started, has to go on from day to day. Filled with Christ's grace we are called to the same total redemption.

In Christ we are to rise again. His goodness to us is only limited by our willingness to respond. In the Eucharist we show thanksgiving, humbly like Mary, proclaiming the greatness of the Lord. If we are hungry for Him, He will give us every good thing.

We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Friday, August 15 with Masses scheduled on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 PM, Friday, August 15 at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

The Maria Assunta will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a procession to begin approximately at 6:30 PM after the 5:30PM Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Monroe Street. Refreshments will be served at the Maria Assunta after the procession and crowning. All our parishioners are welcome.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. John Vianney
- Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day
- Thursday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
- Friday: St. Dominic
- Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary;

PRESENCE

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that "children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion." This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

The Eucharistic is the center of our religious observance. It is a special celebration, which has a quality of its own and affects the rest of our lives. To take part in the Solemn Eucharistic Devotions is an act of allegiance, of self-identification and commitment to our Lord. Our participation can help us grow into the realization that the Eucharist should be the summit of our lives to which everything is directed and from which everything flows. Come and celebrate among us.

SOLEMN OPENING

Sunday, August 24, 9:30 AM Mass

PRAYER SERVICE – BENEDICTION

Sunday, August 24, 7:00 PM

MASS FOR THE FAMILY

Monday, August 25, 7:00 PM

SOLEMN CLOSING

Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 PM

GUEST HOMILIST

Rev. Michael P. Reid

Pastor Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

Mechanicsburg, PA