

August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua, the successor of Moses bluntly called the Hebrew people to make up their minds: Would they serve the Lord God or some other god? They clearly made their act of faith in the God who delivered them from slavery in Egypt and made them His chosen people.

Jesus too made people make a clear choice. Jesus had said He is the Bread of Life and said they must eat His Body and drink His Blood. Many of those who heard Him could not accept Him and walked away. Jesus did not call them back and claim He was just using a figure of speech. He meant what He said! He even turned to the apostles and asked if they too wanted to walk away. Peter spoke for the Twelve: "Master... You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe..."

Each time you come to Holy Communion, the Minister of Communion says to you: "The Body of Christ" and waits for your act of faith: "Amen" which means 'I believe this is the Body of Christ!'

CARNIVAL NEWS



For 2 years we have been unable to have our Spring Carnival. (In recent years, we have been able to realize a profit for the parish of \$100,000!) We have accepted the offer of Skelly's Amusement Rides to come Tuesday, Sept 21st thru Saturday, Sept 25th for a Mini Carnival. God willing, we will have the outdoor activities, but not the activities usually held in Masci Hall. We believe many of our young people will want to celebrate and many adults will welcome the opportunity to see friends and fellow parishioners. Mark your calendar!

Obviously we can only do this if we have the help of many parishioners as volunteers. If you can help, then please call Sue or Doug Garrett (302-762-6568) or the Rectory (302-764-0325).

CLEANING HOUSE?

Your 2021 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 6th Christmas Bazaar. Many thanks to those who have dropped off donations. However, we have lots of space to fill for our Attic Treasures Market and need items to fill our tables and shelves. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Household Goods, Kitchen and Garden items, Holiday Ornaments and Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Appliances/Electronics*, Accessories, Jewelry and Accent Pieces**

Please leave your donations in the closet next to the porch door of the convent. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 17th, but it really helps if you drop them off early. If you have large items or questions, then please contact Nancy Cobb (598-8685) or e-mail us at NatiesMom@me.com.

***Unfortunately**, we cannot accept televisions unless they are flat screens.

**Please no clothing or exercise equipment. Leather goods, handbags, accessories and jewelry are welcome.

**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL -
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF
HOPE**

\$59,336.21 has been received representing 94.18% of our parish's goal of our goal of \$63,000.00. To those who have already contributed to this year's campaign, please accept our sincere appreciation. If you have not yet offered your support, then we ask that you consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution today. For your convenience, Appeal envelopes are available at all the exits of church. If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, then go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

WARNING!

At times people have received an "E-mail" allegedly from Msgr. Russell asking for money. This is a scam! Pay no attention to it. Many priests and parishes are reporting similar incidents.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/>
ALSO Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our YouTube Channel to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. The next Friday Reflections will be August 27th.

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sr. Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Marie Luzzo, Charlie Lafferty, Melanie Fischer, Stephanie Bidwell, Dawn Williams, Janice Tigani, Helen Rupnicki



BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall
Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 7:00pm



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 21

5:00pm (EF) Barbara Allen

Sunday, Aug 22

7:00am (SR) William Spillan, Sr.

9:00am (EF) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Scott Matthews

Monday, Aug 23

9:00am (SR) John Feden (Anniversary)

Tuesday, Aug 24

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Wednesday, Aug 25

9:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

Thursday, Aug 26

7:00am (EF) Joaquim Gracias

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, Aug 27

7:00am (EF) Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:00am (SR) William Schmidt

& Peggy Schmidt

Saturday, Aug 28

9:00 am (SR) John Coen

5:00pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, Aug 29

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Cathy Northey

11:00am (SR) Terry Betts

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 8/1 was \$4818.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,837.00 for a total of \$6,655.00.

For the weekend of 8/8 was \$4,533.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,687.00 for a total of \$7,220.00. Thank You

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms have been sent out for the coming school year. If you have not received yours, then please email Ms Hummy.

Opening Night of Religious Education is Monday, September 13th, at 6:30pm. This meeting is for a parent and student. Masks are required.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888 SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO") Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages Website: humantrafficking.org can assist in determining if a person is a victim of human trafficking and can help you determine the next steps in providing support to for potential victims. Victims of trafficking are numerous but often inconspicuous.

If you are homebound and know of a friend or relative who is homebound, then vaccines (COVID) are available by calling: Delaware State Health at-833-643-1715. Arrangements can be made to have someone come to your home and administer the vaccine.

FOOD CLOSET is open Monday-Friday 9AM-Noon. If you or someone you know need food, then call 302-764-7545.

An opportunity to reach out with care and compassion to individuals and families who have many needs. Please consider volunteering to the Parish Outreach office with flexible schedule. Interviews are being conducted by phone only.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration At Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church



All are welcome to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Hours are daily Sunday through Saturday. For more information contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 and kdunworth@verizon.net

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE



With Bishop William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. **September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM**

We Walk By Faith with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Blessed Virgin Mary of The Immaculate Conception

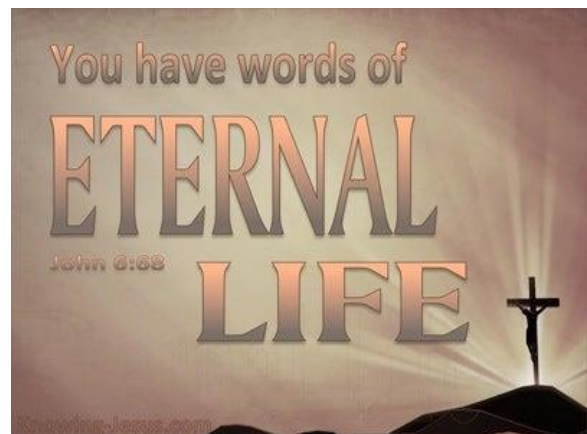
Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of The Blessed Virgin Mary of The Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Saturday, September 25, 2021
IHM will have a bus depart at 7am

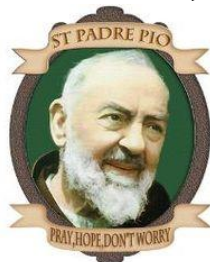
Cost \$35 (payable to IHM).

Reservation by Sept 15th.

For more information, contact
Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452



**Sixth Annual Padre Pio Festival
St. Bede the Venerable Parish
September 18-19, 2021**



Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Sixth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18th and 19th. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games, and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

ST. ANN CHURCH ADORATION CHAPEL will reopen on August 8th daily from 7 am to 7 pm. All are welcome. For further details please visit adorationchapel.org or email adorationchapel.stann@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



**29TH ANNUAL CYO JOSEPH A. MCNESBY,
JR. GOLF OUTING BENEFITTING THE
WORK OF CATHOLIC YOUTH AND
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 Deerfield Golf Club

The Day's Events

Registration: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Lunch: 11:00 am - Noon

Shotgun Start: Noon

Auction/Dinner: 5:30 pm

For 29 years, individuals throughout Delaware and along the Eastern Shore of Maryland have been raising money to support programs and services that are organized and implemented by the Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry office. Along with supporting the endeavors of the Catholic athletic league, which serves over 5,000 youth members, this event also helps to sustain other youth activities, like service projects and a High School youth leadership program. Questions: Please call 302-658-3800 or email catholicyouth@cdow.org to request more information or a tax letter for donations.



**Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers
By Susan Vogt**

Marriage Moments: Natural or national disasters can bring out the best in humanity as we rally to help those in need. A marriage crisis can also prompt a couple to sacrifice for each other or honestly deal with a recurring problem. Don't wait for a disaster, however, to test your love. Prevention is better.

Parenting Pointers: When life seems to go wrong for your child, reflect on the problems you've faced in your own life. Often it is the mistakes or failures that form us into the person we are. How have you grown from a mistake?