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Nineteenth Sunday in O.T.
August 12, 2018

I am the living bread that
came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will
live forever.
— John 6:51

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

AUGUST 14



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM

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8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast Day of Maximilian Kolbe
August 14, 2018

Father Maximilian Kolbe is a Saint! – Such was the proclamation by Pope Saint John Paul II on October 10, 1982, followed by the tolling of the bells of St. Peter's Basilica in exultation of the martyr of Auschwitz! Met by the thunderous applause of thousands in attendance, including some of the surviving prisoners of the Nazi concentration camp – whose minds and hearts are forever branded with the memory of his saintly and heroic self-donation – their former cellmate had now been raised to the Altars of the Church! Once again, Christ reigns! Once again the enemy has been defeated!

Tracing back, however, to the inhumanity of World War II, where a shattering sense of hopelessness pervaded the death camps as the Nazis took over Poland, this place of infamy became the Calvary of the modern times. Anger and hatred filled the heart of every prisoner until one stepped forward from the prisoners of Block 14, among whom ten had been singled out in retribution for one escapee. Not initially selected, this obscure man – Father Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest – voluntarily took the place of one of the ten, the father of a family, who, along with the others prisoners, had been sentenced to death by starvation.

Following the canonization Mass, the Holy Father emerged from St. Peter's Basilica with his concelebrants, all garbed in red vestments, publicly proclaiming the Servant of God a martyr: a martyr of faith animated by love: "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:12). That love, which is so very dear to the Franciscan life, was the summary of the life of St. Francis, the Poverello of Assisi. For this very reason, Pope Paul VI had called Blessed Maximilian the "St. Francis of our times" during his beatification ceremony some years earlier, on October 19, 1971.

The Childhood of a Saint

Saints are not born, they are made. A careful look at Maximilian Kolbe's early years indicates some of the factors that led him to the summit of heroic love and transformation into the image of Christ.

Born on January 8, 1894, in Zduńska-Wola, Poland, Maximilian lamented the existence of hatred and the political split in Poland. His father Julius Kolbe, a working class citizen, struggled under the effects of this disunity, where the bonds of love and understanding did not prevail among the citizens of Poland, largely due to the occupation of Russia, Prussia, and Austria. His three sons Francis, Raymond (who was later named Maximilian in his religious Order), and Joseph, would experience the same social consequences.

As a child, Raymond dreamed the political reunification of their Motherland would come about through the valorous efforts of some knights of Our Lady of Czestochowa. His courageous and generous soul to undertake great things for his country was intensified by his ardent devotion to the glorious Patroness of Poland. This special dedication to the Mother of God could easily be attributed to the influence of his own virtuous mother, Maria Dabrowska, who formed his early years in the daily recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Rosary, and the Litany to Our Lady.

The practice of these pious Marian devotions, however, would not subdue young Raymond's natural, mischievous nature. At some point, when the youngster was finally reprimanded by his mother, she raised the question as to what would become of him if he continued his naughty behavior. Tearfully, he presented himself before the Blessed Virgin Mary and humbly asked her the same question of himself.

In response, Our Lady showed him two crowns: one red, the other white. When asked to choose which he preferred, he chose both: to remain pure and undivided in his love for God and the Blessed Virgin, and to be a martyr. Only a saint can make such a generous choice! Saints are the ones who desire to do astounding things for God! Saints have magnanimous ambition, not because they trust in themselves, but because they are urged on by a profound and unbounded love.

In the footsteps of St. Francis as a Friar

At age thirteen, Raymond Kolbe became fascinated by the Franciscan ideals preached by two Conventual Franciscans who conducted a parish mission at his church in Pabianice in 1907. Soon thereafter, he and his elder brother, Francis, entered the Franciscan minor seminary in Lwów. During his formation and study there, the makings of a saint continued to deepen. He fervently sought to draw profit from all the means accessible for his personal sanctification.

He took diligent care to assimilate the instructions he received and to put them into immediate action. Never did he shun occasions to make sacrifices and to vigorously uproot all that was inordinate in his being. Prayer, therefore, was the mainstay of his passionate soul, deriving great benefit from his many hours before the Blessed Sacrament. But most of all, he nourished a tender and profound love for the Blessed Virgin Mary whose devotion is at the very heart of Franciscan life as the inseparable reality of its Christ-centeredness.

August 12, 2018
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30--5:2; Jn 6:41-51

***Today's Intention - Zeralda Geis**

August 15, Wednesday: The Assumption of the BVM (see Below)

Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

***Sunday August 19th, Zeralda Geis, Family**

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

August 13, Monday: Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Prst. & Martyrs

Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27

6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Irwin & Kay Seidel Lint (Family)

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Clara Kristofko)

August 14, Tuesday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Readings: Ez 2:8--3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:45 AM Salvatore Michael Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Sophie Catherman)

12:00 PM Wanda Watkins ((David & Jeanne Thompson)

Vigil of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28

5:30 PM Anna Marie Jacobs (Jane Davidson)

August 15, Wednesday: The Assumption of the BVM

Readings: Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

8:00 AM Ruth Karl (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

5:30 PM George Sheedy (John and Alice Joyce)

Our Lady of Fatima - 6:00 PM

***Father J. D. Zatalava (M/M Bernard Shea)**

August 16, Thursday: Saint Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21--19:1

***6:45 AM Joe & BeBe Milliron, Anniversary (Family)**

8:00 AM Joseph Mangicame (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Sheryl Sedon (Frances and John Robine)

August 17, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

***6:45 AM George Dean Barry (Mary Alexander)**

8:00 AM Joe Weidemer (Homer and Marilyn Krug)

12:00 PM Walter Beech, Birthday (Debbie Ball Family)

August 18, Saturday: Weekday, BVM

Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (Connie & Denis Navarro)

12:00 PM Ronnie Geis (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

5:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Birthday (Wife & Family)

August 12, 2018
Scripture Reflection

In John's "Bread of Life" discourse, Jesus presents a symbol that functions on multiple levels. At its root, the "bread" Jesus speaks of is the life he shares with the Father. In this bond of love, Jesus finds everything that sustains him. Jesus offers this bread to his disciples through his teaching; those who follow his commandments will encounter the same all-sustaining love from the Father. This bread is also Jesus' body, which Jesus offered in obedience for our redemption. Furthermore, the bread of which he speaks is his continuing presence in the Eucharist, which his disciples continue to celebrate until today. Put simply, the bread of life is the Father's love that is available to any who believe in Christ, receive him sacramentally, put his teachings into practice and offer themselves like Christ in complete obedience to the Father.

Each of the Gospels prepares its audience for Jesus' return. Mark expected Jesus to come soon, so the substance of his message was "Get ready!" Matthew and Luke, writing a decade or so later, nuanced Mark's message: "Stay ready!" John, writing a generation later, transformed the message entirely: "He is here already!" John uses the "Bread of Life" discourse to show that the disciples could catch sight of Christ present among them. Christ appeared in the bread they shared ritually. Finally, they trusted that Christ would appear to them after whatever sort of death came as a consequence of their complete obedience to him.

In the Father's love, Jesus found everything he needed to sustain him for life. Just so, Jesus' disciples today find in his teaching the "bread" that keeps them going and the "flesh" that makes their own lives a continuation of his. We consume the bread of life in order to become the flesh and blood that brings life to others.

- In your own experience how does the Eucharist renew you and give you a new sense of strength for life's journey?

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 117. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "What "food" helps you live as Jesus lived?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., July 27, 2018.

Please keep the sick folks of the parish in your prayers!

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive (Goal = 9602, Cash received = 9422, To reach Goal = 180)

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2018 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 9 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 16 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either date.

Registration forms were attached to last weeks bulletin. Call the office if you need one. Reservation must be returned to the parish office by August 16th. They must be signed by Msgr. Mazur and then mailed to the family life office by August 23rd.

Adult Enrichment

To become once again a Church driven by evangelical momentum and audacity, we must again become faithful and evangelized disciples. –Pope Francis

Formation in the faith is a lifelong pursuit, both the duty and the joy of the Christian life. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2018-2019 which begin this fall. For class information and registration forms please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

Registration weekend will be held in the Seton Suite before and after all Masses on August 25/26. All new and returning students must be registered before the first class on Sept 9th.

<p>PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS</p>	<p><i>Liturgical Reflection...</i> <i>The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of religious indifference.</i> <i>Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 4.</i> 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648</p>
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AUGUST COLLECTIONS 2018		<u>Is God calling You to a Life of Service as Deacon?</u>	
<p>August 5, 2018 Env used 59 /144 Weekly 1583.05 Christmas Club 10.00 Votives 120.00 Children's Shrine 4.00 Music 0 Fuel 0 Assumption Register 10.00 8.00 Dep. For Week 1735.05</p>	<p><i>All those interested in learning about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to join Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate at a special get together on <u>Saturday, August 18th</u> at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Married men are expected to attend with their wives. Space is limited. Reservations are required. To make reservations, contact: Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, The Office of the Permanent Diaconate, 814-693-9870 or email: jnoonan@dioceseaj.org, www.dioceseaj/diaconate/</i></p>		
		 <p>08/17 JoAnn Kyper 08/19 Shawn Conrad 08/19 Linda Potopa</p>	<p>May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we, who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be one heart and mind: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.</p>
		 <p>08/19 Linda & John Potopa</p>	

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

OUR LADY OF FATIMA along with all throughout the Diocese will be invited to participate in the ARISE program which will begin this fall. ARISE is designed to spiritually renew us while providing opportunities for us to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Reflection and discussion will be centered in Scripture. Our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the foundation for us to witness to Scripture and celebrate the sacraments of the church. This fall small groups will meet for six weeks reflecting and growing in the theme, "Encountering Christ Today". Plan to join a small group from OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH. This is a way to move into the future as a Church of hope.

The program will start in October for 6 weeks, once a week. These are not classes but faith-sharing in our parishes and outside the walls of the church. We have several team leaders already from our parish and the members of each team will be limited to 6-8 people. The ARISE materials will be provided by the parish. Gathering places can be the rectory, someone's home or patio etc. Each session will last from 60-90 minutes. We will be delving into the scriptures and each person may comment on what they have received from the readings or they may just listen to others. Our goal: "Together we make Christ present for the world today".

We are approaching sign-up Sunday sometime in September and would like our parishioners to consider setting aside a time either morning, afternoon or evening for our gatherings. You may also bring someone from outside the parish. If you have questions, please call the office and we will be happy to answer them for you.

August 12

John 6:41-51

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

August 15

Assumption

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 12)

In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul reminds us that as Christian stewards we imitate God through our kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us be as generous in our actions as our gratitude is for the love of God.

**HOLY
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Liturgical Reflection...

This Wednesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. The Church commemorates that Mary, who bore the Incarnate and Risen Word in her womb, did not experience death and decay. Rather she is the first to share in her Son's resurrection. She is assumed into heaven body and soul. The first cathedral of the United States in Baltimore bears the title of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please check the parish bulletin for the times of Mass on this solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANGER'S OFFSPRING

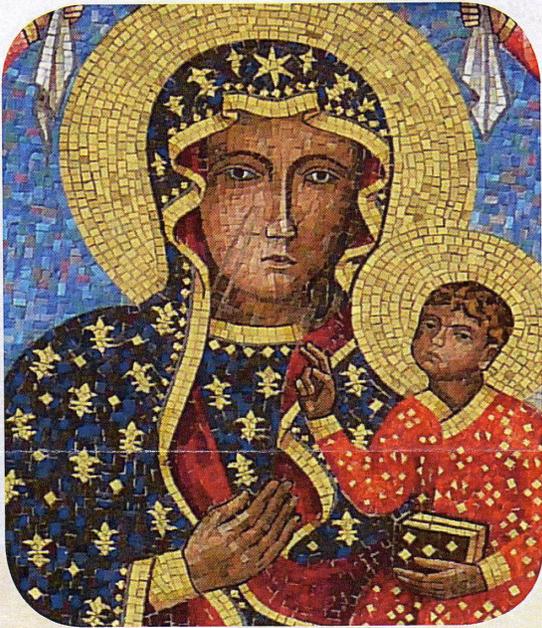
As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.

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Father Maximilian Kolbe **Feast Day, August 14**

On September 4, 1910, Raymond Kolbe entered the novitiate of the Conventual Franciscans. Being invested with the Franciscan habit, he was given the new name of “Friar Maximilian Mary.” Just as most saints, Friar Maximilian also underwent countless trials and tribulations; he had scruples and doubts during his years of formation. The largesse of his soul, however, compelled him to do great things for Our Lady, pressing him on to leave the Order and join the military forces in defense of Poland, his Motherland, under Mary’s patronage. It was proven, however, that God’s plan for him was of a different military nature, and he finally came to understand that his mission was to be fought on the spiritual battlefield.

The Militia of the Immaculate Movement

Having been sent to Rome to further his theological studies, his magnanimous soul found its expression in the intensity of his love for the Immaculate! His Franciscan formation augmented his thirst for the Christ-centeredness of the Order’s spirituality and its theological bent, with emphasis on the Primacy of Christ. On the devotional level, this Primacy is equated to the triumph of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Such emphasis on Christ’s power and redemptive love finds its most perfect fulfillment in the Immaculate; and Friar Maximilian gradually discovered that in order to be a saint, one must be conformed to the likeness of Christ, a likeness which is authenticated in the perfection of the Immaculate. But to be a saint demands a total response to love, made possible only through the help of grace. Mary, being the Immaculate, i.e., full of grace, mediates these graces from God through her spousal bond with the Holy Spirit. This Franciscan intellectual tradition influenced St. Maximilian in founding a movement which had its underlying dogmatic truth on Mary’s role in the economy of man’s sanctification and salvation – a role that ultimately leads one to the fastest, easiest and surest way of becoming like Jesus.

Having obtained permission from his superiors at the Conventual Franciscan Collegio-Serafico in Rome, this movement, named the “Knights of the Immaculate” (“MILITIA IMMACULATAE” or “M.I.”), was founded on the eve of October 16, 1917, a year before Friar Maximilian’s ordination. Along with six other friars, he consecrated himself totally to the Immaculate and drafted the simple M.I. Statutes of this Marian-Franciscan movement. Even to this very day, its goal continues to be the sanctification of as many souls as possible under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The City of the Immaculate

When he returned to Poland as a young priest in 1919, he was appointed professor to the Franciscan seminarians in Cracow. However, because of his failing health and having contracted tuberculosis, he was deemed unsuitable for the task. His superiors, therefore, decided to assign him to the office of confessor. Far from helping his already weakened condition, he became increasingly frail, and was subsequently consigned to the sanitarium of Zakopane.

But his zeal for souls, characteristic of a true saint, did not diminish because of his physical ailments. He provided various spiritual services among his sick companions and instilled in them the love of Our Lady. After having recovered from a long confinement – which served as a period of silence and purification for him – he was prepared to launch a new apostolic endeavor, the likes of which had never before been seen in Poland, or in the world: the City of the Immaculate (Niepokalanów).

(continued next Sunday)



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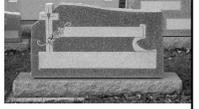
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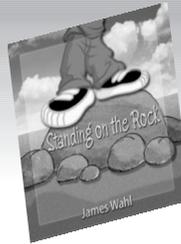
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