

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 26, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus, you came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father's heart. You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the Word of the Father's commitment to us; draw us into being "Amen" as you were also "Amen" to the Father's will. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 27, 2018

Monday, August 27, St. Monica  
12:10PM George Jany by Friends  
Tuesday, August 28, St. Augustine  
8:15AM Roger Welge by Friends  
Wednesday, August 29, Passion of St. John the Baptist  
10:30AM Residents & Staff of Three Springs  
Thursday, August 30  
NO MASS  
Friday, August 31  
8:15AM Charles & Margaret Fadler by Mike & Anita  
Saturday, September 1  
5PM Roberta Jany by Her Children  
Sunday, September 2  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUG. 26 THRU SEPT. 2

Sunday	9AM Mass 7 & 8 Grade Liturgy
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Pork Steaks/Fried Chicken 6PM School Board Meeting
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** When the consecrated host is held up, accompanied by "The Body of Christ," and the cup offered with "The Blood of Christ," we are asked to put our faith on the line and say, "Amen" (meaning "So be it"). Has familiarity bred contentment? Are we so used to this mystery that we rarely have a sense of awe or wonder? The first act of faith is believing that God is present in things as ordinary as this bread and wine. We believe that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. What is the change in us that should accompany receiving them? But of such stuff dreams are made-God's dream of a family, loving daughters and sons, gathered around a table to say "Amen," then to live Communion in a world of broken bodies, shed blood, wounded hearts, and crushed spirits. When we say "Amen" to this mystery, who knows what might happen?

### TITHE WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,723.00  
\$604.00 Cemetery; \$391.00 Assumption; \$145.00  
Improvement Fund; \$37.52 Child Env.; \$6.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,139.38  
Fiscal Year Week: 8  
YTD Actual Giving: \$49,115.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$56,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$6,885.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$860.63)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Sept. 1 & 2: 5PM, Grace Welborn, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, David Grau, Luke Miller, Paige Vasquez

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** In the days to come, keep your eyes open for signs of God's presence. Look up. Look around. See God at work in your everyday life.

**DEAR FR. GENE & FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S,** Thank you for your most recent check of \$423.00 which reached me yesterday. I am very grateful for your concern and generosity for those poorer in material goods than we are. The Mission in Camata and communities will continue with monthly visits of catechists, a priest and the continuation of deepening our faith. Our ministries reach out to so many who have need of the very basics in life. We Adorers of the Blood of Christ have personal access to so many families who are crying out for the basic necessities of life. Thank you for helping us help them. As this new school year begins, our prayers are for the children, parents and school personnel. May wisdom and truth be accompanied with joy and happiness for all. With gratitude and blessings of peace, Sr. Anne Irose, ASC

**CHESTER SENIOR CENTER** will host the Secretary of State's Office for a Rules of the Road Drivers Review course on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 1PM. This course is FREE. It will go over the Rules of the Road which will help you when you need to renew your driver's license. Please call the Senior Center (826-5108) to register.

**ST. MARY'S PSR PROGRAM** will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16. Classes are held in the Parish House after the 9AM Mass until 11:15AM. Parents of children entering Kindergarten or who are new to the program must contact Cheryl Gross, PSR Coordinator, at her home (853-2678) or the Parish House (826-2526).

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of canned fruit, tuna, and peanut butter. Extra produce from your garden would be appreciated. Thank you for your support of the children's summer food program.

**CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) offers many educational resources that address creating safe environments for children, as well as tips for identifying cases of potential child abuse. With children returning to school, they will be introduced to new relationships with adults and caregivers. Educate your children on what an appropriate relationship looks like, encourage them to trust their gut, and as parents, be accepting and open to hearing and believing them if they ever tell you of a situation that made them feel uncomfortable. Together, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Protector of Children, our prayers can help to create awareness and opportunities for healing for those who have been abused. On Monday, August 27, at 2PM the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection will offer a rosary for the healing of those who have been sexually abused and for the protection of minors. At that time, please join with our brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer and in spirit.

**TELLING THE TRUTH.** Hearing the truth. Responding to truth. Jesus tells the truth about himself. Hard to hear. Hard to accept. After muttering among themselves, many leave-they follow no longer. Peter responds for the Twelve who remain: Because we believe, we shall not go! What about us? In the middle of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." What words of Jesus seem hard to accept? If asked, "Why do you receive Communion?", what would I say? Why would I never want to stay away from both eating and drinking Communion each Sunday?