



## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

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

For the last few weeks the second reading has been from the Letter to the Hebrews. It is a rich and challenging work, and while it is called a letter, it is more like a short treatise. It celebrates the divinity of Christ and the centrality of his sacrifice. It aims to strengthen Christians – almost certainly Christians of Jewish origin – in the face of conflict and persecution. It beautifully expresses Christian hope, often in language that borrows heavily from the Old Testament. It is very eucharistic in its emphasis on our sharing in Christ's sacrifice, though it does not actually mention the Eucharist.

Take for instance this portion of today's reading: "you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel."

These words are virtually a theology of the Mass. We approach the holy city in company with the angels and saints as Jesus in the sacrifice of the Mass renews his new covenant with us. Think of his words: "this is the new covenant in my blood."

It is easy to become complacent about the sanctity and mystery of the Mass. In recent decades a dangerously casual attitude toward the celebration has shaken the Church and weakened understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is a failure that we can overcome in part by recalling the astonishing words of the second reading today. The Mass brings us to the very throne room of heaven and into the presence of God with all the angels and saints.

In Christ,

Fr. Klein

### **Labor Day Schedule**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 2. There will be no 12:10 PM Mass.

### **Pray for the Sick**

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, 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.

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September**

The Protection of the Oceans. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

### **Free Neighborhood Luncheon**

Many thanks to all who assisted with our Neighborhood Luncheon. Counting Fr. Mac, who provided his "World Famous Chili," we had a great group of 9 volunteers from the parish. We started at 11 AM and went to 1 PM, during which we served 50 hamburgers, 50 hot dogs, a big crockpot of chili, potato chips, cookies, ice water and iced tea. Additionally, we gave out plenty of free T-shirts to very appreciative and thankful neighbors. It was a great day for the parish and the neighborhood.

### **Birthday Wishes**

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **September 1:** Helen Fuhrmann; **September 2:** Kenneth Conner; **September 4:** Emilia Battaglia

### Masses/Services for the Week

<b>Saturday, Aug. 31</b>	
4:00 PM	Arlene Virden
<b>Sunday, Sept. 1</b>	<b>(Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:00 AM	Frances Licki
11:00 AM	Parishioners
<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b>	
9:00 AM	Jerry Grossman
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>(M, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church)</b>
12:10 PM	Winifred Previtera
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 4</b>	
12:10 PM	Mary C. Blackwelder
<b>Thursday, Sept. 5</b>	
12:10 PM	Mildred VanSice
<b>Friday, Sept. 6</b>	
12:10 PM	Bill Evans
<b>Saturday, Sept. 7</b>	
4:00 PM	Joan Hannas
<b>Sunday, Sept. 8</b>	<b>(Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Ann Gronboldt

### 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.

### Calling All Runners, Walkers & Sleepers!

The Little Sisters of the Poor again invite you to enjoy one of the biggest and best 5k events in our area! Run or walk the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus Nun Run 5K, presented by DiSabatino Construction and Saul Ewing. This event will take place on Saturday, September 14 (registration opens at 8 AM) at 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, Delaware. The cost is \$25 (until September 13); \$30 (on-site registration). A family discount will be offered at \$20 each for 3 or more members. The goal is to raise \$60,000 for procurement of a 14-passenger transit bus/coach to accommodate our residents who need assistance with wheelchair accessibility. For more information, visit [www.nunrun5k.org](http://www.nunrun5k.org) or call our Development Office at (302) 368-5886 for further information.

### Book of Sacred Liturgy

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 598  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #939  
Eat This Bread #914

### Word of Life

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"

### Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* on Relevant Radio 640 AM on Saturday mornings at 11 AM or anytime online at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) or search *Catholic Forum* on Apple, iHeartRadio and Spotify podcasts. Next Saturday, September 7, tune in to learn about the work of the Catholic Apostolate Center when Father Frank Donio is the guest.

### A Holiday Novella

*Jubal's Christmas Gift*, authored by our parishioner, Dennis Skirvin, is now available on Amazon.com. Dennis has graciously earmarked all 2019 profits to go to St. Peter Cathedral School and All Saints Catholic School. This uplifting novella would make a perfect Christmas gift for someone on your list!

### Graveside Prayer Service for the Unborn

Deacon Joe Cilia, from Church of the Holy Child in Wilmington, will conduct a prayer service at the graveside of 63 aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery, on Saturday, September 14 at 9:45 AM. The half-hour prayer service will begin with a short procession from the Queen of the Apostles Chapel to the grave. It is part of the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children co-sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. The public is invited and cemetery attendants will be on hand to direct visitors to the chapel. After the prayer service, attendees are invited to go to Church of the Holy Child Social Hall, 2500 Naamans Road, Wilmington, for a free showing of the movie "Unplanned" and luncheon from 11:00 to 2:00. This event is sponsored by 40 Days for Life of Wilmington. Please RSVP for the luncheon before September 10th to (302) 723-9254.

The Angelus Art Gallery—a junction for Sacred Art—located on the corner of 5th and Washington, will be open on First Fridays 5-8:30 PM, and is featuring the woodcut prints of Sr. Mary Grace Thul, OP, as well as locally crafted ornaments, Rosaries, books and cards. All proceeds from the sales of art work benefit Ministry of Caring, Inc., Br. Ronald Giannone, earmarked for Cathedral Community housing.