

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 8

Green

Third Sunday After Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Cy Schweitert +

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, June 9

Green

Feria, *IV Class*

12:00 PM Anthony and Emily Gaddini

Tuesday, June 10

White

St. Margaret of Scotland, Widow, *III Class*

7:00 PM Christopher Walker

Wednesday, June 11

Red

St. Barnabas, Apostle, *III Class*

12:00 PM Michael Burns

Companion of St. Paul in evangelizing the pagans of Cyprus, he would die there under the persecution of Nero with the Gospel of St. Matthew upon his chest.

Thursday, June 12

White

St. John of San Facundo, Confessor, *III Class*

7:00 AM Ed and Jeannette Campbell

Born in 1430, he was distinguished for his great devotion to the sacrifice of the Mass and his forceful preaching. His sermons dealt especially with peace-making and concord, for which he was favored by the Holy Spirit with the gift of reconciling disputes.

Friday, June 13

White

St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor/Doctor, *III Class*

12:00 PM Michelle Lanning

7:00 PM Jessica DeLong

Born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1196, he eventually became a Franciscan and preached throughout Portugal and Italy. Both as a theologian and preacher he fought vigorously against heresy. His preaching was inspired by a love of God and of souls and had an extraordinary power of conviction; it was filled with the penetrating power of Sacred Scripture, so much so that Pope Gregory IX hailed him a "living repository of Sacred Scripture." He died in Padua in 1231 with a reputation of great sanctity.

Saturday, June 14

White

St. Basil the Great, Bishop/Doctor, *III Class*

7:15 AM Emily Mersch

One of the three Cappadocian Fathers, he embraced monastic life after completing his studies. Later a bishop, he nourished with holy truth those committed to his care. He is the author of the famous monastic rules that bear his name and are still observed in the East. He died in 379.

Sunday, June 15

Green

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Luke Walker

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Pregnancy Center Fundraiser Concludes

The annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser in support of the Pregnancy Center in Brookville concludes next Sunday, June 15 (Fathers' Day). Please be sure to have the bottles returned for collection by then. Thank you!

Evening of Recollection - June 19

The next evening of recollection is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, from 7-8:30 PM. As usual, confession will be available before the recollection and during exposition.

Visit from the District Superior

We are privileged to host Fr. Erik Flood, the Fraternity's new North American superior, who will visit the parish the weekend of July 5-6. He will preach both Masses that Sunday, offer the 10:30 Mass and attend the potluck afterwards.

Church Restoration

Taking advantage of the "down time" the summer affords at the parish, the final phase of the church restoration has been commissioned and is set to begin July 7. The job is expected to take six to eight weeks and will entail the installation of new plaster on the walls and ceiling followed by the detailed paint work. Masses will need to be held in the schoolhouse again during the week (hopefully for the last time).

In a separate project, a Marian shrine will be constructed near the entrance to the cemetery during the summer. This will eliminate the piles of dirt and rocks that are there, which are certainly an eye-sore. Please continue to offer thanks to God for providing the means to have these projects completed for His glory and that of His house.

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Archbishop Buechlein; Parish Benefactors; Patricia Wycislo; Cliff Sucietto; Rosie Rolfes; Danny Mason; Tom Peter; Stan Hoff; Joseph Shake; Virginia Mendel; Ted Knight; Andrew Voelker (Iraq); Todd Lecher (Iraq); closure of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington; Donald Farwick +; James Peter +; Ed Lachman +; Shirley Heppner +; Martha Deller +; Victor Weigand +; Msgr. Bernard Schmitz +; Fr. Celsus Griesse, OFM +

Contributions – Thank You!

June 1 \$1731.00

Window Fund \$42519.24 (92%)

Calendar of Events

June 19	Evening of Recollection
June 28	Married Men's Solidarity
June 29	SS. Peter and Paul (<i>Highb Mass</i>)
July 6	Fr. Flood visit
July 7	Church restoration begins

A Final Thought...

The majority is not always right. Majority is right in the field of the relative, but not in the absolute. Majority is a legitimate test, so long as voting is based on conscience and not on propaganda. Truth does not win when numbers *qua* numbers become decisive. Numbers alone can decide a beauty queen but not justice. Right is still right if nobody is right, and wrong is still wrong if everybody is wrong. The first poll in the history of Christianity was wrong!

Barabbas was amazed at a favor beyond his fondest hopes. He had fought for political liberty. He had procured the names of a few quislings, had sabotaged Roman works, had organized a few patriotic followers, had gained some prestige by being arrested, for arrest heightens the prestige of revolutionists. But all that was nothing compared to the deafening shouts for him as their leader, their hero. He was no longer an outlaw, but a free man. It meant death for Christ - but that was nothing.

Barabbas was free! He had four freedoms: 1) freedom from fear - no more Roman prisons; 2) freedom from want - no more coarse bread and water; 3) freedom of speech - he could once more talk revolution; 4) freedom of religion - he could talk against religion if he wanted to. Freedom for him meant freedom from something. And it was an empty freedom. It was as colorless as water when he thought it would be red like wine. He noticed that after the voting no one followed him. It was the strangest election in the history of the world; no torchlight procession for the victor, no one hoisted him on his shoulders, no mob followed the victor with cheers. But everyone followed the defeated candidate. To have the mob with him he had to follow the mob that followed Christ. With them, unnoticed, he moved down to the basement of Pilate's fortress where he watched the scourging of the defeated candidate. And when the scourging was done, Barabbas followed the defeated candidate up the hill of Calvary - it was still

the only way Barabbas could have a following. Barabbas noticed that his two fellow prisoners were also there. They were not so fortunate as to be nominated for election. They were crucified on either side of our Lord, Dismas on His right, and Gestas on His left.

When finally all three crosses were unfurled against the dark sky, Barabbas heard Gestas on His left curse, swear, and ask to be taken down. But he also heard Dismas on His right ask to be taken up: *Remember me when Thou come into Thy Kingdom.* To which plea came back the promise: *This day you shall be with me in paradise.*

What kind of freedom was this with which Dismas was satisfied? Can one be nailed to a cross and still be free? Can He who is pinned to that central tree be the giver of freedom, the guardian and savior of liberty? Then Barabbas saw that the freedom for which he was seeking was not the freedom to be free *from* something, but that the only true freedom is to be free *for* something. Now he sees freedom as not an end, but a means. Freedom is for the sake of doing something worth doing: What good is freedom from fear unless there is someone to love? What good is freedom from want unless there is a justice to be served? What good is freedom of speech unless there is a truth to defend? What good is freedom of religion unless there is a God to worship? Barabbas would now have given anything to have been Dismas. Dismas was free and he was not. Only nailed love is free; unnailed love can compel and therefore destroy freedom. Harken, revolutionists! Follow not Barabbas the revolutionist who would remake society to remake man; but rather Christ, the Revolutionist Who would remake man in order to remake society.

Believe in violence, yes, but not the violence that draws the sword against a neighbor, but rather draws it against self, to cut out lust, envy, greed, and hate. Learn, all who prattle about freedom in a land of freedom, that *the only true freedom in the world is the freedom to become a saint!*

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, *Characters of the Passion*,
ch. 6