



Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 11, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/  
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

The Christian faith is oriented toward the future action, the coming Kingdom, of God. In our era both our material satisfactions and the easy relativism of our culture can dull our hope for the Kingdom of heaven. We are tempted to imagine that we have it all here and now. We are tempted to imagine that there is no judgment or challenge on the way to the future God has prepared for us.

All of our readings today call us back to the need to hope for a greater future and they call us to remember that we are not there yet and to strive to be ready and worthy. The first reading reminds us that Israel in Egypt "awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes." The second reading from Hebrews reminds us that Abraham was a sojourner whose faith enabled him to cling to the promises of God.

In the Gospel Jesus employs a very short parable to encourage his disciples to be alert to the coming judgment and also to hope for the abundance of God's love and mercy. They (and we) are to be like responsible servants awaiting their master's return.

That point is simple enough, but then comes a significant twist. If the Lord finds us thus responsible, he will gird himself and wait on us. The irony is wondrous. The Master will wait on the slaves. They will recline at table, the posture of free people in the ancient world. Here we see a reminder of the Eucharist, in which the Lord waits on us. And the Eucharist always points to the great feast of the Kingdom of God.

The world urges us to settle for material and psychological satisfactions. The Scriptures urge us to want much more: the infinite love and goodness of God. We are called to live now as people who expect a great inheritance.

*Again there is not much to report on my recovery. I am slowly gaining strength and working more. In the next weeks I may face some challenges from graft versus host disease. These can crop up as I am tapered off the anti-rejection medicine. They are manageable, but because of the uncertainty I will continue to schedule only one Mass a Sunday.*

In Christ,

Fr. Klein

**Pray for the Sick**

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, Jane Hurlock, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass at the Cathedral will be at 12:10 PM. Masses at St. Patrick's will be 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM and 7 PM (Latin).

**Free Picnic Lunch for the Neighbors**

Once again we will host a luncheon for the neighborhood on Saturday, August 24 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed. Please call or email the Parish Office if you can help.

**Vocation Reflection**

"... for he has prepared a city for them." Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that he has prepared for them as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Norm Carroll at (302) 573-3113 or visit vocations@cdow.org.

### Masses/Services for the Week

- Saturday, Aug. 10**  
4:00 PM Dr. Corky Sliwkowski
- Sunday, Aug. 11**  
8:00 AM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Sr. DeSales McNamee, D.C.  
(*Rev. Jeffrey Cesarone, Celebrant*)
- Monday, Aug. 12**  
12:10 PM Bill Evans  
(**m, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**)
- Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
12:10 PM Lucy C. Cocucci  
(**m, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**)
- Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
12:10 PM Jim and Jane Erickson  
(**M, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**)
- Thursday, Aug. 15**  
12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Mary Munroe Brown Family  
(**S, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**)  
**A Holy Day of Obligation**
- Friday, Aug. 16**  
12:10 PM Edna Mimm  
(**m, Saint Stephen of Hungary**)
- Saturday, Aug. 17**  
4:00 PM George Callahan
- Sunday, Aug. 18**  
8:00 AM Parishioners  
11:00 AM Moran Family  
(*Rev. Ronald Giannone, Celebrant*)

### Pray the Rosary

The daily Mass attendees at the Cathedral will pray the Rosary on behalf of Fr. Klein's recovery at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays before the 12:10 PM Mass. All are welcome.

### Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **August 10:** Mark Rizzo, Sr. Kathy Cevette; **August 15:** Joseph Hannas

### Silver Rose Prayer Service

Silver Rose is coming to Delaware for the first time! The Knights of Columbus councils steward this pilgrimage from Canada to Mexico. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful prayer service. We pray for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join with the Knights for this important pilgrimage on Sunday, August 18 at 3 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th and DuPont Streets in Wilmington and on Monday, August 19 at 6 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4701 Weldin Road in Wilmington. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Word of Life

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. ... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

### SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 3!

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### Special Collection

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. Next weekend a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit [www.cathedralofstpeter.com](http://www.cathedralofstpeter.com). For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/cathedral](http://www.cdow.org/cathedral). Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

### St. Monica Tear Drop Devotional Mass

All are invited to pray for families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica on Tuesday, August 27 at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. We will be praying to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church. Holy Hour with Rosary will begin at 5 PM and Mass will begin at 6 PM. All are welcome; light refreshments will be served following Mass. For more information, email [12374columbiettes@gmail.com](mailto:12374columbiettes@gmail.com).

### Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 592

I Sing the Mighty Power of God #953

One Bread, One Body #1019