

August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are invited!

We celebrate our annual Parish Festival today. I hope that you will all be able to stop down and share one another's company for a while.

We have plenty of food and lots of entertainment.

Simply come and just relax!

Fr. Mike



Festival



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 4—Vigil

4:00 PM † Edward Kovach by Wife, Pat

10:00 PM Parish Family

Sunday, August 5 — Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lena & Pete Salotti by Michalel & Donna Apostolakis

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda Russell & Adeline Sherred by Family

Monday, August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM † Tom Maisano by Ann Maisano

Tuesday, August 7

8:00 AM God, Our Father by Marie Altomairi

Wednesday, August 8

No Mass

Thursday, August 9

8:00 AM † Tom Rauscher by Janet Salay

Friday, August 10

8:00 AM † Nicholas Vacarro by Loving Family

Saturday, August 11

4:00 PM † Samuel F. Dalfonso by Ida Dalfonso

Sunday, August 12

8:30 AM † Frank Biseda by Lucille Biseda

10:30 AM † Bill Hopkins by Wife

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Sat. Aug. 11 & Aug. 12

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	F. Lopresti P. Fantauzzi Volunteer	B. Rizzuto M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	N. Campus S. Campus S. Stein	Q. Zboyovsky Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	T. Mazzei A. Puntueriero W. White	M. Sacco J. Sacco

Money Counters - Monday, August 6, 2018

Team #1 P. Pettko

We Become the Bread of Life for Others

After being fed the bread and fish abundantly provided by Jesus in our gospel from last week, it is natural that the crowd would look for Jesus. What they were not prepared for was that the bread Jesus offers is so much more than food that



satisfies their immediate hunger; the food that Jesus offers satisfies the hunger for eternal life. Jesus is trying to help the crowd who has followed him to Capernaum make a shift in their understanding of him. He is trying to help them move from human expectations and satisfaction to believing in and embracing what “endures for eternal life.” This was no easy shift for the crowd to make, nor is it an easy shift for us.

Seeing the manna on the ground, the Israelite community asks, “What is this?” Moses answers that this is the bread God has given them to eat. At the heart of their questioning of Jesus in the gospel, the crowd is really asking, “Who is this?” Jesus answers, “I am the bread of life” sent by God. The nourishment God sends us now is not a perishable substance but the very person of Jesus. Moreover, this Bread “endures for eternal life,” and so long as we encounter Jesus among us, we will “never hunger”; “never thirst.” This bread promises more than all the perishable bread in the world. The bread Jesus offers is “bread from heaven,” a share in the fullness of life that only our encounters with Jesus can bring.

What it means to receive the Eucharist fruitfully, is to have a personal relationship with Jesus. This “bread from heaven” is ultimately a person, Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the Body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. As God has “set his seal” on Jesus, so through baptism and confirmation has God “set his seal” on us. Jesus gives himself as bread from heaven; we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven when we live our baptismal commitment by doing the ordinary things of every day as Jesus would – with care, compassion, love, generosity, patience.

The very person of Jesus is everything for which we long. Jesus is the deep well of what’s beyond our immediate satisfaction, the deep well that brings us face to face with our longing and dissatisfaction. Just as the crowd followed Jesus across the lake, looking for him to satisfy them, so must we follow Jesus as faithful disciples. We look for him in our everyday lives – both in the people and circumstances around us – as well as faithfully bringing that divine presence to others. The bread God offers us is the abiding presence of Jesus among us; always reaching out to satisfy us with what is imperishable, what endures forever: eternal life!

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday: NO MASS

**A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
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With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of RICHARD R. (DICK) EGIDI AND MILDRED TRETTER. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Pastoral Council / Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the pastoral and finance councils on Monday, **August 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church hall. If anyone thinks that they might want to serve on either of these councils, please give me a call at the church office.

Thank You!

We received a letter from Heifer International:

Dear Friends:

A small farmer has just received the best gift from you—hope.

You see, when you gave to Heifer International, you invested in a hard-working person who wants a better future for their family. Your generosity lets us give a family the livestock and training they need to not just put food on the table, but to improve their quality of life. Because of you, they can get medical care, send their children to school, improve their farms, even start small businesses.

So, thank you. I am so grateful you chose to invest in the families we support. Your generosity reveals your deep compassion, and your commitment to a better world.

Sincerely,
Pierre U. Ferrari
President and CEO



School News



It's not too late to sign your child or grandchild up for St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School STREAM Academy for 2018-19. Aid is available! Application is on the website: www.sssbv.org under Admissions.

Stop in and buy a ticket to win Season Steeler Tickets for 2018 or sign-up for the **September 1, 2018** Golf Outing at Cedarbrook, 724.929.5143.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday will meet for Cooperate Communion on **Sunday, August 12 at 8:30 a.m.** There will be no meeting in August.

Garage Sale

We will be holding a garage sale next weekend at 618 Knox Ave. in the former church hall! We will be selling miscellaneous items from the old rectory beginning on Friday afternoon, **August 10** from 11 a.m.—6 p.m.; Saturday, **August 11**, from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. and Sunday, **August 12** from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. If anyone would like to help with the sale, call Betty at 724-684-5037.



Faith

Golden wedding anniversary Mass at Cathedral Sept. 23

Bishop Malesic invites **all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary** during 2018 to participate in a Golden Jubilee Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for the celebration. Even if they cannot attend the Mass, jubilarians will receive a scroll signed by Bishop Malesic commemorating their anniversary.



Feast of the Assumption Mass, candlelight procession and rosary at Bishop Connare Center Aug. 15

Bishop Malesic will lead a celebration of the feast of the Assumption Aug. 15 at the Bishop Connare Center. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Chapel then lead a candlelight procession. That will be followed by recitation of the rosary led by different groups from the diocese.

Communion Call List

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact us at the office so that we may put them on the list. Communion to those who are suffering the effects of age, illness or infirmity, or those who are dying, is one of the most precious gifts we can give.

Position Openings

St. Sebastian School

Apply for the 2-day/week **Spanish teaching position** or the 5-day/week (4 hr/day) **Cafeteria Manager position** (email Ms. Miller at tnmiller@sssbv.org).

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School

Connellsville, is seeking a **full-time assistant principal**. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and current resume to Patricia Nickler, principal, at pnickler@geibelcatholic.org. Phone 724-628-5600. Applications will be reviewed as received.

Greensburg Central Catholic is also seeking a **full-time assistant principal**. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and current resume to: Benjamin Althof, principal, at balthof@gcchs.org or phone 724-834-0310. Applications will be reviewed as received.

Assistant Principal job descriptions are at Employment Opportunities on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Transition Team

Landscaping in front of Church...

I want to thank the Landscaping Committee who worked on putting the landscaping together that is in the front of the Church. I think that it looks beautiful; you did a wonderful job!