



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”
- Jn 6:56-57

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Some Thoughts on Joe

It seems I have unfortunately arrived at that time in life when any phone call, e-mail or text too often can bring news that another of my high school classmates has been called home to God. Such an e-mail came across the screen this week.

The classmate who died was familiar to me by name but not, I think, by interaction. I don't recall that we ever had any classes or conversation together in that fairly large student body. From the obituary they sent I was pleased to see that Joe had married in midlife and had an apparently satisfying career in business.

A few days later, my class held its annual "Second Saturday in July" reunion at a restaurant in the Flats in Cleveland. The organizer sent a group photo with identification left to right, a good thing since I only recognized a few of the names and fewer faces, so changed by nearly six decades of life. I keep missing these reunions because of previous commitments or, perhaps, because deep down I am reluctant to drive two hours to visit with good men I don't really know anymore.

In any case, I was thinking about Joe this week. I'll have a Mass celebrated for the repose of his soul; beyond that I really don't know where he stood with the Faith. I hope he kept close to the Lord. It's unfortunate that so many of my classmates who had the benefit of a Marianist Brothers' education and the powerful example of their lives of Gospel commitment chose to walk away from those spiritual riches.

Every such notice of the death of a classmate or friend rings a bell in my soul, a reminder that my turn too will come. While I hope it's not anytime soon, I had better be ready to meet the God who fashioned me. When we look deep into our souls, each of us knows that we cannot possibly be ready for that moment; only God's mercy can get us through.

It is, of course, the fashion these days to take Heaven lightly and believe that everyone who dies is headed there. I hope so for Joe. But his passing reminds me that all of us, the living, still have time to "get right with God" through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thanks be to God for that!

— Lou Jacquet

Feast Day Mass

Polish Youngstown and St. Columba Cathedral are excited to honor the feast day of Eastern Europe's most beloved Marion icons with a special event on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, 159 W. Rayen Ave, Youngstown OH 44503. The Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin will serve as celebrant, and other Diocesan Slavic priests will be invited. Traditional Polish hymns will be part of the English-language Mass.

A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall featuring a talk, musical entertainment, and a Polish-inspired breakfast. RSVP for catering at 330-744-5233. Free will offering of \$15/person is suggested. YSU students free with their YSU ID. The public is invited. Free parking available in all lots surrounding the facility.

"CHEFS FOR CHARITY" EVENT

Catholic Charities Regional Agency announces an exciting new event for the Mahoning Valley community: "CHEFS FOR CHARITY." This event will bring together 23 local restaurants, each showcasing a specialty dish. In addition to various culinary treats, the evening will feature live entertainment by Backbeat, assorted raffles, a cash bar and other activities.

This event, hosted by The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, takes place on Sept. 26, 2024 at Eastwood Event Center in Niles from 5-9 p.m. Ticket price is \$75/ person.

All proceeds from this event will go toward supporting programs that help stabilize housing and fight homelessness in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties. For more info, contact Nancy Voituis at 330-744-3320.

Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Dobran/ Zitello Families

by Mike and Loraine Dobran

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. John Kodash by Bernie Bolha

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Angie Phillipone by Karen Brown

Please Pray For Our Sick

Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

'No Oil, No Egg' Cake Boxes



Fran Mihalik, Carol Martin, and Patty Infante of Altar/Rosary pose with piles of finished goods to be distributed from their project.



Carol Martin and Deborah Zalovcik during the planning stage for what became a very successful A&R project. Photos courtesy Deborah Zalovcik



Mary Lou Casey, Barb Fechtel, Sharon Pasquale (president) and Patty Infante work on the Altar & Rosary Society's "No Oil, No Egg" Cake Box project during July. Parishioners donated more than 70 boxes filled with cake mix, icing and Coke to distribute to persons with no way to make a cake with oil and eggs. The boxes were distributed during the July 30 St. Vincent de Paul community event held in Maxwell Hall and were also donated to the parish pantry for distribution as a Simple Act of Kindness.

Sunday's Scriptures: Our Intimacy With God

Today's readings are from Wisdom 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel of John 6:51-58.

For a few weeks the readings from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John put a laser focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life. Our Lord knew that unless we were given a way for Jesus to be inside us, we could turn Him into an abstraction, and think following Him meant studying His teachings and applying them to our lives.

Jesus is the greatest teacher who ever lived. He taught the truth because He is Truth itself. He showed us in the Beatitudes a way of life because He alone is the Way. But today He presents to every disciple who will follow Him the

way His very life will flow into them and transform them into the Image of God.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever....whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

Jesus is no mere teacher who intends us to follow His teachings, but the Savior of our souls whose Body and Blood attach us to Him, and become one with Him. Through the Eucharist we possess intimacy with the One, True God.

— Geri Jacquet

Save The Date

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 marks 20 years since The Living Bread Radio Network launched its first radio station in 2004. The Anniversary Celebration will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at Guy's Party Center at 500 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron Ohio 44319. Registration is by invitation only. To receive your personal invitation, please call 330-966-2903, or email mromano@livingbreadradio.com.

General admission to the dinner features talks by renowned figures; Bishop Joseph Strickland, and Jesse Romero.



Prayer: St. Pius X

"O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith and to restore all things in Christ, filled Pope St. Pius the Tenth with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude, graciously grant that, following his teaching and example, we may gain an eternal prize. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever."

Feast Day: August 21; died 1914

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Sunday Collection	\$4,060.00
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Mass 9 a.m.

8/4- 100



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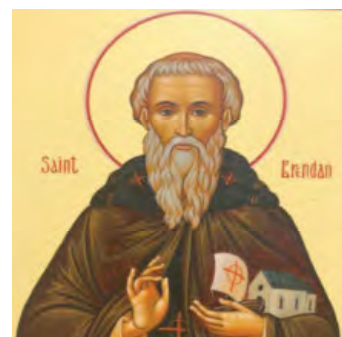
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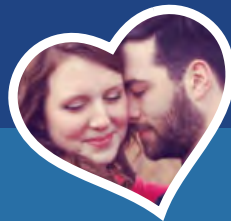
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