



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019

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

Last week the Letter to the Hebrews reminded us of the great faith of Abraham. This week it reminds us that we are surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses." It is a reminder that we need. Our faith can falter. We are distracted by the noise and conflict that surround us. We are troubled by the sins that have rocked the Church. But we also have a multitude of good examples.

The Letter to the Hebrews goes through a list of many of Israel's heroes from Abraham through the time of the Maccabees less than 200 years before the birth of Christ. In today's first reading we are reminded of the trials of Jeremiah, thrown into a cistern for his faithful announcement of news no one wanted to hear. As Christians 2000 years later we too can compile a list of an additional cloud of witnesses, the saints. We look to them to support us with their prayers but also to inspire us by their examples. Many of them had to overcome difficulties far greater than ours. We too, then, can "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

When Jesus says in the Gospel that he has come to set fire on the earth, he is telling us that faithfulness

to him will come at a cost. He speaks of the "baptism with which he must be baptized" – the passion and cross. We are thus reminded of some important truths for those who would follow him. There will be conflict. The Gospel will be resisted; the faithful will fall into sin at times; our faith will get shaken. But Jesus is, as Hebrews says, the leader and perfecter of faith. We should be ready to follow him through fire because we know where he has gone.

He is the leader – some older translations use "pioneer" – and has blazed the path for us. But we are also accompanied on the way by a great cloud of witnesses!

*I intend to cease regular updates on my health with this letter because things continue to head smoothly in the right direction. Over the next month or two I face the possibility of graft versus host disease, as I come off the anti-rejection medicine. But I have been given every indication that symptoms are manageable. I will report in from time to time if necessary, and I continue to thank you for your prayers and concern.*

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.

### **Pray for the Deceased**

Our parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Helen Dugan, faithful member of the Cathedral for many years. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Visitation will be on Monday, August 19 in the Cathedral at 9:30 AM followed by Mass at 10:30.

### Masses/Services for the Week

<b>Saturday, Aug. 17</b>	
4:00 PM	George Callahan
<b>Sunday, Aug. 18</b>	<b>(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners <i>(Rev. Ronald Giannone, Celebrant)</i>
11:00 AM	Moran Family
<b>Monday, Aug. 19</b>	<b>(m, Saint John Eudes, Priest)</b>
12:10 PM	Alfred J. Seitz
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 20</b>	<b>(M, Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church)</b>
12:10 PM	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dale
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 21</b>	<b>(M, Saint Pius X, Pope)</b>
12:10 PM	Charles Murphy
<b>Thursday, Aug. 22</b>	<b>(M, The Queenship of Mary)</b>
12:10 PM	Roger Ressimyer
<b>Friday, Aug. 23</b>	<b>(m, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin)</b>
12:10 PM	Irene Hannas
<b>Saturday, Aug. 24</b>	
4:00 PM	Cornelius James Erickson
<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>(Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:00 AM	Frances Licki
11:00 AM	Parishioners

### Special Collection

The special collection this weekend is for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter. Please be as generous as you can. For a message from Bishop Malooly and 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.

### Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **August 17:** Bill Kirk; **August 19:** Becky Grant; **August 21:** Dennis Menton, Sr.; **August 22:** Erin Larson; **August 23:** Virginia Ann Kornmeyer, John Cahill

### 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.

### 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.

### Word of Life

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

### 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 Monday, August 19 at 6 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4701 Weldin Road in Wilmington. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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### 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

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 18, 2019  
Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 595  
All the Earth #945  
Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist #906*