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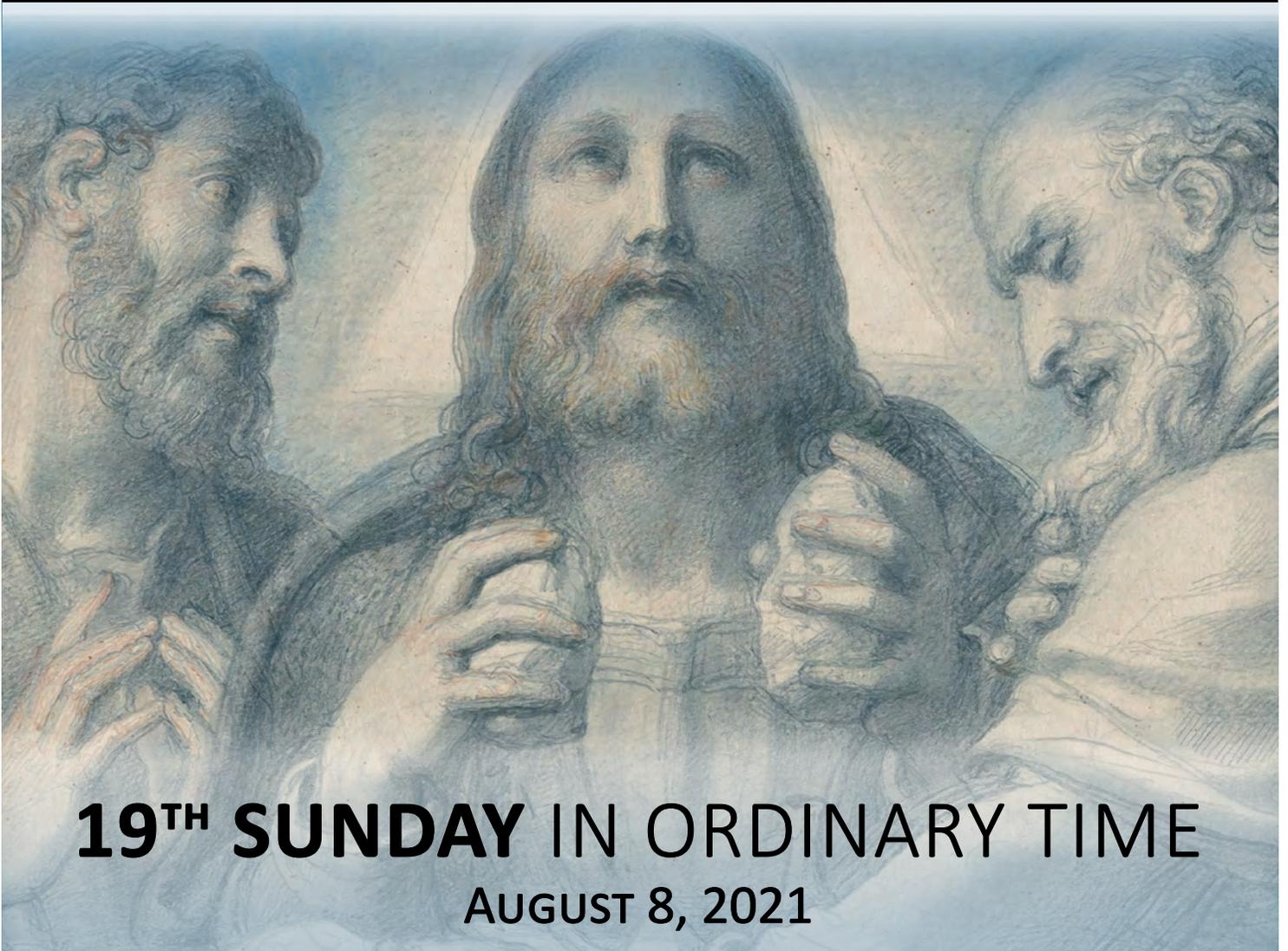
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2021

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever*

John 6:51

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m.*

Saturday: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.* (Spanish), 10:30 a.m.*, and Noon.

(Masses noted with * are also live streamed on our Facebook page.)

Confessions:

Saturdays, 5 - 5:20 p.m. or by appointment.

Weddings and Baptisms:

Please call the Rectory to speak with a priest.

Funerals:

Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

The Church is also open for Private Prayer: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

COLLECTION RESULTS - AUGUST 1, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH.....\$5,042

(This includes: \$2,544 in church envelopes and \$2,498 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE COLLECTION

TOTAL TO DIOCESE.....\$3,056

(This includes: \$2,889 in Missionary Co-operative envelopes and cash in the basket and \$167 from Faith Direct.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION\$450

(This includes \$300 in previous first collection envelopes and \$150 in previous Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

Thank you for your generosity!

ATTENTION: MEETING ROOM USERS!

After nearly eighteen months on hiatus due to Covid related precautions, HNJ's Meeting Room Calendar will soon reopen (assuming current NYC and Diocesan guidelines do not change.)

If you wish to secure space on the 2021-2022 Calendar for your group meetings, you must submit your schedule(s) to Louise Oconnor in the Rectory Office no later than Monday, August 16, 2021. Please list all dates individually on paper and include the name of the group, the name of the contact, and the contact's cell and home telephone numbers.

All requests must be made in writing and will be handled on a "First Come, First Served" basis. No requests will be taken over the phone. Thank you.

We Are Back!

Holy Name Fundraising Committee's 2021 Fall Calendar of Events

Save these dates!

september

**Patrick Heaney
Memorial Dance**
Saturday, September 18th
Shepherd's Hall
7:00 - 11:00 PM

Music by the Canny Brothers
Band and Sean Ruane.

Proceeds to benefit the
Brooklyn Irish American Parade
and the Heaney Children
Education Fund.

october

**The Rockingham's
60's Super Concert**
Saturday, October 23rd
Shepherd's Hall
8:00 - 11:00 PM

november

Radio Bingo 1
Saturday, November 6th
Shepherd's Hall
7:00 - 11:00 PM

december

**The Decades: Music
of the 50's through
the Millennium!**
Saturday, December 11th
Shepherd's Hall
8:00 - 11:00 PM

Holy Name of Jesus Church

Readings for Sunday, August 8, 2021

FIRST: 1 Kings 19:4-8

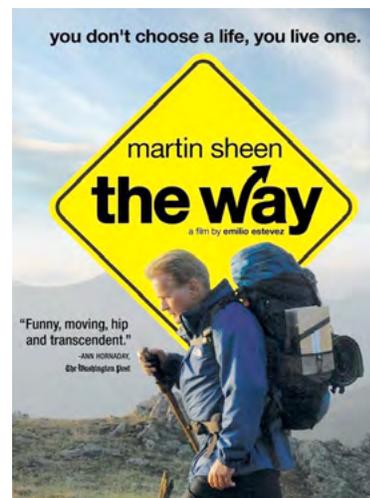
SECOND: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

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MOVIE NIGHT AT HNJ

Join us for



6 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2021

Fr. Larry Ryan will lead a brief discussion
after the movie, at approximately 8 p.m.

VIEWING OPTIONS:

- ◇ Attend in person at Holy Name – **FREE!**
 - ◇ Join us via Zoom – **FREE!**
- or*
- ◇ Rent or purchase the film and watch it at your convenience. "The Way" is available through streaming services (including Amazon Prime Video and Google Play) and for purchase.

Please call the Rectory Office by
Thursday, August 12
if you would like to participate:
(718) 768-3071

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

Food will be distributed from the Rectory basement:

**2-3 p.m. on Saturdays,
August 14 & 28, and September 11 & 25.**

We continue to need one-pound bags and boxes of rice.
Thank you for your continued support.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

On August 1, I had the privilege of baptizing Sophie Maria Quintero. We congratulate and ask for all of God's blessings on Sophie, her parents, grandparents and loved ones.

The Church offers us an impressive array of Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials from the end of this week through the next:

Friday, August 6 was the Feast of the Transfiguration, when we celebrated how the Apostles Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of the glory of Jesus in heaven in which we all hope to share. Tuesday, August 10 is the Feast of St. Lawrence, a third Century Deacon and Martyr. Wednesday, August 11 is the memorial of St. Clare who was greatly influenced by St. Francis of Assisi. Clare left a life of affluence to found the Poor Clares, an order of cloistered Franciscan Sisters who continue to live a life of radical poverty and prayer. Saturday, August 14, is the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose statue is in our Church. Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest imprisoned in Auschwitz during the Second World War. He volunteered to be killed in the place of another prisoner who was the father of a family.

And next Sunday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the Solemnity that affirms the dogma that, when her time on earth came to an end, Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, where she remains for all time to intercede for us with her Son.

This Sunday, the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, will be the third one in a row in which we hear from the 6th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. This chapter, often referred to as "The Bread of Life Discourse", provides an account of Jesus' teachings at Capernaum. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that He "is the Bread of Life", and that, "whoever eats this bread will live forever". Many in the crowd that day could not accept that truth. Sadly, an increasing number of Catholics again seem to have difficulty accepting that Truth today. As we continue to hear Gospels drawn from John 6, we pray that our belief in—and reverence for—the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will remain strong.

On a lighter note, please see the item on the previous page in this bulletin about our "Movie Night" on Monday, August 16. We will view "The Way", starring Martin Sheen, and follow with a brief discussion. Many of you are familiar with Martin Sheen from *The West Wing* as well as many TV series and movies. Viewing options will be available through ZOOM and also in person in the Rectory Basement (with COVID protocols in place.) We hope as many of you as possible can join us.

Please stay healthy and safe, especially if you will be traveling during this vacation season.

Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Chapter 6 in John's Gospel is often referred to as the Bread of Life discourse, perhaps because this is where Jesus makes his strongest claims for being the bread that has come down from heaven, bringing eternal life for those who believe in him. This is one source of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah has come to the brink of despair, but an angel comes with food and tells him to eat, "else the journey will be too long for you." The Responsorial Psalm is from Psalm 34; from very early on, the Church has applied the line, "Taste and see how good the Lord is" to the Eucharist. The second reading describes an ideal Christian community characterized by mutual love and service, which is the greatest fruit of its Eucharistic celebrations.

The Readings at Mass Don't Always Seem to Fit Together

On the greatest feasts and solemnities of the Church's liturgical year, the three readings are chosen to all apply to the theme or the event being celebrated. During Ordinary Time, however, only the Jewish scriptures/Old Testament selections are chosen to go with the Gospel. The second reading makes its way independently through the New Testament letters and often appears to have a very different message.

Today's readings, however, present us with that happy coincidence of a Sunday in Ordinary Time in which all three readings are very much closely connected—a connection that we might describe as God's generosity in nurturing the people so that they can in turn "nourish" each other by their acts of service and charity.

But Today They Do

In John's Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, "Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

John's Gospel contains no blessing of the Bread and Cup that the Church uses to consecrate the bread and wine. What John does have is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to wash each other's feet, which is to say, to serve each other without regard to station or rank. He also gives a long, prayerful discourse in which he gives the "new commandment" to love one another. Receiving Holy Communion is much more than a "me and Jesus" moment, although that is undoubtedly a precious encounter. Ultimately, our reception of the Bread of Life attains its fullness only in our mutual love and service in our communities and beyond.

God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on.

Mass Intentions

Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in loving memory of **Joseph Palasciano** by Sally and Joey.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. Por la misericordia del Divino Niño
The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Irene M. Reselosa
- 12 p.m. Francesco Pira

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- 9 a.m. Geraldine McKenna

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

- St. Lawrence
- 9 a.m. Deceased Members of the Fania Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

- St. Clare
- 9 a.m. Nicola A. Sisto, Sr.
6th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

- St. Jane Frances de Chantel
- 9 a.m. John Duffy, Jr.
Birthday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- Pope St. Pontian, St. Hippolytus
- 9 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima
4th Apparition

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 9 a.m. Eleanor Nemeth
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
- 5:30 p.m. Catherine Brown
Margaret & Anthony Martello
Ann & Joseph Burke
Victoria & Joseph Pasko

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. James P. & Libera Farran
- 12 p.m. Deceased Members of the Buckley Family

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Adriana Laccona; Andrew Mazzella; Josephine Barrucco; Catherine Donovan; Adana; Judy Heegan; Mary Brunton; Helen Rafferty; Allison Mary Heart; Liam Budgell; Miriam Rodriguez; Ita M^cGough Santomauro; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; John Passaro; Marie Racioppo; Joseph Cox; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow; Jean Thomas; and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

... and For Our Departed Loved Ones:

We ask for your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

WHAT'S YOUR HEARTH CAKE?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



AUGUST 13 - MEMORIAL OF POPE ST. PONTIAN AND ST. HIPPOLYTUS, MARTYRS

What unites is greater than what divides: Pope Pontian and Hippolytus were both imprisoned in Sardinia during Roman persecutions. Before their deaths in 235, Pontian and Hippolytus reconciled, because for a time the two were archenemies. Indeed, Hippolytus had been elected antipope by his followers who were in stark opposition to Pontian's tolerant stance on reconciling returning Christians to the church. In the end, Pontian and Hippolytus realized that their shared love of Christ far surpassed any differences. Finding one common element with an enemy is the first step toward reconciliation. Perhaps we can start with our shared humanity and work our way from there.