

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 8/29	Martyrdom of John the Baptist 1 Cor 2: 1-5/ Ps 119: 97-102/ Mk 6: 17-29 12:15 a.m. Mass (IT): Margaret & +Julius Remenar
Tuesday 8/30	22 nd Tuesday in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 2: 10b-16/ Ps 145: 8-14/ Lk 4: 31-37
Wednesday 8/31	22 nd Wednesday in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 3: 1-9/ Ps 33: 12-13. 14-15. 20-21/ Lk 4: 38-44 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): Pro Populo
Thursday 9/1	22 nd Thursday in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 3: 18-23/ Ps 24: 1bc-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 5: 1-11 10:00 a.m. MASS, ADORATION – 8:00 p.m.
Friday 9/2	22 nd Friday in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 4: 1-5/ Ps 37: 3-4. 5-6. 27-28. 39-40/ Lk 5: 33-39 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): Pro Populo
Saturday 9/3	St. Gregory the Great, Martyr 1 Cor 4: 6b-15/ Ps 145: 17-18. 19-20. 21/ Lk 6: 1-5 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): Conversion of Russia
Sunday 9/4	23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Wis 9: 13-18b/ Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17/ Phlm 9-10. 12-17/ Lk 14: 25- 33 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): + Marvin, Eileen, Tony Thelen 11:00 am MASS (IT): Pro Populo
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Sep 3	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marty McDaid
Sun., Sep 4	9:00 am Mass (PE): Sara Walden
Sun., Sep 4	11:00 am Mass (IT): Thomas Collins Bev Bellinger
USHERS	
Sat., Sep 3	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Sep 4	9:00 am Mass (PE): Todd Walden
Sun., Sep 4	11:00 am Mass (IT): Ron Steinhorst Chris Barancik
GREETERS	
Sat., Sep 3	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Gary & Marty McDaid
Sun., Sep 4	9:00 am Mass (PE): Todd Walden
Sun., Sep 4	11:00 am Mass (IT): Courtney Patrick & Family

A Message from Fr. Raj:

It has been my pleasure to serve St. Paul Parish as Parochial Administrator, pro-tem. My time here has been happy and I am very appreciative of the warm welcome and friendly parishioners. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in ministry and the sacraments. God bless all of you, Fr. Raj

REFLECTION:

Like in the first reading, the focus in today’s gospel is on humility. To be humble, according to Jesus, is to not exalt oneself, thinking of oneself more highly than one ought. Rather, the humble person chooses the lowest place at the table. That person chooses not to pursue status but to let other people be considered greater than they are. Still, God will reward the humble person in the end: “For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted ... [and] will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” This does not mean our motivation for being humble should be the reward that we will receive. That is false humility. True humility, as Jesus teaches, does not seek repayment. We are to serve others, not expecting to be served in return. We should love others, whether or not they love us back. And one of the best ways to live out humility, according to Jesus, is to care for “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” It takes true humility to associate oneself with the downtrodden and outcasts of society, just as Jesus himself did. And to care for the needy (i.e. to give alms, as the first reading talked about) is not just about writing a check to a charity. Jesus’ parable indicates that we need to encounter the poor. By inviting them to the banquet, it left no room for the poor to be out of sight and out of mind. True humility involves going out of our way and out of our comfort zone to interact with those most in need. It involves not just giving money, but giving ourselves

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART
ST PAUL PARISH: 8/21/2022: \$2152
LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

... THE MILITARY:
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 8/28	A Family of Faith Kickoff Meeting After Mass at both church locations
Tues 9/13	Bible Study Ithaca, Room 4
Sun 9/18	WFC Adult/Child Meeting 10:00 a.m. at both church locations



Our goal this year is **\$33,686.00**. Please send your pledges and contributions directly to the Diocese of Saginaw in the envelopes provided.

Our current balance is \$7,956.00.

We have recently learned that this appeal has been extended until the end of August! Please help us reach our goal!

LIVING ROSARY

Please remember that during the month of September we will be praying the rosary 30 minutes before all masses.

VISITING OR INTERESTED IN OUR CHURCH?

Please contact the office (989-875-2852) if you would like to register with our parish.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

The first meeting of the Adult and Parent WFC will take place on September 18th, 2022. There is still time to register. If you were not able to make it to the kick off picnic, we have books and the schedule for the year for you to pick up on the 18th or anytime the office is open. The next official community meeting is on October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at both churches.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study will begin Tuesday Sept. 13 with morning and evening sessions. The book of **Isaiah** contains some of the most beautiful prophetic verses in the Old Testament, but what is its real purpose? In **Isaiah 40-55: Build a Highway for God**, the greatest of prophets proclaims the coming deliverance of God's people. Author Kevin Perotta explains how the prophet's message can change our lives today. Sept. 3/4 and 10/11, Bible Committee members will be available preceding and following Masses to answer your questions, assist you with registration, and help you purchase the booklets.

PARISH ANNUAL MISSION

On the weekend of September 3 and 4, Fr. Phillip Mayfield will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. They are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries around the world. Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.

LENDING LIBRARY

After a lot of hard work by Judy Zamarron, we have our Lending Library almost ready to open its doors the first weekend in October. The library will be open for 30 minutes after Masses in Ithaca on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. We will be signing books out, but there is no due date at this time. We will have a box in the back of church for returning books.

We have many, many books for children. Judy has them organized by subject matter and labeled. It really is an extensive library. We will post the dates monthly as we get closer. Thank you, Judy, for doing this. We believe it will benefit our parishioners!