

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM - Maxine Best
SUN	8:00 AM - Those suffering from addiction
	10:00 AM - Leo Antons
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM - Liv/dec'd of the James & Julia Matheny Family
	12:05 PM - Tarcella Hendershot
TUE	7:45 AM - JoAnn Hartman
	12:05 PM - Vincent & Alice Lang
WED	7:45 AM - Norma Adams
	12:05 PM - Mary Louise Pitt
THU	7:45 AM - Antoinette DiBello
	12:05 PM - Phil Schroeder
FRI	7:45 AM - David & Suzanne Baker, 54 th Wedding Anniversary
	12:05 PM - Paul Mallamaci, 10 th Anniversary
SAT	9:00 AM - Special Intention
	5:30 PM - Bill Nau
SUN	8:00 AM - People of the Parish
	10:00 AM - Mary Agnes Augenstein
	12:00 PM - William "Bill" Edward Gill, 17 th Anniv.

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)
BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office
WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)
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Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740-350-4224, ontkotb@suddenlink.net)
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Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)
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Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30.

REST IN PEACE:

Mark Bradley passed away Tuesday, August 4 after a courageous battle with cancer. He will be missed by so many but must especially by his wife, Tammi, daughters Emmie and Gabby and his mother Gert Bradey. We offer our deepest sympathy to them and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May Mark now enjoy eternal peace and happiness in heaven, his eternal home.

PARISH PICNIC:

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be next Sunday, August 21st, at Williamstown Park from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Chicken will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for sharing. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Basilica. Plan to attend!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Wednesday morning to be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

VISITORS WELCOME! We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

PARISH OFFICES are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	Saint Vincent DePaul Society meeting in the Conference Room.
TUE	7:00 PM	-	Support Group Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
THU	8:30 AM	-	Cleaning the Basilica. See announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 17,842.00

Second collection last weekend
for maintenance of our Basilica: \$ 3,190.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

BASILICA FOUNDATION:

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least One Million in the fund before using it. To donate contact the Community Foundation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On behalf of the Vacation Bible School children and families, we want to say THANK YOU to the many people who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School. The children learned about the Saints and had a wonderful time.

THIS WEEKEND'S ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the roses and flowers for the altar are in celebration of Bob & Catherine Dickson's 66th Wedding Anniversary. If you wish to request flowers for a particular weekend, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You may contact the florist of your choice to arrange delivery.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary Catholic School is seeking a 7th grade homeroom teacher with a specialty in Social Studies for our middle school. The applicant would ideally be certified in Social Studies for middle school, have an Ohio teaching certificate or a bachelor's degree. For additional information, telephone the school office at 74-3740-8181, or email resume, three references, copy of teaching certificate, and a college transcript to Mrs. Elizabeth Tokodi, Principal at elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org.

St. Mary Catholic School Home & School Fundraiser: Friday, August 19th all day!

Cone and Shake at the Oasis will donate 10% of sales from all purchases to St. Mary Home & School Association. No flyer needed.

“Adopt a Classroom”: St. Mary Catholic School is introducing an “Adopt a Classroom” for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. To learn more about this opportunity, please email Tammy Bradley at tamibradley@stmaryscatholic.org.

Save the Date: Our back-to-school grounds cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24th with our Partner in Education, Greenleaf Landscapes.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for Extraordinary Ministers on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. This meeting is for ALL Eucharistic Ministers and for those interested in becoming one.

CLEANING THE BASILICA

Volunteers will be cleaning the Basilica this coming Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. If you are able to help, please join us.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

Families are struggling to make ends meet with higher prices. As a result, the number of people we serve at the Daily Bread Kitchen continues to increase. We are currently serving 250+ meals each Wednesday and believe that the number will continue to rise.

We are asking for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "DBK" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

INQUIRY SESSION

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church? Attend the open inquiry session on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm in the social hall (basement) of the Basilica.

All are welcome to come and ask questions or just sit and listen. We will also share about the RCIA process if interested in learning how to join the church. (If you attended the Inquiry Session on July 20th you do not need to attend this one as the information is the same.)

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen, please check with the parish office to be sure the time and date are available.

NOTE: All meetings and events must be put in the Master Book in the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **CATECHIST NEED**

Mark 16:15 And Jesus said to them. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"
CCD Registration will begin August 15, with classes beginning mid September.

We are in need of some faith filled Catechists, Catechist Assistants, and Substitute Teachers for this coming year. Training and material will be provided. See Deb Coty or call the parish office if you are interested.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book for the BBC: The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill by Robert Dugoni
Next Meeting: August 31, 6:00 PM, Social Hall.
ALL ARE WELCOME (men and women)!
Snacks, drinks and great discussions – bring a friend.

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill.

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" to his classmates; "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed on by his mother's devout faith, his Father's practical wisdom and his two misfit friends.

Copies of the Book are now available to check out of the Church Library. The Library is located in the Basement Social Hall.

You may also order this book through the Washington County Library.

Any questions or if you know someone who would like to be put on the BBC email list serve (to receive information and announcements) contact Debbie Lazorik, lazorikd@marietta.edu or 740-434-3769.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

We pray for all of the young men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

St. John Central School will be hosting its first ever Drive-Thru Fundraiser on Saturday, September 17th from 5-7:30 PM. You have your choice of two different meals: Meal #1 -Hamburger or cheeseburger; Meal #2 – Hot Dogs. Both meals come with baked beans, macaroni & cheese, chips, cookie and a drink. Meals are \$6 each and orders & money MUST be received NO LATER than Friday, September 9th. You may contact any St. John Central Student to place your order or you may call the school office at 740-896-2697. All proceeds will benefit the St. John Central music program.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF August 20 & 21

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat: 5:30	Evelyn Potter (CAPT) Karen Schramm (HOST) Missy Deskins (HOST) Cathy Harper (CHALICE) Tina Thomas (CHALICE)	Irene Cain	Luci Collins Parker Crum Mylee Lang
Sun: 8:00	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Nancy Funk (HOST) Suzanne Baker (HOST) Babs Duglass (CHALICE) John Douglass (CHALICE)	Carol Wharff	David Baker Mike Iaderosa Joyce Iaderosa Ron Wesel
10:00	Ken Masselli (CAPT) Joel Erb (HOST) Sherry Payne (HOST) Jennifer Schenkel (CHALICE) Ken Schilling CHALICE)	Khadine Ritter	Griffin Erb Ben Pfeiffer Claire Schenkel (sub req.) Lola Schiltz (sub req.)
12:00	Stan Vanlandingham (CAPT) Cheyenne Greenwood (HOST) Dennis Nau (HOST) Sherry Hill (CHALICE) Lisa Taylor (CHALICE)	Mary LaBarre	Nico Marasco Valentina Marasco Olivia Wescott (sub req.)

Week of Aug 15,7:45 AM	Jaelynn Nichols Avery Nichols	Saturday, Aug 21, 9:00 AM	Not filled Not filled
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2022

Notes on the Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to cast fire on the earth. I have to be immersed. How I anguish (with impatience) until (the time) it might be finished! I came to bring division. From now on, houses will be divided, three against two, and two against three. Fathers will be against sons, and sons against fathers; mothers against daughters, and daughters against mothers; mother-in-laws against daughter-in-laws, and daughter-in-laws against mother-in-laws.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus saw himself as an agent of change. Jesus yearned for the fiery judgment of God so much, He prayed it was fully realized. Yet, He must suffer "in a baptism (he has) to be baptized" (literal translation) to have the judgment realized. Facing the baptism caused him great distress. His suffering (i.e., his baptism) would lead to the judgment on the Day of Yahweh. There was a parallel in events ("fire . . . baptism") and in emotions ("want . . . anguish"). "Anguish" can be translated as "being impatient."

Luke indicated that the extended family, the cornerstone of ancient society, would be torn apart along generational lines because of His message. Jesus preached readiness and trust, focus and priority. He desired that the stress of the end times were present right now, for the Tribulation would lead to the coming of the Kingdom. The death and resurrection of Jesus would usher in the end times and the dawn of the Kingdom. In this sense, he was God's agent of change.

The thought of family turmoil based on hatred must have shocked those who heard Jesus or read Luke. When parents stood against their children or children defied their elders, family loyalty ceased to exist. Families disintegrated into shameful bickering at best, and feuds, at worst. Such division weakened neighborhoods, hamlets, even regions. If the family were important enough, such division could threaten a nation and divide a people. In the eyes of Jesus' contemporaries, such a tearing of the family could only be the work of Satan.

The power Jesus revealed (ultimately on the cross) produced a chain reaction that would split families, unbelievers against believers. In an effort to maintain social order, officials would begin to persecute the fledgling church. But prejudice, jail, and even death would not stop the power of God!

Faith can divide families, just as Jesus stated. But the opposite is also true. Faith can unify families. Faith can even make the family a sign of the Kingdom. The power of such faith is rooted in the relationship that the married couple has with God.

DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE



On Tuesday, we remember the 68th anniversary of the death of Fr. Mieceslaus Dzikowski. On Friday, we remember the 10th anniversary of the death of Fr. John Belfield. On Saturday, we remember the 58th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Joseph Mehler, and the 21st anniversary of the death of Fr. James Marr. Nest Sunday, we remember the 63rd anniversary of the death of Msgr. Raymond Harris. These five priests served our Diocese to the best of their ability. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.



Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday and Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in our Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs (which is on the right side of the sanctuary). Adoration takes place on these two days from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. every week. Eucharistic Adoration allows us to clear our minds and just pray in the presence of the Lord. We can pray a rosary, or just sit in silence and contemplation. Adoration brings peace. It is always therapeutic. It is an opportunity to have an hour to reconnect with God on a personal level. In our loud, busy world, it is a wonderful experience that we need in our lives. If we have five minutes, 10 minutes, that's all it takes. A person who finds themselves spending just a little bit of time with the Lord will eventually find more time for adoration. The result would be that we would have more parishioners to become adorers and spend time in the chapel with the Lord. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Often, we take God for granted, and forget about Him. As He said to the apostles when He was in agony in the garden, "can you not spend one hour with Me?" Think about it!

PILGRIMAGES TO OUR BASILICA

Our Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance. We are honored to host visitors and pilgrims to our Basilica.



Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica each week. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



CELL PHONES

We ask that all cell phones be turned off when inside the Basilica. If a cell phone rings during a Mass or a service, there is much distraction caused to the congregation and the celebrant. Thank you or your consideration in this matter.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- Aug. - 21, - Basilica Parish Picnic
Aug. - 22, - RCIA Inquiry Session (7:00 pm.)
Sept. - 12, - RCIA Begins
Oct. - 22, - Mass of remembrance (Bishop)
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SUMMER VACATIONS

All of us need to relax and take time from our ordinary activities and obligations. We need to get away to a different scene. As we consider different destinations, remember to include time and place to celebrate Sunday Mass.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

In September we will begin a support grief group which will meet on Wednesday evenings. There have been several deaths earlier in the year, and it is beneficial to share our thoughts and grief. The death of child or a spouse is a very difficult journey – sharing with others who are going through the same process gives us support. Transforming loss into living again with faith, hope and love and moving toward healing and growth.

Feast days this week

Monday, August 15, The Assumption of Mary

The “Dormition of the Mother of God” was celebrated as early as the 5th century in the East, and the 6th century in Rome.

Tuesday, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungry

Stephen was the first Christian king of Hungary. He united and Christianized the Magyar people. He was crowned by Pope Sylvester II in 1000. He was renowned for his charity to beggars. He is known as the “Apostle of Hungry”.

Friday, August 19, Saint John Eudes, (Priest)

John founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (for the training the clergy) – today numbering 470 religious. He also founded the Sisters of the Good Shephard to assist morally endangered women.

Saturday, August 20, Saint Bernard (Abbot & Doctor of the Church)

Bernard was the Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux. He was a reformer and spiritual author. He preached against the Albigensian heresy, and founded 68 monasteries.

INVITE THEM BACK!

During the covid virus, the bishops excused Catholics from attending Sunday Mass in person. The threat of the virus is over! If you know of someone who has not yet returned to Mass, invite them back and tell them that we miss them; yet they need to return for the right reason. The right reason being that they know that they are missing a personal encounter with the Lord. We don't come to Mass to see what we can get out of the celebration. We come to Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, and to be united to Him in the mystery of the Cross offered to His Father.

EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 15,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday, August 16,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Wednesday, August 17,

7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist
12:05 pm. - Mass
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

Thursday, August 18,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass -

Friday, August 19,

7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist
12:05 pm - Mass
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

Saturday, August 20

9:00 am. - Mass
3:30 pm. - Confessions
5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday, August 21,

8:00 am. - Mass
9:30 am. - Mass - Saint Henry Church
10:00 am. - Mass
12:00 pm. - Mass

INTINCTION AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Since we have returned to offering the PRECIOUS BLOOD FROM THE CHALICE, at Masses here at the Basilica, communicants are NEVER PERMITTED to receive the SACRED HOST, and then go the Eucharistic minister distributing the Eucharist from the chalice, and instinct their host into the chalice and then consume the Eucharist. To do so is an offence to the liturgical norms of The Catholic Church as directed by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. We receive Holy Communion from a priest, deacon, or a designated Eucharistic Minister. We do not receive the Holy Eucharist from ourselves.

Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Basilica of St. Mary will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022 at the 10:00 Mass. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechist listed by grade. At the present time, we are in need of a Kindergarten and Seventh grade Catechist.

- 1 Kaelly & Joel Erb
- 2 Adam Schwendeman
- 3 Sandy and Randy Bicket
- 4 Mary LaBarre
- 5 Melanie Fouss
- 6 John Spencer

After Mass there will be a reception in the Social Hall where parents and students can meet and greet their CCD Teacher.



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Dear Parishioners,

August 14, 2022

In today's gospel, Jesus used the turmoil of a family breaking up to become an appropriate parable pointing to the end of the world. Divorce and the break-up of a family is devastating. Personal relationships change with indifference or end in hatred. Children are left wondering if they were to blame. The economics of separation ruins futures. The divorce rate can seem like the end of existence.

As the marriage of a couple in the Church, the sacrament of Matrimony is more than a legal contract that forms a marital union. The sacrament of matrimony forms a lifelong relationship between God and the couple. The marriage partners represent Christ to each other and love each other with the same type of self-giving love that Christ has for his Church. The fruit of that love and union is children, who are to be brought up as Christians by their parents.

Jesus is the lightning rod of God the Father. For, Jesus was and is, the power and presence of God on earth. His death and resurrection opened the door to the Kingdom of the Father. Faith in Him gives us entrance to God's reign.

Yet, faith in Him could divide families and, so, bring down nations. But faith can unite families and build up the national social fabric. So, faith asks us as families and as cultures, "Are we on the same page? Or, are we to oppose each other to our own demise?" Those questions challenge us today as much as they challenged the audience of Jesus two millennia ago.

All of us have been affected by the pain of divided families directly or indirectly. Divorce is one cause. A rift between generations or siblings is another. As Catholic Christians, how can we help heal the division of a family (even a little) this week?

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell
(Rector)

A holier-than-thou attitude is pride

When people consider themselves more righteous or moral than other people, based upon their own standards of judgment, or when someone has adopted a particular lifestyle or have certain behaviors that are not necessarily shared by other Christians, they may begin to think of themselves as better than those who differ from them. A holier-than-thou attitude is a slippery trap that can easily ensnare us.

God often gives us specific personal convictions as we grow in our faith. But when we wear those convictions like a crown and openly criticize those who don't share them, we are expressing a holier-than-thou attitude. If a Christian begins to condemn other Christians who don't share the same convictions, he has developed a holier-than-thou attitude.

Many people with a holier-than-thou attitude also fall into the trap of legalism. Legalists think that their keeping of rules will assure favor with God, and so they tend to put more emphasis on outward behaviors than inward heart motivations. They consider themselves expert keepers of God's Law and thus closer to God than other people, but Jesus pointed out that they had missed the whole point of the Law.

If we adopt a holier-than-thou attitude, it means we have begun comparing ourselves with other people instead of keeping our eyes on Jesus as our example. Those who enjoy their holier-than-thou attitude often gravitate toward those with whom they can compare themselves favorably. They keep this attitude thriving by thinking, "At least I'm not like So-and-So." Holier-than-thou people don't respectfully engage in discussions about ideas; they belittle, sermonize, and grow angry when challenged. They demand respect but rarely give it. They speak in absolutes even when the Bible doesn't. And they often twist a Bible verse or two to prove that their opinion applies to everyone, even though the whole of Scripture does not support their idea.

While we should never compromise on the basic teachings of the Church, and the divinity of Jesus, other issues not clearly addressed in Scripture can be the foundation for developing a holier-than-thou attitude. God defines sin; we don't. We tend to judge each other about everything from how children are schooled to whether one drinks wine in moderation. When we go beyond expressing our thoughts as personal conviction and present them as rules for everyone else, we can develop a holier-than-thou attitude. When we begin to think of ourselves as better than other people because we don't struggle with a particular temptation or because we maintain a high standard in one area of conduct, we are already acting holier-than-thou.

Paul dealt with how to avoid a holier-than-thou attitude in Romans 14. In his day, the hot-button issues were eating meat offered to idols and which days to consider holy days. Paul instructs his readers to "stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister" (verse 13). Rather than develop a holier-than-thou attitude toward those who do not share our personal convictions about non-essential issues, we should look for ways we can limit our own freedoms in order not to offend a weaker brother or sister. Humility, not pride, should characterize the life of a believer.

Pope John Paul I beatification set for 4 September

Pope Francis is set to beatify his predecessor, John Paul I, on Sunday, 4 September, at Mass in St. Peter's Square. He was born as Albino Luciani in the northern Italian town of Forno di Canale (now Canale d'Agordo) on 17 October 1912. Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Cardinal Angelo De Donatis will preside over a prayer vigil in the Basilica of St. John Lateran on the evening of Saturday, 3 September. Following the beatification, Mass will be celebrated on 11 September in the hometown of the new Blessed, - 'The Smiling Pope'

Pope John Paul I's was the shortest papacy in modern history, reigning over the See of Peter for on 33 days. He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honor of his two predecessors: John XXIII and Paul VI. The chosen name also marked a path of continuity in the application of the Council. He was also the last in the long line of Italian-born Popes who began with Clement VII in 1523. His successors—John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis—have all praised the man known as "The Smiling Pope".

He abandoned the use of the royal plural, "We", and in the early days refused the use of the gestatorial chair, bowing to the request of his collaborators only when he realized that by proceeding on foot people who were not in the front rows had difficulty seeing him. The Wednesday general audiences during his very brief pontificate were catechetical meetings. He spoke without a written text, quoted poems from memory, invited a boy and an altar boy to approach him and talked to them. In an impromptu speech, he recalled having suffered hunger as a child and repeated his predecessor's courageous words about the "people of hunger" who challenge the "people of opulence". He went out only once from the Vatican, in the sultry weeks of late summer 1978, to take possession of the cathedral of St. John Lateran, of his Diocese of Rome as Pontiff.

Pope John Paul I died suddenly on the night of September 28, 1978. He was found lifeless by the nun who brought coffee to his room every morning. In just a few weeks of his pontificate, he had entered the hearts of millions of people for his simplicity, his humility, his words in defense of the least and his evangelical smile. The reputation of the holiness of Pope John Paul I spread very quickly. Many people have prayed and are praying to him. Many simple people and even the bishops of Brazil asked for the opening of his sainthood cause, a long procedure that has now concluded.



"It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it, and harder still to follow it."

—Ven. Fulton Sheen

Nicaragua's Ortega regime blocks bishop from leaving diocesan offices to celebrate Mass

Riot police from the Nicaraguan government blocked the bishop of Matagalpa, José Álvarez Lagos, from leaving the diocesan offices to celebrate Mass on Thursday, Aug. 4. "I wanted to leave for the cathedral to do the holy hour, the holy Mass, but obviously the higher authorities haven't given permission, we are here ... shut up inside the diocesan offices," reported Álvarez. A group of riot police, with batons and shields, blocked the way of the bishop and six other priests from leaving.

In response to the recent episodes of violence by the government of Daniel Ortega and his vice president and wife, the clergy of Matagalpa issued a statement urging "the country's authorities to respect freedom of speech and religion" and demanded that "the persecution of the Church cease."

Archbishop of Canterbury says "Anglicans recognize Pope as 'father of the Church in the West.'



In ecumenical discussions at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, Justin Welby, archbishop of Canterbury, has said that most Anglicans recognize the pope as "the father of the Church in the West." The archbishop believes that the majority of the Church of England's members acknowledge the pope to be "the father of the Church in the West."

Drive-By Gunshots Target Denver-Area Catholic Church

A gunman shot at a Denver-area Catholic church in separate early morning incidents Saturday and Monday. No one was hurt, but one estimate suggests the gunshots caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Parish staff stressed the need to pray for the perpetrator and emphasized that they are taking the utmost security precautions.



"We are praying for the conversion of whoever did this," Deacon Derrick Johnson of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church told CNA Aug 8. "If there's any opportunity to speak to that person, we'd be happy to speak with them and have a dialogue."

BIBLE SCHOOL

Special thanks to Deb Coty and all who helped in last week's Bible School. The event was a great success and all the children enjoyed themselves and learned many new things. We continue to ask the Holy Spirit Lord to lead our parish closer to Jesus.