

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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August 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM - Bob Schoeppner
SUN	8:00 AM - People of the Parish
	10:00 AM - Liv/dec'd of the John & Debbie Karas Family
	12:00 PM - William & Betty Erb
MON	7:45 AM - Jim Albanese, 5 th Anniversary
	12:05 PM - Deb Lang
TUE	7:45 AM - Kim Albrecht
	12:05 PM - Mel Baumgard
WED	7:45 AM - Harry Way
	12:05 PM - Helen Miller
THU	7:45 AM - Martha Cox
	12:05 PM - Maxine Best
FRI	7:45 AM - Tony Arnold
	12:05 PM - Lee Bryant
SAT	9:00 AM - Special Intention
	5:30 PM - Francis "Junior" Arnold, 1 st Anniversary
SUN	8:00 AM - Deb Lang
	10:00 AM - Karen Offenberger
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

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)
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend
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CWC President - Jenn Tinkler
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Pregnancy Assistance - Women's Care Center (304-485-7113)
Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)
Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33.

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.

THIS WEEKEND'S FLOWERS:

This weekend's altar flowers are in memory of Francis "Junior" Arnold. If you wish to request flowers for a particular weekend, Please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Wednesday morning to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. Announcements must be in writing, we cannot accept bulletin announcements by phone.

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.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	6:00 PM	-	Basilica Book Club Meeting. See announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	10:00AM	-	Mass at Glenwood.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 13,681.00

Amount needed each weekend
for the Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of every month there is a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 3rd & 4th.

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.

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

Bobette Huzovic is the Coordinator of Catechists for the Steubenville Diocese. She will be coming to The Basilica of St. Mary on September 14 to train our volunteer Catechist. This training and certification will be held at 6:15 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. It is for ALL our catechist. Please bring your laptops. We are in need of a few more catechist, assistant catechist, and substitute teachers. Please see or contact Deb Coty – dmcoty22@gmail.com if you are inspired to be part of our formation team.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Classes begin at St. Mary Catholic School on Wednesday, August 31st. We wish our staff and students a happy, healthy, and blessed year.

Our Irish Athletes are participating in a Ping Pong Ball drop. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Tickets are available from any Irish athlete or the school office by calling 740-374-8181. The winner will be announced December 9, 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Mary Catholic School Alumni Gabby Bradley and Carli Robertson who were awarded the Irish Boosters Scholarship. Gabby is a Sophomore at Ohio University studying Business/Marketing and Carli is a Junior at Ohio State University studying Marketing. Way to go Irish!

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.

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.

CROSSFIRE YOUTH GROUP

Crossfire Youth Group will kick off soon! Check the Church entrances for this year’s schedule. All 7th - 12th graders are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

For October 2nd -7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Rosary Congress opens with an adoration hour and a Eucharistic procession. Then, the weeklong adoration will begin Monday – Friday, from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM daily. Please be in prayer for what hours the Lord wants you to come spend time with Him during this opportunity to deepen your relationship through the Eucharist.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Monforton will once again offer Special Masses to recognize significant marriage anniversaries of the faithful in the Diocese of Steubenville.

This year's celebration will be offered for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter). The anniversary is (or was) during 2022.

The Jubilee Mass for our area will be celebrated here at the Basilica on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the 12:00 Noon Mass.

More information will follow in future bulletins. Qualifying couples may register for this Jubilee of Marriage Mass by calling the parish office at 740-373-3643.

SISTERS AND SAINTS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, please save the date. The CWC and CLC of the Athens Catholic Community are sponsoring a woman's retreat to be held on Saturday, October 22nd in Athens. The theme will be "Sisters and Saints: You Were Born for This!" The theme of the retreat will explore lay women saints and blessed from around the world. What lessons can their example hold for us as women in our communities? A registration fee of \$20.00 will include a buffet lunch featuring international food. Registrations and more details will be available the first week of September.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen, please check to be sure the date and time are available. All meetings and events must be put in the Master Book in the parish office.

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.

Any questions Debbie Lazorik,
lazorikd@marietta.edu or 740-434-3769.

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.

RENEW YOUR SPIRIT LADIES RETREAT

A Ladies Retreat will be held Saturday, October 1st at St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking. Activities will include Uplifting Music, Life Changing Speakers, Confessions, Group Discussion, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Lunch. For more information, call Rita Rogers, 740-423-5697 or Becky Helman, at 740-989-2460.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF September 3 & 4

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

Sat: Missy Deskins (CAPT)
5:30 Greg Black (HOST)
 Amy Brockett (HOST)
 Jean Tornes (CHALICE)
 Sherri Black (CHALICE)

Don Murray

Madelyn Birge
 Mylee Lang
 Liam Long

Sun: Babs Douglass (CAPT)
8:00 John Douglass (HOST)
 Sandy George (HOST)
 Sharon Loken (CHALICE)
 Patti Finkel (CHALICE)

Eric Fitch

Becky Arnold
 Kenny Offenberger
 Charles Kremer
 Joe Flaherty

10:00 Ken Masselli (CAPT)
 Carol O'Grady (HOST)
 Joel Erb (HOST)
 Mary Ruth-Tokodi (CHALICE)
 John Towner CHALICE)

Tom Hushion

Valentina Marasco
 Matthew Cunningham
 Nico Marasco
 Lola Schiltz
 Ben Pfeiffer

12:00 Stan Vanlandingham (CAPT)
 Dennis Nau (HOST)
 Elizabeth Tokodi (HOST)
 Sherri Hill (CHALICE)
 Cheyenne Greenwood (CHALICE)

Nancy Funk

Jonathan Schmidt
 Evan Huffman
 Braxtyn Kroft

Week of Aug 29, 7:45 AM

Karter Lankford
 Evan Huffman

Saturday, September 3

Conner Bichard
 Ella Steyn

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2022



Notes on the Gospel

Some meals, (formal or informal), met for reasons other than comradery. Meals allow time for networking, deal making, and subtle displays of power. Meals become the game boards for a form of social and political chess. These times can become opportunities for advancement. Jesus had other ideas for this social game playing: the Kingdom of God.

One Sabbath, Jesus went to eat at the house of an important Pharisee. The Pharisees there kept a close eye on Jesus. He noticed how the guests were picking the best seats. So He told them a parable. "Whenever someone invites you to dinner, don't sit in the place of honor. The host might have invited someone more important than you. Since he invited you, the host will come up to you and say, 'Give your place to this person.' Then, you will be embarrassed because you will have to take the seat in the back. Instead, whenever you're invited, go and take the seat in the back. When the host visits your place, he will say, 'My friend, take a seat closer to me.' Then you will be honored by everyone who attended the dinner with you. Anyone who tries to make himself important will be humbled. But the humble will be made important."

Then Jesus told the host, "Whenever you have a banquet, don't invite your friends and brothers, nor your family and rich neighbors. After all, they will invite you to their parties and pay you back. Instead, when you give a party, invite the poor, the sick, the crippled, and the blind. You will be happy because they have no way to repay you. You will be paid back by God when he raises the good people at the end of time."

When Jesus preached, political power was based not in political parties, but by extended families led by a grandfather. The meal was an arena of personal and political power. These families or clans would gather at mealtime in assigned places; the seat assignment (made by the grandfather) indicated a person's place of importance in the clan. Those lucky enough to sit closest to the leader were the most important.

Power was exercised not only in the seating arrangement but by the invitation. Like social climbers of any age, an invitation to the right banquet was a ticket to advancement. Within this context, Jesus offered two teachings on humility, one for the guest and the other for the host. To the guest, Jesus advised discretion in choosing a seat, lest the person suffer shame. In fact, the lower the seat, the better, to gain acceptance and honor among one's peers. Jesus used this approach to highlight the teaching of humility. Luke may have used this passage to emphasize proper decorum of the laity at his community's Sunday Eucharist.

Jesus' advice to the host was instead of throwing a banquet where invitation and seat placement were based upon social power and pay back, throw a banquet for God's Kingdom. Invite those who are powerless and who cannot repay: the outcast and the sick. Then, when the host is invited into the banquet of the Kingdom, there will be a place; the host will be repaid at the final resurrection. Luke was telling his community that leadership must be exercised with humility. Leadership exercised with humility did not gather power but empowered.

DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE



On Thursday, we remember the 21st anniversary of the death of Msgr. Cronan Molloy. On Saturday, we remember the 45th anniversary of the death of Fr. Robert Glynn, Er.cam. These two 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. 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. Adoration is an opportunity to reconnect with God on a personal level. If you have five minutes, 10 minutes, that's all it takes – stop in for a visit. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. As Jesus 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. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this devotion celebrated in our Basilica each week. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica, all visitors, 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 for your consideration in this matter.

SUMMER VACATIONS

As summer comes to an end, many parishioners take last minute 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 make plans, remember to include our obligation to attend Sunday Mass on the weekend. When God is included in our lives, we are more complete.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- Sept. - 12, - RCIA Begins
Sept. - 20, - Saint Henry Mass & CWC Meeting
Sept. - 26, - Giving Society Mass & Reception (Bishop)
Oct. - 22, - Mass of remembrance (Bishop)
Oct. - 23, - Celebration for Religious Women (Bishop)
Nov. - 6, - Marriage Anniversary Mass (Bishop)
Dec. - 16, - Decorate Basilica for Christmas
Dec. - 18, - Christmas Appreciation Dinner
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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 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Today's memorial originates in the celebration of the church of St. John at Sebasta, where tradition states John the Baptist was buried by his disciples.

Saturday, September 2, Saint Gregory the Great, (Pope & Doctor)

As pope, Gregory was noted for liturgical reforms and chant. He sent missionaries to England, wrote on many moral and theological subjects, and is one of four great doctors of the Latin Church. He called himself "servus servorum Dei" (servant of the servants of God).

WHAT HAS COVID DONE TO OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION??

- INVITE THEM BACK!

During the covid pandemic, the bishops excused Catholics from attending Sunday Mass in person. Well, the threat of the virus is over! If you know of someone who has not yet returned to Sunday Mass, invite them back and tell them that the threat is over and we miss them. They need to return to Mass and a personal encounter with Christ and His community. 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.

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR TWO PARISHS WHO ARE ILL!

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 to 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.

EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 29,

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

Tuesday, August 30,

7:45 am. - Mass

Wednesday, August 31,

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

Thursday, September 1,

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

Friday, September 2,

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

Saturday, September 3,

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

Sunday, September 4,

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

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 28, 2022

Jesus gave his contemporaries advice on banquet etiquette, as if God's Kingdom were realized. The Eucharist represents the banquet of the Kingdom. Hence the advice he gave then applies to us.

Eucharist creates a unity. Christ unites himself with his followers. And his followers unite to form Church. In Eucharist, there is no reason for social climbing or displays of power. All are one in Christ.

More important, Eucharist empowers us to act for others. It strengthens us against the self-centered nature of sin. It directs us to serve others, especially the poor. If we truly celebrate Eucharist for what it is, we would honor the weakest among us, for they represent God with us. For God's Kingdom is theirs.

What is the real test of banquet etiquette? For Jesus, it can be summed up in one word: humility. The humble guest will be honored. And the host who serves the truly humble will be repaid by God himself. True humility equalizes social place and power status. Humility is the right manners for the Kingdom.

Jesus implied that the Christian community itself must have humility as a core virtue. When we, as the community, gather to share Communion, do we really celebrate the Lord's meal? Or, is it my meal, my place, my time? This is the real test of Christian humility.

Humility allows us to see each other and ourselves honestly, as neither more nor less than what we are. Because we see the worth of our own lives and those of our neighbors, we are not led by pride to either oppress or ignore those lives. Rather, humility leads us to serve those lives. Humility keeps us from being fooled by appearances and led to pay more attention to those who are more rich, famous, or powerful. Instead, we respect and serve the small and lowly. We don't determine their value, and neither does the law.

Today, the words of Jesus in the gospel encourage us to evaluate today's choices in the light of what will happen on the last day.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell
(Rector)

CRUCIFIX FROM THE 1800 HUNDREDS INSTALLED AT OUR SCHOOL

A metal crucifix originating in Europe from 1800 hundred has been installed in the gym at our school. The crucifix was restored by the Rohn Company of Pittsburg, and is a gift of Ken & Julia Strahler. The four foot crucifix is a wonderful addition to our school. The school is in perfect shape for the new school year. We are fortunate to have a wonderful school, a great principal, and fine teachers.

THE BASILICA

Our Basilica is the throne room for our king. Christ is present in the tabernacle within the sanctuary, and we gather before Him in love and worship. Jesus is more than our friend – He is the Son of God, and should be treated as so. Reverence for Christ’s presence in the basilica should be always observed. That doesn’t mean that we can’t acknowledge one another after Mass, but it should be done in a quiet and reverence mode. Some parishioners are trying to pray and/or get ready for a baptism. So let us remember to respect them. We are not concluding a football game, but rather the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Back-to-school in Uvalde means Catholic school scholarships for hurting families

The school shooting that rocked Uvalde, Texas continues to affect young children and their families. As these families try to recover, a Catholic charity with a longtime link to the area has funded 30 scholarships so that students may attend the local Catholic school.

“The tuition assistance means everything to my son and our family,” said Oscar Orona, whose son survived the school shooting. “My son has gone through a lot, and still has a long road to recovery ahead. At the very least, he deserves to go to a school where he feels safe.” Catholic Extension is supporting 30 students who were affected by the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, a city of about 15,000 in south central Texas 50 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

Eleven of the new students at Sacred Heart were wounded in the shooting. On the first day of school at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Uvalde, Texas, the vice president of missions at Catholic Extension, was at the school. He said “We’re very encouraged by the kind of loving, joyful, faithful environment that they are creating at Sacred Heart School in Uvalde and it really gives us hope that it will be a place where these children can begin the long process of healing after the atrocities that they witnessed,” he said. Principal Joseph Olan said that he wants the school to be a place “where all children will understand that the love for Jesus is the center of (an) academic journey. My hopes for the school year is that our school culture continues to reflect a place of grace, unity, and love. My overall hope is that the students, families, and community understand that school is more than just a place for teaching and learning. It is a beacon of hope for the community, one that can also educate the heart as much as the mind,” the principal said.

**Welcome Bishop Monforton who is with us to
celebrate the 5:30 pm. Saturday Mass this
weekend.**

Eucharistic Revival Depends on Learning From Mistakes We Made During COVID-19

On Aug. 11, the Centers for Disease Control loosened most of its COVID-19 guidelines. We give thanks to God that, for the most part, the pandemic and the revolution it caused to daily life are over.

It is important for all of us to take this time to examine the impact of the pandemic on Catholic life. Several surveys have shown that one-third of American Catholics who were coming to Mass at the beginning of March 2020 now no longer regularly attend.

Some people lost their good habit of keeping holy the Lord's Day. Others began to watch Mass on television or via livestream and have continued to substitute virtual participation for real. Others concluded that Mass must not be all that important if Church leaders during a deadly pandemic decided to eliminate the possibility of attending Mass and receiving other sacraments.

As the Church in the United States enters more deeply into the Eucharistic Revival, it is important to provide situations which increase hunger for Holy Communion, gratitude for the Mass and appreciation for the gift of the priesthood that makes the Eucharistic Lord available.

It's impossible to deny that the decision to shut down access to the Mass, has had disastrous consequences for parishioners and for the Church. Pandemic decision-making communicated fear, and did not confirm that the Eucharist is the source and summit, root and center of the Christian life.

The bishops suspended the obligation to attend Mass following the advice of medical and civil authorities. Learning from our mistakes, we now have a chance to plan how to ensure access to the Mass and sacraments should the need occur in the future. Perhaps in the future, bishops and dioceses should have their own scientific and medical experts as advisers, to assist them to make right decisions when a medical crisis comes.

In the Church's response, there are some things to be proud of, others to be embarrassed about, and much to learn. Now is the time for a conversation about that response to take place.

Pope Francis calls for 'peaceful coexistence' and dialogue in Nicaragua

Pope Francis called for "peaceful coexistence" between people and institutions in Nicaragua Sunday, at the end of his weekly Angelus message. "I am closely following, with worry and sorrow, the situation created in Nicaragua, and which involves people and institutions," the pope said.

"I want to express my conviction and my wish that through an open and sincere dialogue they can find the basis for a respectful and peaceful coexistence," he added. "Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady Most Pure, that he inspire such concrete will in the hearts of all." Pope Francis' comments followed the abduction Friday of Bishop Rolando Álvarez by Nicaraguan police.

Police forced their way into the bishop's residence, where he had been under house arrest for two weeks, during the early hours of Aug. 19. Álvarez is an outspoken critic of the regime of President Daniel Ortega.

Saint Celestine V and the Catholic Church's first jubilee



Peter of Morrone was an unusual choice for pope. He was not a cardinal, for one, but a Benedictine monk and hermit living in a remote mountainous cave. He was also around 80 years of age.

But the Church's 11 living cardinals had spent more than two years in a stalemate over the new pope's election. So when the saintly Peter delivered to the cardinals the message that God would punish them for any further delays — his name was put forward, and soon after, on July 5, 1294, a consensus was reached.

Bishops carried to Peter's mountain hermitage the news of his election to the papacy. He reportedly was reluctant to accept, even trying to flee. On Aug. 29, 1294, he was crowned Pope Celestine V in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in the city of L'Aquila. Besides kings, nobles, and cardinals, more than 200,000 people attended the ceremony, a grand moment of celebration. Unfortunately, Pope Celestine V did not reign for a long time. On Dec. 13, five months after his election, he resigned from the papacy.

Pope Boniface VIII, Celestine's successor, imprisoned the former pope out of fear that opponents to the resignation might try to install Celestine as an antipope. Celestine V died a prisoner ten months later. He was canonized in 1313 and is buried in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio.

Pope Francis names new bishop for Melkite Greek Catholic Church in U.S



Pope Francis Saturday gave his assent to the new leader of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the United States. The Melkite Greek Catholic Synod elected Father Francois Beyrouti, 51, eparchial bishop of Newton, the eparchy overseeing Melkite Greek Catholics in the U.S., in June. Pope Francis has also accepted the resignation of the 78-year-old Bishop Nicholas James Samra, who was bishop of the Eparchy of Newton since 2011.

Beyrouti was born in Hadeth-Beirut, Lebanon, in 1971. The bishop-elect's family immigrated to Canada, to North Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1976. In 1998, he was ordained a priest, the first diocesan priest ordained for the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Saint-Sauveur. Beyrouti was awarded a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Ottawa and a doctorate of theology from Saint Paul University in Ottawa. He has taught courses on the Eastern Catholic Churches and Christianity in the Middle East.

The bishop-elect moved from Canada to the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton, USA, in December 2011. He has been the pastor of Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church in Placentia, California, since 2012. The Melkite Greek Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic Church in full communion with the pope. It is based in the Syrian capital of Damascus, but has eparchies in Argentina, Australia, Canada, Venezuela, and the U.S.