

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 3

Green

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Stan and Ann Hoff & family

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, August 4

White

St. Dominic, Confessor, *III Class*

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Eichhold & family

With the Church in France ravaged by the Albigensian heresy by the late 1100's, Dominic Guzman would be raised up to successfully combat it. Noted for his love of poverty and study, he established the Order of Friars Preachers in 1215, with a charism focused on preaching and teaching. He died in 1221 and was canonized three years later.

Tuesday, August 5

White

Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major, *III Class*

7:00 PM Greg Trimble +

Wednesday, August 6

White

Transfiguration of Our Lord, *II Class*

12:00 PM Kathryn Michalowski

Twice in the course of the year the Church celebrates our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor – on the second Sunday of Lent in order to bear witness to His divinity as His Passion draws near, and again today to celebrate His exaltation in glory.

Thursday, August 7

White

St. Cajetan, Confessor, *III Class*

7:00 AM Ed and Marci Frey & family

St. Cajetan founded the Theatines, who endeavor to follow the manner and life of the Apostles. Trusting in God, they refrained from begging alms and waited until the faithful brought them help. His zeal for the salvation of souls caused him to be called "Hunter of Souls". It was said that he was an angel at the altar and an Apostle at the pulpit. He died August 7, 1547.

Friday, August 8

White

St. John Marie Vianney, Confessor, *III Class*

12:00 PM Edna Kleckner +

7:00 PM Patricia Trimble +

Born near Lyons, France in 1786, ordained in August 1815, St. John Vianney was parish priest at Ars for nearly 42 years. His simple preaching touched the hearts of both young and old. Crowds flocked to the holy priest, who sat some days up to 16 hours in the confessional. Through his prayers, penances, and long years as pastor, he managed to revitalize a parish that had been morally and spiritually corrupt when he took over. He died in 1859.

Saturday, August 9

White

Saturday of Our Lady, *IV Class*

7:15 AM Bob Ackinclose

Sunday, August 10

Green

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

7:30 AM Peggy Nicholas

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Altar Servers Reds Game - Tomorrow

For those attending the ball game tomorrow, those coming from Brookville and north should meet at the IGA in Brookville at 5 PM; those from Sunman and south should meet at the Big's lot in Harrison at 5:40; we will caravan then from there to the stadium for the 7:10 game. Please contact Fr. Saguto if there are any questions.

Summer Catechetical Series

The five-week catechetical series *Basic Apologetics* continues on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM in the library, presenting an overview of the credentials of Catholicism as the only one true Faith, giving answer to the three essential questions of God's existence, Christ's claim and the truth of revelation, and the authority of the Church. Please note that there will be no class meeting this week due to the ball game; classes resume on August 11.

St. Philomena's Day - August 11

Next Monday, August 11, is the traditional feast day of St. Philomena. The church construction will unfortunately prevent a High Mass for the occasion, but this will be made up for at the September dedication Mass. The Mass on August 11 will still be at noon.

Assumption - August 15

Friday, August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and is a holyday of obligation. The holyday schedule will be observed with Masses at 7 AM and 7 PM; both will be low Masses due to the construction.

Church Cleaning

Some extra help is needed for church cleaning on Saturday mornings (usually around 10) during the work in the church. Please consider helping clean if schedule permits. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

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Calendar of Events

August 4 Altar Servers Reds Game
August 11 St. Philomena Feast Day
August 11 Catechetical Series (3rd of 5)
August 15 Assumption (Holyday)
August 28 Evening of Recollection
August 30 Married Men's Solidarity

A Final Thought...

Jesus revealed to us the mystery of His heavenly Father's merciful love not only for our own consolation and personal benefit, not only to give us absolute confidence in God, but also to teach us to be merciful to our neighbor. *Be ye therefore merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.* Good attracts good, goodness engenders goodness, kindness inspires kindness; therefore the more a soul penetrates the mystery of infinite mercy, the more it will be incited to emulate it. When we feel irritated with someone and little disposed to indulgence and pardon, we ought to plunge with all our strength into the consideration of the infinite mercy of God, in order to stifle all harshness, resentment, and anger in ourselves. If we had but the slightest experience of our own wretchedness, it would not be difficult for us to realize that there is no moment of our lives in which we do not need the mercy of God. Our merciful Father is so forbearing that He never casts us off despite all our falls, never reproaches us about the many times He has forgiven us, never refuses us His paternal embrace of love and peace. Nothing softens a soul more, making it full of good will towards others, than this consideration. Only if others could see in our attitude toward them a reflection of God's infinite mercy!

[...] We notice in the Gospel how the words of Jesus, generally so mild and loving, even when addressed to the greatest of sinners - like Mary Magdalene, the woman taken in adultery, and even Judas - become exceptionally severe and almost harsh, when He speaks of failures in fraternal charity. God loves us infinitely, and He has but one desire: to pour out upon our souls the torrents of His boundless mercy; yet His love and mercy seem to vanish and are replaced by severity in the measure that He finds us harsh and exacting toward our

neighbor. We need God's mercy so much; we have such need of His mild judgement, His pity, forgiveness, and mercy. Why then do we not do as much for others? Perhaps because they have offended us, have made us suffer? And have we never offended God? Have we not, by our sins, contributed to the Passion of Christ? Too often we are like the cruel servant in the parable who, having received pardon from his master for a big debt, was not willing to pardon a trifling debt which one of his companions owed him, but cast him into a prison until he paid the last cent. How can we expect mercy and forgiveness from God if we are so exacting with our neighbor? Let us not forget the words we repeat every day in the *Our Father*: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Let us act in such a way that these words will not be our own condemnation, for Jesus has said: *For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you also your offenses. But if you will not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses.* It depends, therefore, on ourselves, whether we shall one day be judged with more or less mercy.

"In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love," writes St. John of the Cross, that is, we shall be judged on our love for God and for our neighbor.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*, ch.