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**National Catholic Church**  
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**Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Year**

*I am the  
living bread  
... if any man  
eat of this bread,  
he shall  
live forever.*  
John 6:51

**19 Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**August 8, 2021**

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678. 0566. Office **Hours:** Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at [bsleczkowski@aol.com](mailto:bsleczkowski@aol.com)

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## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**19 Ordinary Time**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**George Jugan** Int. Emily Frazier +**Richard Contrella** Int.  
Martha Krusienski

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**20 Ordinary Time**

**Assumption of Mary**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Vince & +Victoria Leo** Int. Steffania Piekielek +**Laura Adamek** Int. Helen & Stan Kielnar

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time with the traditional blessing of flowers, fruit and vegetable harvest for the celebration of the Assumption of Mary. The congregation is urged to bring their gifts of flowers, fruits and vegetable to be blessed on the Marian altar.



*In conjunction with the state regulations and in accordance with our bishops, masks will not be required for Holy Mass attendance. Masks can be worn at the discretion of the individual. We ask that you keep to all safety precautions. Eucharist will be distributed by intinction, body and blood. Those who desire to receive the Eucharist in both species are to nod their heads upon approaching the sanctuary, otherwise communion will be given by the consecrated host only.*

“Happy the man who meditates on wisdom and reflects on knowledge.”

Sirach 14: 20

## Pierogi Sales

We would like to start our Pierogi sales this fall. Please contact Carol Burlikowski if you are willing to participate @412.398.0162. We will begin with a limited menu and all Covid-19 precautions will be observed.



Dear Holy Family Parishioners:

As you know, we are planning our Fall Craft Show for Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10AM - 3PM. We are asking parishioners to donate a Chinese Auction Basket and/or lottery tickets for our lottery tree(s).

Please have the Chinese Auction Baskets in the church hall by Sunday, September 19, 2021. If you are donating lottery tickets, please give them to Kristen by Sunday, September 12, 2021 so the lottery trees can be made. Lastly, if you would like to donate any baked goods to be sold at the craft show itself, you can bring them the day of the Vendor Sale in the morning. We will be there at 7:00 AM for early morning prep! Thank you for your support. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215

## United YMSof R Convention

The 75<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention will be held Friday, September 24-Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lilly, PA.

Information and agenda will be posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Registration fee is \$60.00, and registration is to be made by August 24, 2021. Men would want to attend should contact Frank Pociask, Holy Family YMSof R president. @ 724.861.0759 or email rhp4hope@aol.com



**Contact Fr. Bruce or Ted if you can help with collecting the parking lot fees during International Village.**

Like last week, we have a story which illustrates the love God shows in feeding and nourishing his people - in this case the prophet Elijah. There is a simple drama in this story, which turns from despair to hope in the space of a few short lines. The beginning is very poignant. Elijah has just defeated the prophets of Baal and brought rain to the land, but has made an enemy in Jezebel, wife of Ahab, who now wants him dead. So, Elijah makes his escape; here we see the weariness of his life taking over, seen in those weighty words, "I have had enough." This is such a common feeling that any reader and listener can feel through these words. The turning point comes after Elijah has gone to sleep, and the angel brings him food from God - not once, but twice - and utterly renews his strength, so that he can make the journey to meet God on Mount Horeb. Be aware of both the weight of Elijah's burden and the power of the transformation the bread from heaven brings about.

The bread that comes down from heaven is not just a bread which nourishes the body, but one which gives renewed life - be this in the form of energy and purpose (as we see in the story of Elijah) or in the form of a gift of eternal life. As Jesus continues his discourse on the Bread of Life, he faces the complaints and criticism of the crowd, who take a very short-sighted view of what he says, and affirms for them that true life, a life that will never end, is found in him, he is the one who has come from the Father, and so is the living bread which gives life. Jesus here makes an explicit link between "belief" and "eating the bread of life": the two leads to each other, and they both bring about that which man most desires to live forever.

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