

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00AM- Gianna Marcelli, Danielle Miller
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00AM- Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00PM- David Andrews, John Lloyd
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00AM- NEED SUBS
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00AM- Melissa McHugh, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00AM- Ken Gorman, Need Sub, Debbie Smith, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00PM- Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Bill Sweet, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00AM- Daniel Roberts, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00AM- Dee Capriotti

PASTORAL STAFF:

- **Msgr. Michael Becker**- mbecker253@aol.com
- **Deacon Gene Neral**- gene@lifeinfofocus.net
- **Ms. Tabatha Griffin**- stjohncatholic@atlanticbb.net
- **Mr. Mark Krepich**-RCIA & Parish Council President- mark.krepich@gmail.com
- **Mrs. Deb Johnson**-Music Director- dj219@msn.com
- **Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose**-Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
- **Mrs. Heather Reimer**- Business Manager- stjohncatholic@atlanticbb.net
- **Mrs. Lindsay Reffner**- Admin. Assistant- stjohncatholic@atlanticbb.net
- **Mrs. Mary Haenig**- Religious Education Dir- mshaenig@gmail.com
- **Mrs. Mary Petrak**- Confirmation- mfpetrak@hotmail.com
- **Mr. Ken Dunmire**, Maintenance

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2015

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 11th- Bowling League starts
Oct. 24th- Love Feast

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Office Hours: Starting August 26th

the office will be open

from 7:30-5:30.

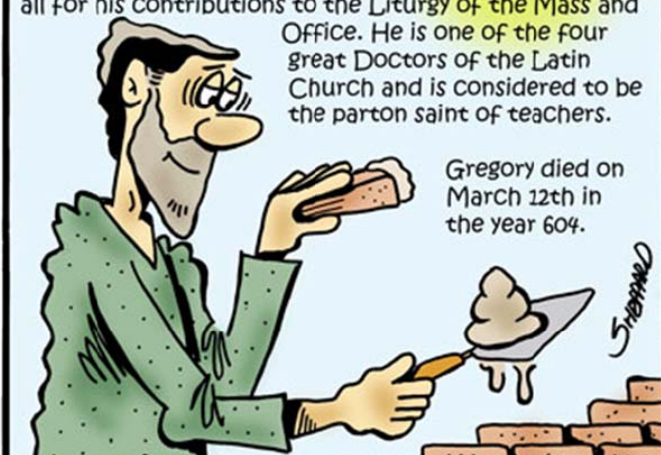
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Gregory was born in Rome around 540. At age 34 he was appointed Chief Magistrate of Rome. He built six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in his own home in Rome. He became a priest at 35.

He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.

Gregory died on March 12th in the year 604.



A Few Words from the Pastor:

World Day of Prayer, Tuesday, September 1 - The Vatican has announced a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is well in keeping with the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*. The prayer day will be celebrated annually on September 1, in line with the Orthodox Church's day for the protection of the environment. Pope Francis writes: *The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers and sisters. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective. Therefore it is my hope that this Day can involve, in some way, other Churches and ecclesial Communities and be celebrated in union with the initiatives that the World Council of Churches is promoting on this issue.*

Saints of the Week - Many of us older folks remember singing Gregorian Chant at Mass. This melodic chant was in Latin and was meant to capture the sacredness of the Liturgy. This form of music takes its name from Pope Gregory the Great, whose feast we celebrate this Thursday. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church.

Mass Schedule: The late Sunday morning Mass will return to its usual time on the Sunday AFTER LABOR DAY, September 13.

Adult Ed - our Adult Education series will resume on September 13th, the Sunday after Labor Day. We will begin this year with a new series "Priest, Prophet and King," led by our favorite presenter, Robert Barron, now bishop-elect for the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our sessions begin following the 8 o'clock Mass. Please join us for enlightening presentations and discussions, and of course, wonderful fellowship.

Bearing our Gifts to the Altar - A very important part of our liturgy is the procession in which our gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Eucharistic Table. In the next few weeks we will begin contacting families in advance, inviting them to be part of this important procession. If you would like to be asked to be part of the liturgy in this way, please contact our office. We do not want to miss anyone!

Give Us This Day - Those who would like to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal are to place your payment of \$20 in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space and drop it in the collection. **Give Us This Day** is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

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August

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Volunteers

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Outreach to the Marginalized

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

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Consider Liturgical Ministries!

The Catholic Church invites the laity to be active in parish life! One area of service is at the Liturgy for the Lord's Day. In thought and prayer this summer, please give consideration to serving the parish as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister, or perhaps in one of our choirs. There will be training sessions in September! Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart to step forward and offer your time and talent! The words of the Psalmist come to mind: *"What return can I make to the Lord for all that he has done for me?"* (Ps. 116)

Housekeeper Needed - The parish is in need of a housekeeper for the rectory. Cleaning and laundry, about 5 hours weekly. If interested, please call the parish office.

LOVE FEAST: It's time already to plan for our **October 24** Love Feast at Simpson Temple. The committee will meet **Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. in the day chapel.** Joyce will be in Seattle until August 17,

Haiti News:

Haiti Scarf Project: We have the hope of starting a sewing enterprise for women in Marmount. It will begin small with scarves because they are popular, light weight, and do not need to be sized. The materials with American style ideas will be delivered to Sts. Peter and Paul on our trip in January. Then we will teach the women to sew these scarves, have them returned to us, and sell them here.

Our materials are obtained in the cheapest ways possible: clearances, coupons, yard sales, Goodwill, donations, etc. We are recycling and upcycling (taking old and re-fashioning).

DURING AUGUST, we will have a display and preview sale of some scarves we have put together. This is to raise some money but more importantly to test the market for what is popular so we know where to go from here. Later, we will have a list requesting items we will need, especially from your "stash".

For further information, you may contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at mlmdcreek@aol.com.

Please also remember the Common Sense Jug, Mass Intentions, and Cards for gift donations.



Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

We will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. We will begin in early September. If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for August 23, 2015

Loose: \$485.00

Envelope: \$5,768.50

Catholic Register: \$116.00

Children's: \$4.00

Parish Development: \$55.00

Total: \$6,428.50

Online Giving: \$1,728.00

TOTAL: \$8,156.50



Now is an excellent time to join one of the choirs we have at St. John's:

Adult Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:00 and sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. High school students are also welcome to sing in the Adult Choir. There is no audition and you do not need to know how to read music. New Adult Choir members are invited to join the choir on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00.

Children's Choir rehearsals will begin in November to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

Handbell Choir Looking for a way to participate in the music program at St. John's, but can't carry a tune in a bucket? Join our handbell choir. No bell experience is necessary; reading music is a great help, but isn't absolutely required. No auditions, no pressure, just a lot of fun! If you love music, but can't sing, this could be the musical opportunity for you! (If you love music and you can sing, you're also welcome.) New handbell choir members are invited to attend rehearsal on Thursday, September 10 at 7:15.

Instrumentalists: We are also looking to add several more instrumentalists to our growing group of talented musicians. If you play an instrument and would like to play at mass, please call or email Debbie Johnson.

New cantors are always welcome. Training is provided and you may schedule your own times to cantor. Students are also welcome to cantor!

To join one of the choirs, or for more information, call Debbie Johnson at 696-2683. You can also email her at dj219@msn.com.



Our bowling league will begin September 11 at Holiday Bowl. We bowl every other week and would welcome new members. Signup sheet will

be in the Kiosk. Information: Rebecca Moran 814-317-7490.

SCHOOL NEWS:

September 4th: No School
September 7th: No School- Labor Day

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 30th- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Charlotte Stoltz* requested by Gil & George Gampe

10:00AM-Mass for *Lena Coyler* requested by Msgr. Mike Becker

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Aug. 31st- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Jean & Joseph Darbziński*

Tues. Sept. 1st- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creations

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Kathy Phillips

Wed. Sept. 2nd- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Jerry Johnson*

Thurs. Sept. 3rd- Saint Gregory the Great

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Butch Litzinger* requested by Klobuka Family

Friday Sept. 4th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Anne M. Eaton* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sat. Sept. 5th- Vigil for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Kenny Maddox* requested by Denny & Christine Stachmus

Sun. Sept. 6th- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00AM-50th Wedding Anniversary *Norma & Bill Foose* requested by Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Aug. 31- 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Wed. Sept. 1- 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Thurs. Sept. 2- Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Fri. Sept. 3- 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7/Lk 22:24-30

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



Please keep our catechists in your prayers and they prepare to enrich our children with the Word of God and all His LOVE.

- K/1 grade Jen Helsley and Jane Krepich
- 2 grade Angelina Capriotti-Long
- 3/4 grade Will Dixon and Julie Reighard
- 5/6 grade Barbara Aubrey
- 7/8 grade Bob Olson
- 9/10 grade Patrick Podoletz
- 11 grade Joyce Lowe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 20TH All parents and students are to meet in the gym to start off the year with a quick gathering and prayer!

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation preparation for 2015-16 begins with a meeting for all candidates and parents on Sunday, September 13th at 10:15 in the school gym.

A **Youth Ministry Activity** is planned for all Confirmation candidates on Sunday, September 27th from 9:15 to 10:45 in the school gym.

Please contact Mary Petrak, mfpetrak@hotmail.com, 201-2982 or 502-6076 (cell) if you have any questions about Confirmation.