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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 10	8:30am	Theresa Santiago Req. by Julie & John Barile For Ian Smith Req. by Julie & John Barile Henry Derus Req. by Graziano Canini
Wed. Aug. 12	Noon	Wanda Bis Req. by Cindy Bis-Sevon
Thurs. Aug. 13	8:30am	Mike Brossy Req. by John & Julie Barile Claire Poole Req. by John & Julie Barile
Fri. Aug. 14	8:30am	Henry Derus Req. by Graziano Canini
Sat. Aug. 15	4:30pm	Tim Wycihowski Req. by Family
Sun. Aug. 16	8am	Carl Francis Req. by Mike Francis & family
	10am	For Our Parish Family
	Noon	Dr. Alan Couturier Req. by John & Julie Barile Deb Smith Req. by John & Julie Barile

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 /Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 /Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28.

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Our Little Free Pantry is finally here! We hope everyone in our community will use this box, both to bring food, but also to take food when they need a little help. Look for it next to our office building! Please check items donated for expiration dates! And please no open packages. Thank you!



What is Flocknote? It is a free email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information. You decide what information you would like to receive. You can sign up for **Flocknote** by going to: <https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or by texting "COOJ" to 84576

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If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this time of uncertainty, I hope this note finds you happy and safe. At the end of August we will be saying good bye to Fr. Joe Plawecki, our long time Priest in Residence. Fr. Joe will be taking over as administrator of SS. Simon and Jude Parish in Westland on the first of September. While we are happy for Fr. Joe to get his new assignment, this will also mean that he will not be available to help me cover Masses on the weekend.

This leaves us in a sticky situation. I have also been looking into the option of paying a retired priest to say a Mass every weekend. While this is an option, it will get very expensive quickly. With the Mass numbers so low during this time of Covid-19 era, I can not justify that we need three Masses on Sunday.

I have been praying about this problem for months, and have spoken to both our staff and parishioners to get input. At this time it seems like the best route is, **starting in September, to change the Sunday Mass schedule to 9:00am and 11:00am.** When restrictions are lifted, and people are returning to Mass we may revisit this schedule, but I feel that this is the best move for our parish at this time.

Father Shafique

NOTES FROM PAUL

In today's first reading we hear about Elijah looking for the Lord in great events. He doesn't find him in the heavy wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but instead in the "tiny whispering sound." It struck me while rereading this, that this might be a parallel to what is happening today. No I am not saying that I know what God has in mind for us, but in an era where we are looking for the Lord to be in a pandemic, political upheaval, or social movement, maybe we will not find God in any of them. Maybe we need to listen for that "tiny whispering sound," and see what God is asking each of us to do with our words and our life. If everything is getting overwhelming, take the time to find your own cave, and try to read God's words, pray and most of all listen for God's reply.

God Bless you,
Paul Zbytowski
Pastoral Associate

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

I am working with Pflaum publishing to finalize a plan that will accommodate our Faith Formation Families. Our number one priority is to keep our Catechists and students safe. Right now we are looking at an easy curriculum for home schooling students in grades K thru 5; which would include virtual check ins.

For grades 6 thru 8 we are looking into presenting in person class and work from home. We must be prepared to change as new guidelines from the State and the AOD change frequently. Please pray for our efforts and pray that this virus will cease.

On Monday, August 17th from 4:30pm -6:00pm I invite parents of our 2019/2020 second grade class to pick up a packet of information for our Communion celebration on Saturday, September 12th at the 4:30pm Mass. I will be outside by the Parish Office building taking the necessary safety cautions to distribute these packet drive up only. Please know Flock note reminders will be sent to our 2019/2020 families as the date approaches.

Thank you for your time.

Jokes for the road...

What type of music are balloons afraid of? Pop Music.

How do trees get on the internet? They log in.

Ahhhh hahahaha!!! Stay safe and be good to one another!

Peace and Prayers,
Sabrina Queen

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.



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Office Hours—closed for now
Monday to Thursday: **8:00am–4:00pm**
Friday: **8:00am–Noon**

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry Parking lot Fireside Chats continue in the church parking lot on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Teens are asked to bring their own chair. Bottled water and individual size snacks will be provided along with supplies to make your own s'mores. Meetings will be canceled in case of rain or storms.

On Friday, August 21 our high school youth group teens will be volunteering from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with Gleaners Community Food Bank My Neighborhood Mobile Grocery Program at the Thomas Taylor Senior Apartments in Westland. Teens must complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire upon arrival and bring wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Masks must be worn for the entire shift. Please do not volunteer if you are ill, experiencing symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, rash, have had a fever within the past 24 hours, have been in close contact with someone with COVID in the past 14 days, or traveled on a plane in the past 14 days. There is limited space and you must pre-register with Carol Nelius. Additional details will be given once you sign up.

We continue to make ongoing plans for the remainder of the summer months. If you want to make sure you have the most current information on what is happening in youth ministry, please contact me so I can add you to our flocknote emails and text message communications.

Carol Nelius,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Email: youthministry@stmarycooj.org
Text or Call: 734-765-5525

ELECTRONIC ONLINE GIVING

We appreciate everyone's patience and support during these challenging times. Therefore, please consider registering for Online Giving to make your contributions to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. We also welcome your contributions dropped off at the parish mailbox or by mailing. Thank you for your continued support!

To begin, go to our website - www.stmarycooj.org - Click on "Support St Mary" then click "Online Giving" in the drop down box. Click the big blue DONATE button. Follow the simple directions.

If you have any questions or need assistance with set up, please contact the parish office at 734-425-4421.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Offertory	Actual	Budget	Variance
08/02/20	8,672	9,195	\$ (524)
07/26/20	6,760	9,195	\$ (2,435)
07/19/20	7,405	9,195	\$ (1,791)
07/12/20	10,475	9,195	\$ 1,280
THANK YOU			
Fiscal Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
FY 20-21	\$ 35,717	\$ 45,973	\$ (10,256)
FY 19-20	\$ 50,661	\$ 54,800	\$ (4,139)

The Dispensation From the Sunday Obligation to Attend Mass is Granted to All the Faithful Through Sunday, September 6, 2020

Those older than 65 years old (the recommended CDC age), with a compromised health condition or caring for the sick in any way, are encouraged to stay home. *Anyone who is ill, has a temperature, cough, etc., should definitely stay home as an act of justice to the whole community.*



FOOD PANTRY AND TOILETRY DRIVE

St. Mary, COOJ in partnership with St. Thomas the Apostle have an ongoing non-perishable food and non-food/toiletry drive to help those less fortunate in our community.

Please bring your donations to the shopping cart in the gathering space. Thank you for your continued donations!

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(No bread, fruits or
vegetables)**

BLOOD DRIVE

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

**Saturday
4:30pm**

**Sunday
9:00am & 11:00am**
Please note these changes.



*Heavenly Father,
welcome Home those whom you
have called from this world,
especially:*

Elaine Parpart

*and all the souls of our faithful.
May they rest in peace. Amen*



Congratulations on your Full Initiation into the Catholic Church. Alleluia, Alleluia Let Us Celebrate!

Last weekend three RCIA candidates were given the Sacrament of Confirmation and brought into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Their names are **Daniel Cosman, Ian Quinn, and John Zasa**. Normally this would have taken place at the Easter Vigil, but was delayed this year because of Covid-19. We would like to thank Kathy Birchfield, and everyone else who assisted in our RCIA program for their work this last year.

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy's Parish Family will keep you in our prayers as you continue on your Faith Journey.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 11a)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Gospel:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

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Observances for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious

Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,
Priest, Martyrs

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and
Martyr

Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

First Reading

The Lord taught the prophet Elijah not to look for him in the usual places. When have you found God's voice in an unexpected circumstance?

Second Reading

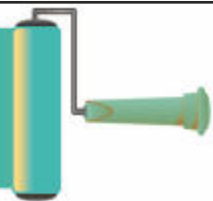
Paul was puzzled and deeply saddened over fellow Jews (God's covenantal people) who did not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. What convinces you of Jesus' identity as our Lord and Savior?

Gospel Reading

Peter shows himself to be a man of "little faith" when faced with the grave danger of drowning.

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