

**+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+**

**MONDAY - August 19**

8:00 A.M. - Rita Bianco - The Martin Family

**TUESDAY - August 20**

8:00 A.M. - Jennifer Miller - Joe Sukenick

**WEDNESDAY - August 21**

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

**THURSDAY - August 22**

8:00 A.M. - Edward Kuhn - Joanne & Frank McPhillips

**FRIDAY - August 23**

8:00 A.M. - Veronica Shin - Insook Kim

**SATURDAY - August 24**

8:00 A.M. - John H. Wubbel - The Family

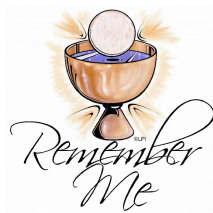
5:00 P.M. - MJ Sawicki - Vicky Schuch & Marisol Mantilla

**SUNDAY - August 25**

8:30 A.M. - Gus Ebeling - Donna & Fred Talcove

10:30 A.M. - Russell Sciandra - CCD Program

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH:** Some great men and women leave their memoirs to posterity. Others leave libraries and still others leave monuments to their achievements or teachings. Jesus was the only great spiritual figure to leave His “flesh to eat” and “His blood to drink.” These words in today’s Gospel may astonish us as it did his first disciples. But let us understand Jesus’ motivation. He didn’t want to just leave a message but to leave something to concretely demonstrate His love for us. He wanted to leave us Himself.



He was very clear about this as He said: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life within you ... For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” A remarkable concept that even the disciples took some time to understand the greatness of what Jesus said and did. When we go up to the altar to receive Holy Communion, the Body of Christ, don’t come with questions of how this can be. But approach with wonder and gratitude for God’s love in this sacrificial meal. Appreciate the depth of His love and much of the mystery will be clear. That Jesus gave us His body and blood is not cause for doubt and questioning as it is a call to return His love through the lives we live. If we understand the true nature of love, we will understand.

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

TODAY ..... Parish Family Picnic, 1:00- 5:00 P.M.  
 Monday ..... Liturgy Committee, 7:00 P.M.  
                     Quilters Club, 7:00 P.M.  
                     Compassionate Friends, 7:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday... Youth Gathering, 6:30 P.M.  
 Tuesday ..... Social Concerns Comm., 7:00 P.M.  
 Thursday ..... Golf Committee, 6:00 P.M.

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH**

August 24/25. Missionary Speaker  
 August 28 .... Bazaar Appreciation Gathering  
 Sept. 8 ..... Book Bag Mass & Kids’ Carnival  
 Sept. 22 ..... Parish Dinner: “Taste of Poland”

**CHURCH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection - \$ 5,116.00  
 Second Collection - \$ 1,128.00  
 Special Envelopes - \$ 107.00  
 Online Giving - \$ 1,785.00  
 Total Collection (8-11-2024) - \$ 8,136.00  
 Envelopes used - 172

**Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!**



**THE DECEASED: CHRISTINE JENNER, CLAIR BROWN & JOSEPH DICTON** and all the Faithful Departed. Lord, grant them eternal rest.

**THE SICK:** Charlie Martinelli, Peter Milo, Clara Kittle, Michael Franks, Melanie Reynoso, Evelyn Sheehay, Brian Daun, Giavanna Sciabicca, Tracy Pelonero, Janusz Kasperek, Bob Young, Nora Musto, Robert Geffers, Paul Luyet, Larry and Gae Oliveri, Frank Cabrera, Mike Merola, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Anthony Andriola, Hayley Rogers, John Guckenberger, Carmella Calderone, and Lorna Anderson. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

**MISSIONARY SPEAKER,** Father Sabas Banshirahe, a priest from the Diocese of Kigoma in Tanzania, will be with us the weekend of August 24/25<sup>th</sup>. He will share with us the situation in his diocese and will be asking for our financial support in helping out the people there. Please be supportive and generous as we try to take care of the needs of the poor.

**ELIJAH CUP FOR VOCATIONS:** The purpose of the ELIJAH CUP, a consecrated chalice, is to provide a focus point for our prayer. When your family prays around the Elijah Cup, we remember the Eucharist that sustains us, and that God's providence is great, and that He has not forgotten us or left us without priests.



A Sign-Up Book is at the Information Booth where you can register for a particular weekend Mass. The Chalice will be presented to you at the end of Mass along with a book of prayers and meditations. Let us pray that those out there being called by the spirit to a religious vocation will answer that calling.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** We are looking for some dedicated youngster, from grades three through twelve, who are interested in serving as altar servers to assist the priest at Mass. It would be great to see more of our children involved with Mass and the Church. Sign up today at the Information Booth. Practice sessions will be held in September.



**GOLF TOURNAMENT** is set to run on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful and challenging Hideaway Golf Course in Kresgeville. I hope you're able to join our 24<sup>th</sup> annual tournament. Tee Off is at Noon. Putting contest is held just prior to tee off. Boxed lunch and Buffet dinner are all part of the package. It's \$95 per golfer. Come as a single or bring a team. We guarantee a good time on the links. Applications are on table in Narthex or call the church for one to be sent.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES & CCD:** Our Annual Book Bag Mass is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. followed by the kids' carnival or games and refreshments. This is the official kick off of our CCD Program. I hope your child is registered for CCD Classes and especially First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes. Let's make sure our children are getting their proper religious education.

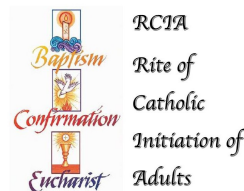
**NEED-A-HAND / LEND-A-HAND PROGRAM:** Deacon Steve Miller and Laura Durst are coordinating the program and taking calls from people in need of some general services around the house. It includes anything from light maintenance work, gardening, fixing some leaks or paying a social visit to the homebound. If you need some help, please call 570-623-1221.



**ADORATION & CONFESSION:** The Eucharist is the central mystery of our faith. Adoration gives us the opportunity to pray in the presence of the Eucharist called the Blessed Sacrament. Starting in September, every Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., we will have Adoration in the Chapel for your personal time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At the same time, confessions will be heard for those who wish to go. This is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer as well as an opportunity to experience Christ's peace through reconciliation and forgiveness.



**R.C.I.A.:** This is a process for those who seek full participation in the Catholic Church: those who were never baptized; and those baptized Catholic, or in another Christian faith, who wish to receive Communion and Confirmation as Catholics. If you are, or know of someone who would like more information, please call the Church.



**GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:** *Congratulations to our Grand Prize winners at this year's Homecoming Bazaar.*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (\$2,000): John Protheroe  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (\$500): Joe Talocka  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (\$200): Bridget Coates

**BAZAAR APPRECIATION NIGHT** is Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Church Hall. We will announce the results of the Bazaar that night and enjoy some refreshments. We'll tell some stories, share some experiences, and just have a fun and relaxing time. If you worked the Bazaar, hope to see you here.

*How do we show people we love them? Whether it is our spouse, our children, or family members and friends? We likely make an effort to spend time with them, to listen to them, and care for them. Our homes are likely filled with pictures and memorabilia of events we shared together. How do we show Jesus we love Him? See you in Church!*

**PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**  
**TODAY - - SUNDAY**  
**1:00 - - 5:00 PM**  
 If rain, we will be in the Hall