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Mass Intentions

Aug 22nd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Aug 23rd: Joyce Frankowiak +
by Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Aug 29th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Aug 30th: Joyce Frankowiak +
by Eleanor Michie

Liturgical Ministers

August 30, 2020

Lectors — Lois Freeland

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Laurie Green, Mary Theresa Foster

Ushers — Men of the Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loosen on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— *Matthew 16:19*

TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug 16th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$521
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$1579

Please give if you can for our bills do not stop because of the virus.

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Ken Frankowiak, Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Marie Cravens, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 11:30 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

—Anonymous

Coming Events

On Thursday, August 27th, **Father Anthony Onyekwe** will celebrate Mass at 11:30 am, commemorating his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood. Due to Covid 19, we will postpone any celebrations until we all can be together to share a meal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE Classes Cancelled

There will be no PRE classes on August 30th as stated on the calendar. Classes will resume September 13th, after Labor Day.

We are in need of a teacher for PreK/K and for Communion 2 classes. Please contact Lois Freeland at 770-714-7167 if you can donate an hour of your time each week during the school year.

The funeral mass for **Joyce Frankowiak** will be Monday, August 24th at 11:30 am. A meal will be served afterwards. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Veteran's Cemetery at Parker's Crossroad.