

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, October 2, 2022**



## **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

## **Community Cupboard:**

Wednesdays: 5 PM to 7 PM  
Saturdays: 11 AM to 2 PM

## **Mass Schedule:**

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM  
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM\*  
Sunday: 8:30 AM\* and 11 AM\*

\*Interpreted for the Deaf

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or  
by appointment

## **Staff and Ministry Directory**

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**Parish Registration** – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

**Baptism** – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

**Funerals** – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

**Matrimony** – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

**Care of the Sick** – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing or the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Often we feel that our faith is weak, unable to overcome all our doubts or give us the confidence to face our trials. Jesus' closest friends, his apostles, may have felt the same way, as today we hear them ask him to increase their faith. Jesus responds by issuing them a challenge, telling them that even a small amount of faith has the power to do great things. Let us accept that challenge today, recognizing that our faith, however uncertain, has brought us here in the first place to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> - 4:15 PM<br>Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S  | † Oden Family   |
| Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 8:30 AM<br>Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ  | † St. Augustine<br>Community  |
| Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 11 AM<br>Fr. Joe McNulty  | † Edward and Ann<br>Opatrny   |
| Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 PM   | † Robin Zarembski   |
| Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>  | No Mass   |
| Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>  | No Mass   |
| Thursday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM<br><i>St. Bruno, Priest</i><br><i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> | † Members of the<br>Rivera, Ortiz,<br>Martinez, Ieal,<br>Gonzalez, and<br>Calloway Families |
| Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM<br><i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>  | † Stella Janusczak  |
| Saturday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM<br>Fr. Joe McNulty  | † Robin Zarembski   |
| Sunday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM<br>Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S  | † Frank Kordel, Sr.   |
| Sunday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM<br>Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ  | † Gladys Revelt   |



### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord

Patricia Hagerich  
*Longtime parishioner and member of the  
Deaf Community*



### Wedding Banns III

Angela Rauzan and Shane Melvin

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7--8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

### Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,  
For all who feel on the margins,  
but who are at the center of your heart,  
we ask you to open our hearts.  
Help us to become a church and a nation  
where:*

*All lives have dignity,  
All people are loved  
And all are welcome.*

*Amen*

## Love Without Measure

A prayer to support Florida and the South Eastern United States during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian

Heavenly Father,

We pray that your hand of protection would be over Florida and other southeastern United States right now and throughout these next few days. For those staying, we ask, that your powerful protection will be with them through the storm. For those evacuating, provide them with a safe route. We know that you are more powerful than any hurricane or natural disaster that comes our way. Remind them that you are our rock, our fortress and deliverer. We lift every single person in the path of this storm us to you. May you protect them and guide them to safety with your wisdom.

Father,

We pray that after Hurricane Ian passes, restoration will occur.

We pray that damage, as destructive as it now appears, will unite the resources of the entire nation as many seek to be of assistance. We pray not only for the restoration of physical property but the restoration of hearts. Draw those near to you who are fearful – restore in them a trusting heart that leans on you. We pray that you would give each community the strength to help each other rebuild and come together, in love and support and help in any way that we can.

I know that many of our people have children, parents other relatives, neighbors and friends who now reside or are visiting Florida and the Southern States are now suffering for the results of Hurricane Ian. Let us find ways to offer them our support, prayers and encouragement during this difficult time.

This past Monday we began our Religious Education program for this year. We have 21 students and welcome new students and participating families anytime during the year. Call the parish office with any questions. It is so good to see so many smiling faces and happy parents.

The St. Augustine Signing Choir has begun fall rehearsals on Wednesday evenings in preparation for their traditional Christmas programs. New members are always welcome. Knowledge of signing is not required but openness to learn is.

Father Ben and I will be gone this coming week attending the Priest's Diocesan Convocation in Huron Ohio. Pray for the success of this gathering.

## Bi-Annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation

The priests of the Diocese will gather for their bi-annual convocation this week. As such, **no Masses will be celebrated here on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mass will only be celebrated on Monday, Thursday, and Friday this week at 5:30 PM.** Please keep the priest serving in our Diocese in your prayers this week!

## Welcome Home Alumni

This Sunday, we are honored to welcome home former students of St. Augustine Elementary School. Every year the alumni return home to celebrate mass and gather afterwards for fellowship. In 1964 St. Augustine Elementary School closed but the friendships that were formed could not be silenced. Every year we have the opportunity to engage with those who make up the great history of our Parish.

A video, "Memories Through the Years", can be found on the parish website under Picture Gallery. The video consists of many class photos of sacraments and graduations.

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## Save the Date St. Augustine Benefit

The annual St. Augustine Benefit hosted by our sister parish, St. Noel, will take place on **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Noel Banquet Center in Willoughby Hills. We hope that you will be able join us for an evening of fellowship and much needed support.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

## Time for RCIA Invitations

Each year we have a number of individuals receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. That is made possible because of our parishioners who invited them or suggested their names. We are hoping for your help again as we form the next class of 2023. So, if you know someone who ... has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please let us know. We come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through study, reflection, sharing, discussions and prayer. For more information or to give a name, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

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## Say It in Sign

A weekly sign language classes for beginners will begin on Wednesday, October 12 at 4:30 PM in the Deaf Center. To pre-register or for more information on the fall class, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or at [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org).

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## Parish School of Religion

St. Augustine's Parish School of Religion is currently registering students for faith formation and sacramental preparation. **Classes continue this MONDAY from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.** Students from pre-school through eighth grade are welcome.

Visit St. Augustine Parish website at [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org), email us at [PSR@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:PSR@staugustinecleveland.org), or call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 for more information.



## Inspiration for the Week

Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary; love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.



The **St. Augustine Community Cupboard** (Food Pantry) is **open** on **Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM** and **Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM**.

As we continue to serve the needs of our neighbors, we are seeking volunteers to assist in restocking shelves and assisting shoppers on the days we are open. In addition, we are in need of the following items:

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Dish Soap  
Coffee  
Tea  
Sugar  
Creamer  
Flour  
Kleenex

Canned Meat  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
Dog Food  
Deodorant (Men and Women)  
Hand Soap (Pump Bottles)  
Body Wash (Men and Women)  
Shampoo  
Boxed Potatoes

We have also created an **Amazon Wish List** which can be found on our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).

For more information, please contact the parish office by calling (216) 781-5530.

## Pray the Rosary



We invite you to join us **every weeknight** (Monday thru Friday) at **6 PM** in the church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.

## “Expecto patronum” (Harry Potter)



This is from Harry Potter in the magic novel, and the film based on it, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. One night in the misty moonlight of Hogwarts Castle, the evil dementors are closing in on Harry. The shadowy, hooded figures are trying to capture his soul. Harry has only one chance to use the "Patronum" magic spell. So he summons every ounce of belief because the "Patronum" spell demands absolute faith in

its power. Pointing his magic wand at the dementors Harry shouts, “Expecto patronum.” The spell works. A silvery stag gallops forth, the dementors fall back. Harry Potter is safe because he had faith in the power of his magic word.

Today's readings ask us to have such a Faith in the power of God. We need to increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. A zealous Christian can speak more convincingly to his or her neighbor about the need for God and an upright life through his or her own daily actions than through explaining religious doctrines. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian. There are always people around us who need help. We can help them — God expects it of us. Faith is increased by serving others, not by being served. Faith is increased when we manifest our love towards others, our family, friends and strangers. When we isolate ourselves from the world, we lose our Faith.

## St. Augustine Signing Choir

The Signing Choir will continue practicing for their upcoming Christmas performances this **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** in the Deaf Center. Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without experience is invited to join us on Wednesday evening

## First Step Program

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal has trained special ministers to work with those who desire to submit a case to the Tribunal. They received specialized instructions to better assist people with the presentation and processing of the cases. The role of these special ministers as well as their contact information will be discussed at the First Step Program which will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick at 7 PM. For more information on taking the “first step” please contact Fr. Ben at (216) 781-5530.

## Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of September 25, 2022 was \$2,191.25. Thank you for your generosity.



We live stream the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass, the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, and the weekday Rosary on the parish website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel. A live audio feed will be available for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and the praying of the Rosary. To access the audio feed, please call (216) 270-6331 prior to mass and enter code 2020 when prompted.





## Annual Blanket Sunday

The Annual Blanket Sunday appeal kicks off next weekend, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Your kindness will help neighbors in need this fall and winter as thousands of blankets will be purchased and given directly to the homeless and social service agencies assisting those in need.

Donations can be made using the envelopes located at the Church entrances and dropped in the collection baskets. You can also donate securely online at <https://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-sunday-donations/>.

## Sunday Thought

Our Sunday readings this weekend are all about Faith. We call Faith a gift, but we must never think about it as if it were some kind of treasured object or possession. Faith is a living gift. It is much like Jesus' image of a mustard seed. We all know how beautiful plants can be when we first receive them, but if we are any kind of gardener, we also know that they take a lot of care to keep them looking good. Sometimes we may even have to subject a plant to a severe pruning in order that new growth takes the place of old. If we do these things, there will be every hope that the plant will continue to remain beautiful for years to come. Faith is similar. Our Faith needs daily care. Reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer and avoidance of serious sin that can destroy Faith are all ways that we can help Faith to grow stronger each day.



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in Walsh Hall. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The faith that we are hearing about in the Gospel according to Luke today refers to a faith that is one that lives. When the apostles challenge Jesus asking for an increase in faith he reveals to them the mighty power from a faith the size of a mustard seed. Jesus is revealing to them that they can move mountains. This faith is one that Jesus may be alluding to us that we already have within us, but we don't always draw upon it. The connecting letter from Paul to Timothy also reminds us that we should "Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Today may we go about our duties knowing that the seeds of faith are within us and we can draw upon the Lord as we go through our day doing the duties that are needed for our vocation. *Lord, please help us to remember your guiding love through the Holy Spirit that dwells within us as we work for the greater good in our families.*

## Altar Servers Needed

Is God calling you to serve as an Altar Server at Mass? Altar Servers perform not just functional roles but a symbolic role.

All children, youth and adults who have received Holy Communion can be called to serve in this beautiful ministry of Altar Server.

If you would like to serve in this way, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

## Here's to the "Unprofitable Servants" among us...

She's a mom. He's a dad. Their day starts at dawn, getting the kids up and fed and off to school. Then it's off to their jobs downtown. Most afternoons one or both leave early to get their son to his soccer practice or their daughter to her music lesson. Dinner is a team effort — but whether it's take-out or a casserole made the weekend before, the important thing is that they eat supper together as a family. Then it's clean-up, homework, baths and prayers in the early evening. Before Mom and Dad turn in, a load of laundry or office work, then a few quiet minutes to themselves as they crawl into bed. And the next day they do it all over again. Because that's how loving families roll.

The CEO gets the beautifully appointed corner office, an attentive and capable support staff — and a great compensation package. But the perks are not what the job is about. The good CEO sets the tone for the entire company. Quality standards, customer service, marketing, government relations, staffing issues, corporate ethics and community responsibility start and end with the chief executive officer. The CEO leads by the example he or she sets, by his or her own commitment to those values and standards, by the trust the organization can place in his or her words and actions. The CEO is also the one who stands before the board, the stockholders, and the customer. Every monthly sales report is a referendum on the CEO's leadership. And everyone is on board — until the arrows start to trend downward. It's how effective, accountable management works.

They're the members of their town or city council. Yeah, some are "politicians" in the worst sense of the word: they like being perceived as having power and authority; they've mastered the ability to answer questions without offending anyone; they quietly vote their own interests, despite their promises. But most members of city and town councils and boards are there to serve. They spend hours reading reports and studying the issues so they can manage the town's affairs responsibly and efficiently. They listen to constituent concerns and complaints when they run into them at the hardware store or market. They take the late-night and weekend calls from neighbors. They ask questions and then follow-up. And every two or four years they ask folks for their vote. It's the work that goes unseen by most, work that can't be detailed on a yard sign. They find satisfaction in doing something important for the families who live in this city or town. Long, thankless hours notwithstanding, it's what responsible leaders do.

*Discipleship begins with the gratitude and humility of the servant in today's Gospel: to realize that the gift of faith requires justice, compassion and forgiveness; to realize, in the clarity of God's love, how blessed we have been and to see ourselves and others as brother and sister "servants" at the table of the Father. What drives us to fulfill the many roles we play in our lives should not be the titles and honors or the compensation and benefits, but the good we can make happen for all, the peace and justice we can bring to reality, the love we mirror that can transform our world. The "unprofitable servant" is not a "slave" of little consequence in the full scheme of things but a struggling sister or brother who possesses the humility and selflessness to be God's.*



## On the Lighter Side

Three boys were bragging as to whose dad is the fastest runner: The first one said: "My dad is a hunter. He can shoot an arrow, run to where it's gonna land and catch it!" "That's nothing!" says the second boy "My dad's a police officer. He can shoot a bullet and be at the target before the bullet hits!" "My dad can run the fastest!" says the third boy. "He's working in a government office. He works till 4 and is always home by 3:30!" ☺

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## Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference

The 4th annual CCW Conference, is Saturday, October 15th, at St. Albert the Great parish in North Royalton. Speakers include: Catholic author and professor Lisa Lickona; Sister Elizabeth of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Steubenville; Lindsay Fullerman of Fit From Faith; and musicians Jeff Botos & Patricia Allerton. The day will also include Mass with Fr. Damian Ference, Q & A with Bishop Malesic, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and forming friendships with other women of faith. To register or for more information, visit, <http://clecatholicwomen.org>.

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## Pavarotti: My Own Story



Luciano Pavarotti was the charismatic successor of the legendary opera tenor, Enrico Caruso. In his autobiography, *Pavarotti: My Own Story*, he describes how he was trained by a great master, Arrigo Pola. "Everything Pola asked me to do, I did, – day after day, blindly.

For six months we did nothing but vocalize and work on vowels." Pavarotti worked hard under Pola for two and a half years and then worked just as hard under Maestro Ettore Campogalliani for another five years. Finally after putting so much faith and trust in his mentors, Pavarotti made a breakthrough at a concert in Salsomaggiore in Northern Italy where he thrilled the audience and was catapulted into fame. This story about faith and trust leads us into today's readings which focus on the same themes. As Luciano Pavarotti put his trust in his teachers, today's Gospel instructs that we too must put our trust in our mentor Jesus Christ. (Albert Cylwicky in His Word Resounds).

*We need to grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given us in His Church. We must cultivate our Faith through prayer, Bible study, and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life. Faith is the gift of God—so we must pray that God will increase our Faith—Time spent with God in prayer is fundamental to the development of Faith. We must pray for a Faith that is strong enough to overcome the difficulties and crises we face daily. In addition, association with people of Faith builds Faith. Hence, our participation in the Holy Mass ("the mystery of Faith"), and the life of the Church is important. Because of the Eucharistic Meal on the altar and the Sacramental graces at our disposal, we find that we are not unprofitable servants, but instruments and agents of Jesus, Who, through the power of Divine Love, helps us to reap a harvest worthy of Him. Sacred Scriptures inform and correct our Faith. Without the guidance of the Scriptures, our Faith tends to be weak. We grow in Faith as we act in Faith. Every gift of God is strengthened by the exercise of it.*

## Stepping Forward

Saint Augustine Parish Council is a group of parishioners who are active members of the parish community. They are a consultative body assisting the pastor and professional staff in promoting the mission of the church in making Christ known, loved and served all for the sake of growing the kingdom of God present among us and yet to come. This makes evangelization the heart of the Church's mission and the reason for its existence. Central to the life and mission of Saint Augustine Church is service to those in need. As a Catholic community Saint Augustine supports and celebrates its identity and mission in the sacramental life of the church, especially in Baptism and Eucharist. From an organization standpoint the council will serve as the strategic planners as we set priorities and look to the future.

In terms of membership, the Parish Council is made up of five registered members who are elected by and represent the entire parish. There are also members who represent the ministries of Religious and Sacramental Formation, Worship, service ministries to those in need, stewardship, the Deaf Community, the Blind Community, and the Mental Health Community. The pastor and administrator serve ex officio. A council member or other parishioner serves as secretary. Those elected or appointed will serve for a three-year term.

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly and at other times when necessary.

Saint Augustine Parish Council has existed for many years within a loose organization that had as its mission hearing reports on parish life from the pastor and others. It is time to bring the mission and operation of the council more in line with what is intended by the church and the diocese.

Therefore, I am seeking candidates to serve on the renewed council to begin operation on January 1. Until then we will encourage and invite parishioners to place their name in nomination for service on the council. A deadline will be set. Elections will be held if there are enough candidates to warrant an election. A training program for the new council will take place some time prior to January 1.

I will be speaking on the matter at mass in the weeks ahead. Pray for our success in recruiting capable and committed candidates.

Father Bill

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## Deaf Responders Needed

We are looking for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals who are willing to assist us in leading responses for the Deaf Community at our 11 AM Mass. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216) 781-5530 or [RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org)

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## St. Augustine Seniors 50 and over

St. Augustine Seniors will meet Thursday, October 13th at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

## The day the Great War Ended

A Belgian survivor of World War I recalls the moment the Great War ended for her: A woman and her husband were in Holland doing relief work among Belgian refugees. They had rented a room from a Dutch family for their work. The Dutch landlord, she remembers, “felt as we did about the Germans. They also hated, as we hated.” One cold winter day the Belgian couple were walking near the town, not far from the German border when they saw something lying in the mud. It was a man in a torn German uniform. His muddy and bleeding feet showed through his broken shoes. “We could not leave him lying there in the cold,” the woman remembers. “What could we do? We could not take him to the house of the Dutch people, because they hated the Germans just as we did. But he needed help . . .

“We decided to take him to the house and try to get him in without the knowledge of the landlady. We helped him, between us, back to the town and into the house. The landlady was fortunately not around. We put him on the bed in our room. “What could we do? His feet were bloody and dirty. I had to wash them! So I got some water and a cloth and knelt down to wash his feet. While I was washing his feet something happened inside of me. Something fell down from my eyes, and I saw that he was a brother. A German was my brother. The Germans were our brothers.” The Belgian couple had to get the German something to eat. With every food stuff strictly rationed, she had no choice but to go downstairs and asked the landlady for two eggs.

“Two eggs!” the landlady exclaimed, “and what would you be doing with two eggs at once in war time?” The couple then told the landlady the truth: that they had found a German soldier, broken, bleeding and hungry — and that he was now upstairs in her house. The landlady said nothing for a moment. Her eyes filled with tears, she said, “Take the two eggs. And here’s some jam I ma10.5

de; take that up to him. But don’t you tell my husband!” The couple tended the soldier’s wounds and fed him. They found shoes and a suit of clothes from what they had collected for Belgian refugees. The woman concludes her story: “It was late afternoon and almost dark. He started out from the house to find his way back to the German border. We stood at the window and watched him go. The snowflakes began to come down, slowly and steadily, then faster and faster. He would be wet through the storm. Would he get back to the border? Would he be safe? We never knew. We never heard of him again.” [As told by Magda Yoors-Peeters at a conference of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation at Nyborg Strand, Denmark, in 1923.]

A “mustard seed” of faith enables a couple to uproot their understandable “mulberry tree” of anger and hatred to rediscover compassion and grace. Mustard-seed faith is the unshakable conviction that every ordinary act of selfless kindness can recreate and transform; that the smallest act of forgiveness can lift up and heal; that the simplest act of compassion, done in faith and trust in God’s providence, can transform our world in the justice and peace of God. What this couple and their landlady do for this “enemy” soldier is the sign of the Gospel “mustard seed” in our midst: to believe that whatever generosity and kindness we are capable of doing, done in the spirit of Gospel reconciliation, justice and peace, will one day yield the harvest that is the reign of God.

## Church Renovation

We are pleased to share with you some excellent news for our parish family and the generations to come. Over the last several months plans have been underway for church renovations. The proposed renovations were presented to and approved by the Parish Council and Parish Finance Council. A request was then submitted to Bishop Malesic for approval which was granted.

We will begin the highly anticipated renovation of new carpeting, new tile under the pews, sanding and re-staining the pews, and painting of the sanctuary to **begin on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. This process is expected to take approximately 5 weeks to complete.

Due to the renovations **beginning on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> all weekday and weekend Masses will be held in Walsh Hall (basement of former school building).**

Thank you for your patience and understanding of any inconvenience this may cause.

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## Tightrope walk across Niagara Falls

Blondin, the French tightrope walker became world-famous in June of 1859, when he walked on a tightrope stretched over quarter of a mile across the mighty Niagara Falls. He became the first person to accomplish this amazing feat. He walked across 160 feet above the waterfalls several times, each time with a different daring feat- once in a sack, on stilts, on a bicycle, in the dark, and once even carrying a stove and cooking an omelet! A large crowd gathered and a buzz of excitement ran along both sides of the river bank. The crowd “Oooooohed!” and “Aaaaahed!” as Blondin carefully walked across one dangerous step after another- blindfolded and pushing a wheelbarrow. Upon reaching the other side, the crowd's applause was louder than the roar of the falls! Blondin suddenly stopped and addressed his audience: "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?" The crowd enthusiastically shouted, "Yes, yes, yes. You are the greatest tightrope walker in the world. You can do anything!" "Okay," said Blondin, "Get in the wheelbarrow....." The Blondin story goes that no one did although all had faith in his ability! Later in August of 1859, his manager, Harry Colcord, showed his faith in Blondin and did ride on Blondin's back across the Falls.

*In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to have such a Faith in him so that they may work miracles in their lives: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree ‘be uprooted and planted in the sea’ and it would obey you!.” Sounds impossible and ridiculous to us? But, using this cartoon metaphor, Je sus challenges us to attempt the difficult things of life. By this strange example, Jesus shows us that we, too, can perform miracles. We must be ready to attempt things that the worldly, the wise and the sophisticated laugh at. Here’s an example: A middle-aged mother went back to complete her teacher training. She specialized in helping children with learning difficulties. In a large school she worked with a class of what others called “the retarded. Because she had actually asked for this difficult class, some teachers treated her as though she were insane. Wasn’t this truly “planting trees in the sea?”*

## St. Bruno of Cologne

Feast Day: October 6<sup>th</sup>

Bruno, born in 1030, is also known as Saint Bruno the Carthusian for the monastic order he founded. He studied in Reims and was ordained in Cologne in 1055. In 1057 he went back to Reims to lead the school, a post he kept for almost 20 years. He was made chancellor of the church of Reims in 1075 but left soon after in protest of the behavior of new bishop Manasses de Gournai who was finally deposed in 1080. Bruno refused the nomination to replace de Gournai as it was his intention to retire to live in solitude and prayer. He had a vision in a dream to go with Bishop (later Saint) Hugh of Grenoble. Bruno, Hugh, and five other religious settled at Chartreuse and founded the Carthusian order in 1084.

This first period of monastic life was not to last long. Bruno was called to help Urban II, a former student of his, against the antipope Guibert of Ravenna and the hostile Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV. While working with Urban II, he rejected another offer to become bishop, this time of Calabria. Eventually Bruno was allowed to return to monastic life. Count Roger of Sicily and Calabria befriended Bruno and the monks of his order, granting them the land where they founded St. Mary's at La Torre. The order was known for its strict asceticism, poverty, and prayer and its unique organization combining the life of the hermit with that of the collective life of traditional monks.

Saint Bruno wrote several commentaries on the psalms and on St. Paul's epistles. He died on October 6, 1101, and was never formally canonized because his order renounces all public honors. However, Pope Leo X gave permission for Carthusians to celebrate his feast in 1514 and his name was added to the Roman calendar in 1623.

## This Week's Events of the Parish

Monday: Parish School of Religion: 5:30 PM (School Building)  
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday: AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)  
Mass: No Mass due to priest convocation  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday: LINKS: 3 PM  
Community Cupboard: 5PM-7PM  
Mass: No Mass due to priest convocation  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)  
Signing Choir Practice: 6:30 PM (Deaf Center)  
Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh Hall)

Thursday: Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)  
AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)

Friday: Rauzan/Melvin Wedding: (Church)  
LINKS: 3 PM  
Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)

Saturday: Community Cupboard: 11 AM – 2 PM  
Church Tour: 1 PM  
Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)

Sunday: Mass: 8:30 AM and 11 AM (Church)

| <b>October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup></b>            |   |   |   |
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|   | <b>Saturday<br/>4:15 PM</b>                             | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>                               | <b>Sunday<br/>11 AM</b>                     |
| <b>Priest<br/>Deacon</b>                                    | Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S<br>Deacon Chris DePenti (H) | Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ<br>Deacon Chris DePenti (H)         | Fr. Joe McNulty<br>Deacon Chris DePenti (H) |
| <b>Lectors</b>  | Dave Dylun  | Fran DiDonato   | Karen Halupnik<br>Priscilla Treska          |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of<br/>the Blessed Sacrament</b> |   |   | Frank Scialabba                             |
| <b>October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup></b>            |   |   |   |
|   | <b>Saturday<br/>4:15 PM</b>                             | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>                               | <b>Sunday<br/>11 AM</b>                     |
| <b>Priest<br/>Deacon</b>                                    | Fr. Joe McNulty (H)<br>Deacon Chris DePenti             | Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H)<br>Deacon Chris DePenti | Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ                         |
| <b>Lectors</b>  | Michelle Rivera   | Matthew Cook  | Jeannie Rawlings<br>Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of<br/>the Blessed Sacrament</b> | Bonnie Robertson  |   | Rosanne Barnhart                            |

H: Homilist