

**ST. PETER CLAVER  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
E-Bulletin  
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 11, 2024**



*"The Church on the Holy Hill Where the Joy of the Lord is our Strength!"*

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Rev. Patrick Agustin
<b>PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL</b>	Mary Allen Wayne Barnes Robert Gant Steve Hawkins
<b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>	Darlene Barnes Sheila Berlin Nace Bowman Brenda Carroll Crystal Gatlin Linda McClane Kimberly McClane Linda Thomas Nick Wallmark
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Kimberly McClane
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Nick Wallmark
<b>BULLETIN</b>	Fran Hawkins
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Linda McClane
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Wayne Barnes
<b>FACILITIES</b>	Nace Bowman & Steve Hawkins
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	Delora Crafton-Chase
<b>MUSIC &amp; CHOIRS</b>	Roy Johnson
<b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b>	Fran Hawkins
<b>LECTORS</b>	Stephanie Grymes
<b>PRO-LIFE</b>	John Lachkovic
<b>RCIA</b>	Rev. Patrick Agustin
<b>RELIGIOUS ED</b>	Sheila Berlin
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>	Brenda Carroll
<b>USHERS</b>	Nace Bowman

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**Parish Office:**

301-872-5460 or [st.peterclaver@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterclaver@verizon.net)

**For Appointments with Pastor:**

Contact Parish Office

**For Sacraments, Funerals, and RCIA Classes:**

Contact Parish Office

**For Sacramental/Last Rite Emergencies ONLY:**

240-794-2097

**MASS Schedule:**

Sundays:	10:00AM
Wednesdays:	6:00PM
First Fridays:	6:00PM
Saturdays:	8:00AM

**CONFESSION Schedule:** One hour before each daily Mass

**ADORATION Schedule:**

- One hour before Wednesday and Saturday Masses
- One hour before First Friday Masses

**CCD CLASS Schedule:** Fall through Spring

- Sundays at 8:45AM-9:45AM
- Special Sundays "Spirit Day with the Pastor": 4x/year

**RCIA CLASS Schedule:** Fall through Spring or by Appointment

- Mondays at 7:30PM-8:30PM In Person (TBA)

**BIBLE or BOOK STUDY Schedule:** To Be Announced

**Church Address:** 16922 St. Peter Claver Road, P. O. Box 240,  
St. Inigoes, MD 20684

**Parish Office:** 301-872-5460

**Email:** [st.peterclaver@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterclaver@verizon.net);

**Website:** [www.stpeterclaverchurch.org](http://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)

**Parish Facebook Page -** [https://www.facebook.com/  
StPeterClaverCatholicChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/StPeterClaverCatholicChurch/)

**Parish Facebook Group -** [https://www.facebook.com/groups/  
StPeterClaverChurchCommunity/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StPeterClaverChurchCommunity/)

# Father Patrick's Post



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue our reflection on John 6, the “**Bread of Life**” discourse. The Gospel presents us with a **profound challenge: to believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven.** It’s a statement that demands faith, a leap beyond our

human understanding. The people in the Gospel struggled with this concept. They witnessed the miracles. They had tasted the bread multiplied. And yet, they couldn’t grasp the spiritual depth of Jesus’ words.

**Jesus doesn’t shy away from the challenge.** He doesn’t water down His message. Instead, He reinforces it: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” **Note Jesus doesn’t say, “I am like bread that sustains you,” but He is saying, “I AM the Bread of Life, and you must eat my flesh if you want to have life everlasting.”**

**These words might seem shocking, even disturbing, at least it was to those in our Gospel. Yet, they are a core truth of our faith.** Jesus is not merely a historical figure or merely a moral teacher. He is divine sustenance, the nourishment our souls crave.

**Jesus invites us to look beyond the material to the spiritual.** He invites us to believe that He is the true bread, the food that nourishes our souls and gives us eternal life. To receive the Eucharist is to enter into a deep communion with Christ. It is to allow His Real Presence to transform us from within.

**I encourage you to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, which we have every Wednesday at 5pm and Saturday morning at 7am. Come and encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ!**

In the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus,

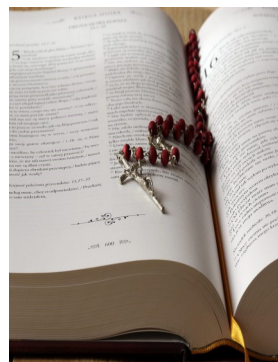
Fr. Patrick



## Liturgical Readings - Week of August 11, 2024

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30—5:2 / Jn 6:41-51**

*“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you”* Ephesians 4:31-32



**Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27:** *“As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form.”* Ezekiel 1:4-5, NRSVCE

**Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14** *“and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”* Matthew 18:3-4

**Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20** *“Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. The Lord called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side; and said to him, “Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of those who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.”* Ezekiel 9:3-4, NRSVCE

**Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56** *“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits[a] of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.”* 1 Corinthians 15:20-21, NABRE

**Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12** *“He answered, “Not all can accept [this] word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage[f] for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.””* Matthew 19:11-12

**Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15** *“As I live—oracle of the Lord God: I swear that none of you will ever repeat this proverb in Israel. For all life is mine: the life of the parent is like the life of the child, both are mine. Only the one who sins shall die!”* Ezekiel 18:1-2

<https://www.catholicbiblepress.com/2024/08/08/liturgical-readings-for-the-week-of-august-11th-2024/>

# PRE-LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

## @ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

ON THE HISTORIC HOLY HILL IN ST. INIGOES, MD!

### SUN. SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



**GOSPEL MASS (10:00AM)**  
**FESTIVAL (12:00 NOON)**

+

### **SUCCULENT DINNERS**

(Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Pickled Beets and Rolls)

Where we will celebrate **“Our Community Heroes on the Front-line”** (EMT, Fire and Rescue Workers) at Mass and with discounted dinners.

## GET PRE-PAID DISCOUNTED TICKETS (\$32) NOW FOR A LIMITED TIME!

Go to website ([www.stpeterclaverchurch.org](http://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)) to “donate” to buy dinner.

+

### **THE BEST BARBECUE SANDWICH IN THE DMV**

+

### **DESSERTS & BEVERAGES**

Cakes, Cupcakes, Cookies, Beer, Exotic Alcoholic Drinks, Sodas & Bottled Water

+

### **THE CLASSIC AND CUSTOM CAR SHOW**



Whether you want to show off your car or compete for Trophies for the best in various categories, you're invited! Call Wayne Barnes (301-580-5091) to Register!

+

### **FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

Featuring: **Casual Groove Band**

DJs, Bubble Balooza Foam Party, SO. MD. Community Choir, Soloists Lisa Moore & Jaisha Ware, SPC Youth Choir & Face Painting

+

### **SILENT & PUBLIC AUCTIONS, VENDORS, AND BINGO**



## CALL (301)872-5460 FOR MORE INFO!

CALL (301)872-5460 FOR MORE INFO!



**The Fourth  
Glorious  
Mystery:  
The  
Assumption of  
the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

**(AUGUST 15)**

<https://opwest.org/blog/the-fourth-glorious-mystery-the-assumption>

When we meditate upon the fourth glorious mystery, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we should be meditating upon love; namely, the loving union of a soul with God. To better understand the loving union between Mary and her Son that led to the Assumption, I would like to offer an unusual example: levitation. As unfamiliar as this example may be, I believe that it can nevertheless give us a deeper insight into what exactly transpired during Mary's Assumption into heaven.

St. Catherine of Siena, a great Dominican mystic and Doctor of the Church, was widely reported by many different witnesses to have experienced levitation on multiple occasions. In her crowning spiritual work, *The Dialogue*, St. Catherine explains the inner spiritual realities that result in levitation. The explanation comes during the Heavenly Father's concluding remarks to St. Catherine about the stages a soul must rise through to attain perfect love.

God the Father, speaking of St. Catherine, says, "Though she is mortal she tastes the reward of the immortals, and weighed down still with the body she receives the lightness of the spirit. Often, therefore, the body is lifted up from the ground because of the perfect union of the soul with me, as if the heavy body had become light." Thus, what draws her body up from the ground is the loving union of her soul with God. In short, the soul is drawn up in love so powerfully that the body is simply along for the ride!

Our Heavenly Father continues, "It is not because its heaviness has been taken away, but because the union of the soul with me is more perfect than the union between the soul and the body. And for this reason the strength of the spirit united with me lifts the body's weight off the ground." Now we can begin to see the connection to the

Assumption of our Blessed Mother. Just as the lives of the saints give us a glimpse of heavenly love here on earth, so also are the numerous examples of levitation throughout the history of the Church a glimpse of the perfect heavenly love of Jesus for His mother Mary that led to her Assumption.

The connection does not stop here, however, as He continues His explanation to St. Catherine: "So I want you to know that it is a greater marvel to see the soul not leaving the body in this union than to see a host of dead bodies resurrected." Thus, we can see how God's glorious Providence and love is woven throughout all levels of being "raised up." It will be a great marvel at the end of time when all our bodies are resurrected by the Love of God, an even greater marvel to see the soul drawing the body towards God in the loving union of levitation, but the greatest marvel of all is the bodily Assumption of our Blessed Mother in perfect loving union with Her Resurrected Son in Heaven.

Such loving union of souls with God — including our own! — is what we are all called to meditate on during the Fourth Glorious Mystery.

***Almighty and eternal God,  
who hast taken up into the glory of  
Heaven, with body and soul, the  
immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of  
thy son: grant us, we pray, that we  
may always strive after heavenly  
things and thus merit to share in her  
glory. Amen.***

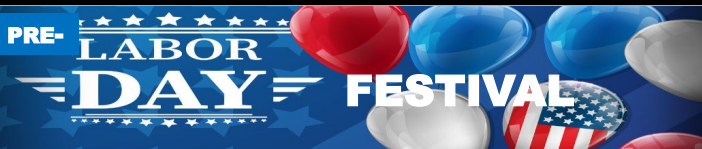


<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/assumption-of-Mary.html>



**MARK YOUR HOME CALENDAR NOW TO INCLUDE YOUR SPC PARISH EVENTS !**

Sunday, August 11	Youth Mass@10:00am
Thursday, August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass @6:00pm with Confession & Adoration@5:00pm and Rosary @5:30pm
Sunday, September 1	<b>Annual Pre-Labor Day Festival with Dinners, Car Show &amp; Live Music, including CASUAL GROOVE BAND Entertainment</b>
Monday, September 9	Feast of St. Peter Claver with Mass@6:00pm and Confession & Adoration at 5:00pm and Rosary @ 5:30pm
Sunday, September 22	St. Peter Claver Choirs @ the County Fair
Month of October	<b>Parish Fundraiser: Lotto (Lotto Tickets on Sale NOW!)</b>
Sunday, October 27	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
Month of November	All Souls' Month Black Catholic History Month
Saturday, November 16	<b>Archdiocese of Washington Celebration of Black Catholic History Month</b>
Monday, December 9	<b>Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass @6:00pm</b>
Sunday, December 15	Seniors' Christmas Parties Children's Christmas Parties
Tuesday, December 24	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass @8:00pm</b>



**ITEMS NEEDED**

Do you have any items that you can donate to the Church that you just know could pull in some money for the Church if they are auctioned? By all means, contact **Darlene Barnes**, chairman of the Auction Sub-Committee of the Labor Day Festival Committee (301-346-9091) . The Church will give you a Donation Letter for your taxes. Example of Auction items needed includes vacations, sports team admission tickets , gift cards, household items, specialty items, paintings, name brand items, etc.  
**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 25TH, 2024**

So you have nothing to give? Then save your money to bid during the Auction! It all helps the Church! We thank you in advance for your participation!

**REVIEW AUCTION ITEMS**

Beginning next Sunday (Sunday, August 18), you will be able to view some of the items that have been collected for the Labor Day auction. You simply need to you contact Darlene Barnes (301-346-9091) in advance to make an appointment to view the items.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE LABOR DAY FESTIVAL SUCCESSFULLY!**

**“ALL HANDS ON DECK SUNDAY!”  
AUGUST 18, 2024!**

**Immediately After Mass!**

If you plan to work for the church as a volunteer in any capacity for the success of our Labor Day Festival Fundraiser, whether servers, MCs , groundskeepers, car show organizers, child monitors, auction, dish washer or whatever, we need you present on Sunday, August 18 for an IMPORTANT “all hands on deck” meeting called by our chairman, Wayne Barnes. It’s purpose is to ensure that all volunteers are “Brought Up to Speed” with the plans drafted for the day and to communicate everyone’s roles and responsibilities. Juice, Danishes, and fruit will be provided. Please RSVP the Parish by August 15th.

## For political leaders

August 2024



"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good," says Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

In his prayer intention for the month of August, the Holy Father invites the faithful to join him in prayer "that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poorest."

In his video message announcing this month's intention, Pope Francis acknowledges that "politics does not have a very good reputation." Nonetheless, he says, politics properly so-called – as opposed to "politicking" – "listens to what is really going on... is at the service of the poor... is concerned for the unemployed."

"If we look at it in this way," the Pope says, "politics is much more noble than it appears."

So, he says, as we pray for political leaders, we should also be grateful "for the many politicians who carry out their duties with a will to serve, not of power, who put all their efforts toward the common good."

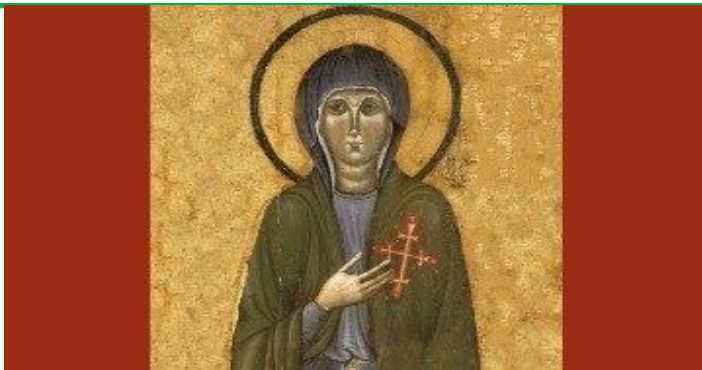
### Why pray for political leaders?

Commenting on the Pope's prayer intention for August, the International director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr Frédéric Fornos, SJ, voices the objection, "Why pray for political leaders?"

However, he says, "political leaders are who we make of them. Instead of fuelling contempt for them with our words and our thoughts, let's help them to be the men and women we would like them to be. Let's pray for them, as Pope Francis invites us to do."

Fr Fornos recalls that, although at times politicians can be greedy or power-hungry, there are many political leaders "who truly serve the common good."

For our part, Fr Fornos asks rhetorically, "What are we doing? What would we do in their place?" And he answers, "The least we can do is pray for them."



### Poor by choice: in the footsteps of St. Francis

**Palm Sunday, 1211.** The silence of the night in the countryside of Assisi is broken by the 18 year-old Clare's swift gait. She has decided to rebel against her wealthy - and much beloved - family, in pursuit of the desire for true freedom that God has put in her: She wants to be poor. Her escape from all security is the end of a journey begun seven years ago, when she witnessed a shocking incident: a wealthy young man stripped naked, returned his rich and elegant clothing to his father, and embraced Lady Poverty. He was Francis of Assisi. He is waiting for her that night at the Porziuncola: She cuts her hair, dons a tunic of coarse wool, and finds shelter in the Benedictine monastery...

**"Poor Clares":** The divine light that shines through Clare draws many other women to her, including her mother and sisters: soon they will be fifty. Francis calls them "Poor Ladies" or "Poor Sisters" and makes the little monastery of San Damiano available to them, ...There is perfect communion between St. Francis and St. Clare...With her sisters, Clare accompanies the mission of the friars in the world with unceasing prayer.

**First woman to write a Rule:** Strong and determined, Clare is the first woman to write a Rule and obtain approval for it - from Gregory IX - which was permanently enshrined by Innocent IV in his Bull of 1253, giving stable right to the "privilege of poverty" and to her longing desire to "observe the Gospel".

**Tireless adoration of the Eucharist:** Illness marked Clare's last 30 years on Earth, but the joyful intimacy she had with the Lord in prayer never subsided. "Nothing is so great," she wrote, "as the heart of man: there, in the depths, dwells God." A tireless worshiper of Our Eucharistic Lord, Clare's devotion was so great that once she even staved off an invasion of Saracens, armed only with a pyx.

**Proclaimed a Saint two years after her death:** On a Christmas night, sick in bed and immersed in prayer... - Clare was given a vision of the rites as they unfolded. She saw the celebration in a vision that appeared on the wall of her cell. It was owing to this miraculous occurrence, that Pius XII made her patroness of television. Clare died on August 11, 1253...On her lips, the last thanksgiving: "'Go securely and in peace, my blessed soul. The One who created you and made you holy has always loved you tenderly as a mother her dear child. And you, Lord, are blessed because You have created me.'" Unprecedented numbers of people took part in her funeral, and Alexander IV proclaimed her a Saint only two years later.



## BLESS US O LORD!

<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/bless-us-o-lord/#:~:text=Our%20familiar%20meal%20prayer%20today,not%20write%20this%20liturgical%20book.>

*(This is the second in a series in which we are taking a look at some of the prayers we have been praying for years; however, we may be curious about them and their origin or have some questions about the essence of their meaning, including why we pray the way we do.)*

**“Bless us, O Lord**, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive ...”

Why do we pray over our meals? Because we, as a community of believers, learned it a long time ago.

The custom of praying over a meal is ancient in our faith tradition. Even before Jesus — who prayed over the gifts of the Last Supper and over the gifts at the multiplication of the loaves and fish — ancient Jews prayed over their meals.

They did so in gratitude both for the food and for the land which the Lord had given them.

In Deuteronomy 8:10, we see the ancient order given to prayer at meals attributed to Moses: “But when you have eaten and are satisfied, you must bless the Lord, your God, for the good land he has given you.” Modern Jews call this the Birkat HaMazon (“blessing on nourishment”).

Following this tradition, as well as the custom of Jesus’ own meal prayers, early Christians offered prayer over their own meals. Several early Church Fathers cited the need to pray before meals, both in thanksgiving and as part of the natural desire to worship God. For example, Tertullian, who lived and wrote in the early third century, noted



### PRAYER BEFORE MEAL

**Bless us, O Lord! and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=128>



### WHAT IS THE SPANISH TRANSLATION FOR “BLESS US O LORD”?

**Bendicenos, Señor, y bendice estos alimentos que por tu bondad vamos a tomar. Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amen.**

[https://www.answers.com/other-arts/What\\_is\\_the\\_spanish\\_translation\\_of\\_the\\_prayer\\_Bless\\_Us\\_O\\_Lord](https://www.answers.com/other-arts/What_is_the_spanish_translation_of_the_prayer_Bless_Us_O_Lord)

in his treatise “On Prayer” that “it becomes believers not to take food ... before interposing a prayer; for the refreshments and nourishments of the spirit are to be held prior to those of the flesh, and things heavenly prior to things earthly” (Chapter 25).

Our familiar meal prayer today — **“Bless us, O Lord”** — dates back to the Gelasian Sacramentary, named for Pope Gelasius, who led the Church at the end of the fifth century, but who did not write this liturgical book.

Nonetheless, the book dates back to at least the eighth century and from it we have the roots of this prayer.

Short though it is, our blessing prayer contains three of the four following main types of prayer: gratitude, supplication, praise and contrition. We can break the meal prayer down into these specific prayer parts:

**Supplication:** “Bless us, O Lord”

**Gratitude:** “and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty,”

**Praise:** “through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

That’s a lot of prayer, handled in just a few words. The Dictionary of the Liturgy describes a good meal prayer as something that “usually includes a request for His blessing on the food and the group present, together with gratitude to the Lord for His gifts and an expression of our total dependence upon Him even for food and drink.... In this fashion, the mealtime ... becomes an act of worship.”

That covers supplications, gratitude and praise (as in worship). But wait? Where is the “dependence” part of our **“Bless us, O Lord”**?

That comes in the act of praying itself. By taking time, before eating, to ask God’s blessing, we show that we know how much we need His care — not only to bring us the food, but to let it nourish us and bring us health and well-being.

### PRAYER AFTER A MEAL

**We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. (May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. )**

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=128>

# Tithes & Offering

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

**AUGUST 4, 2024**

Offertory Collection = \$4,168.00

Budgeted = \$3,400.00

**OFFERTORY > BUDGETED = \$768.00**

**WE MET OUR OFFERTORY GOAL**

**LAST SUNDAY!**



Dennis Allen; Michael Briscoe; Phyllis Bryan; Brenda Butler; William Butler; Tammy Campbell; Martin Carroll; Ezra Chase; Michael Chase; Kirk Crafton; Monty Crafton; Janice Hewlett; Rhonda Hewlett; Elnora Jackson; Linda McClane; Samuel McClane, Jr; LaTonya Milburn; Solomon Milburn, Jr.; Donna Moore; Dereck Rovaris; Edward Smith; James Swales; Travis & Keri Thomas; Barbara Thompson; Dewayne Wilkins; and Gail Yearick.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY: AUGUST 11

- Special Intentions: Those who are present in person and via Livestreaming

## SUNDAY: AUGUST 18

- Special Intentions: Christiani Family
- Peaceful Repose: Stacey Walling, Cynthia Gatton and Marilyn Kay

## SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 1

- Special Intentions: EMT, Fire & Rescue Workers
- Peaceful Repose: EMT, Fire & Rescue Workers

**\* Mass is the highest form of prayer. It is the best way to honor the passing of a loved one and is the best gift to give in celebration of a special day . Call the Parish Office (301-872-5460) to set up a date.**

# MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Welcomer	Lector	Gift Bearer	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Sacristans	Live Streamer	Cleaner
Sun. Aug. 11	Jameson	Jackson, Haven, Naomi, Harmony, Michael, Heaven, Isabella, Alisa, Journeigh, Jameson	Ingmire Family	Brenda	Erykah, Seth Joshua, Kamron, Isaiah	Dinnette	Steve	Tabby & Jennifer
Wed. Aug. 14	n/a	Sheila	n/a	n/a	Nick Kamron	Fran	Fran	n/a
Thur. Aug. 15	n/a	Fran	n/a	n/a	Nick Kamron	Brenda	Fran	n/a
Sat. Aug. 17	n/a	Nick	n/a	n/a	Nick Kamron	Fran	Fran	n/a
Sun. Aug. 18	Fran	Zsa Zsa	Christiani Family	Angela	Erykah, Seth Joshua, Kamron, Isaiah	Ernestine	John, Mary	Ernestine
Wed. Aug. 21	n/a	Stephanie	n/a	n/a	Nick Kamron	Darlene	Fran	n/a





**SEEKING A VOLUNTEER  
OR A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS  
INTERESTED IN FACILITATING  
BIBLE STUDY  
THIS FALL  
IN PERSON (PREFERABLY)  
OR VIA ZOOM!**

The topic is of your choosing,  
although quickly surveying the Parish  
for input would be  
a reasonable expectation.

Traditionally, bible study has been held on  
Wednesdays in person (which gives people an  
option of attending Mass if they like) or  
Mondays via zoom.

Surveying the Parish to see  
which day of the week and time  
works best

within the schedule of the facilitator(s)  
would also be a reasonable expectation.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS  
AN INDIVIDUAL OR PART OF A TEAM.**



**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR  
ALL PARISH MINISTRIES!**

**Interested in volunteering to:**

- 1. Livestream weekday and/or week-end Masses:**
- 2. Clean the Church 1x/month:**
- 3. Maintain the Chapel 1x/month**
- 4. Serve as a Sacristan 1x/month**
- 5. Usher**
- 6. Alterserve**
- 7. Cook**
- 8. Teach the children in religious education**
- 9. Sing in the choir**
- 10. Work with the Youth Group**
- 11. Plant & Maintain the flowers**
- 12. Cut grass**
- 13. Lector**
- 14. Be a Eucharistic Minister**
- 15. Lead a Parish Fundraiser**
- 16. Sew**
- 17. Serve in a capacity not listed here.**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE!  
TRAINING IS AVAILABLE  
(301-872-5460)**

You are not sure about what you want or can do,  
but you want to do something to serve our Parish,  
just make the phone call to the Parish. We  
can work with you to help you to decide.

**SCHOLARSHIPS BUT NO FESTIVAL THIS YEAR**

The Knights of St. Jerome's Society will not be having their annual August Festival & Dinner this year.

It cordially invites everyone to its Scholarship Awards Recognition on Sunday, August 11, 2024 @ 2pm@ its hall.



**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE**

**Thursday August 15, 2024 @11:00AM**

@Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent  
701 Gun Road  
Baltimore, MD. 21227

Celebrating their Diamond Jubilee will be Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, Chairman, Mother Mary Lange Guild, who is 93 years old and has been a nun for 75 years. Also, Sister Mary Cleophas Carroll (deceased), a member of our parish will be celebrated.

Please contact Loretta Dove (301-481-1907), chairman, SPC Mother Mary Lange Guild, for more details if you desire to attend.



**CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER**  
**K.C. HALL, RIDGE, MD**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

11:30AM TIL.....

**\$15 DINNER: -1/2CHICKEN, POTATOES, VEGGIE, COLESLAW, ROLL**

Includes:  
1/2 Fried Cole  
Folia  
Vege  
Roll w/

**BAKED GOODS FOR SALE**  
**SELF-SERVE DINING FACILITIES**

**\$15.00**  
Cash Only, No Credit Cards

Carry Out  
11:30- 4:00 Or Until Sold Out

I say Winner Winner Chicken Dinner! Crown down for the Best Chicken Dinner in Southern Maryland!

**SOMD MASS**  
**WITH**  
**HEALING**  
**PRAYERS**



**Monday, August 26, 2024**  
**6:30PM Confessions**  
**7:00PM Mass**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
22375 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653



*"O my God, my only hope, I have placed all my trust in You, and I know I shall not be disappointed."*  
-St. Faustina

Future tentative dates: September 23rd, October 28th, November 25th and December 16th



**THE 72**

LUKE 10:2

Thursday  
October 10th  
through  
Sunday October 13

Registration  
opens April 1st

*Fr. Chester P. Smith*  
**NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

To register for the conference go to  
[www.bowmanfrancis.org](http://www.bowmanfrancis.org)  
Registration cost:  
Adult Registration \$175.00  
Youth (age 10 -17) Registration \$100

Registration fee includes: t-shirt, luncheon banquet, souvenir

**LOCATION**  
Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards  
110 South Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
**BOOKING LINK**  
<https://book.passkey.com/go/5cf48d7f>  
or call:  
410-962-0202  
1-800-228-9290  
**USE CODE: NBMC**