

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, June 13, 2021****9:00 am** Pat Vettel (d)**11:00 am** Barb Prater (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, June 14, 2021****8:30 am** Myrtle Rump (d)**TUESDAY, June 15, 2021****8:30 am** Anna Hoang (d)**WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021****8:30 am** Nichole Day (d)**THURSDAY, June 17, 2021****8:30 am** Ada Iles (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, June 18, 2021****8:30 am** Bob Nieporte (d)**SATURDAY, June 19, 2021***St. Romuald, abbot BVM***8:30 am** Joshua Feibelman (d)**4:30 pm** Connie Zimmerman (d)**SUNDAY, June 20, 2021****9:00 am** Michael Blessinger (d)**11:00 am** Frank Sheppard (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**Max Hofmeyer & Sons Plumbing
Kitchen & Bath Remodeling
Plumbing Repairs
4279 Delhi Road
921-1133**

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

SERVERS**June 19/20**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**June 19/20**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**June 19/20**

To Be Determined

June 6, 2021 \$ 8,368.63

Total Second Collection \$ 34,822.50

Other Donations \$ 61,921.50

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,202.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$200,946.77

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View “Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.” Our life is one of gratitude for the many gifts that God has given. What are the gifts God has given to you, uniquely; and how is He asking you to share those gifts with the Church and the world? (Psalm 92) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: I desire neither death nor life. Were the Lord to offer me a choice, I would not choose. I will only what He wills, and I am pleased with whatever He does.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

The Laurentian



Summer Study Series: You have a great opportunity to learn the solid foundations for your Catholic faith. I want you to plan to attend the summer study series on Faith and Reason beginning June 22nd thru August. The sessions will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The parish study series is especially designed for Inquirers into the Catholic faith and anyone who is struggling to harmonize the Catholic faith with reason and science. You will be walked through proofs demonstrating the existence of God.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions. And, I ask that you invite any non-Catholic family members or friends to come with you.

The series will be facilitated by our own Deacon Tracy Jamison, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology. I would really like many of you to attend these sessions. Our Catholic Faith is under attack in the culture. This will strengthen your ability to defend the Catholic Faith.

Holy Communion: I have changed the approach to receive Holy Communion. The Deacon and I will distribute in the center aisle and an extraordinary Eucharistic minister will distribute at each of the side aisles. When approaching the front to receive Holy Communion, please come up pew by pew beginning with the first and then moving on back. On the side aisles, we will start from the back and move forward.

Holy Communion will be taken to those seated at the break and are unable to walk up front. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

Pastor's Desk Continued **Major Church Beautification**

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. To help finance this project we are taking up a second collection and did a mailing.

The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. And, while this is being done, the pews will be refurbished. So, there will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project. I will keep you advised. This project is scheduled to be completed this summer. As soon as we have a start date I will let you know.



*From a letter to the Romans
Let me not only be called a Christian,
but prove to be one (circa 108)*

You have never begrudged the martyrs their triumph but rather trained them for it. And so I am asking you to be consistent with the lessons you teach them. Just beg for me the courage and endurance not only to speak but also to will what is right, so that I may not only be called a Christian by martyrdom, then people will call me one, and my loyalty to Christ will be apparent when the world sees me no more. Nothing you can see is truly good. For our Lord Jesus Christ, now that he has returned to his Father, has revealed himself more clearly. Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world.

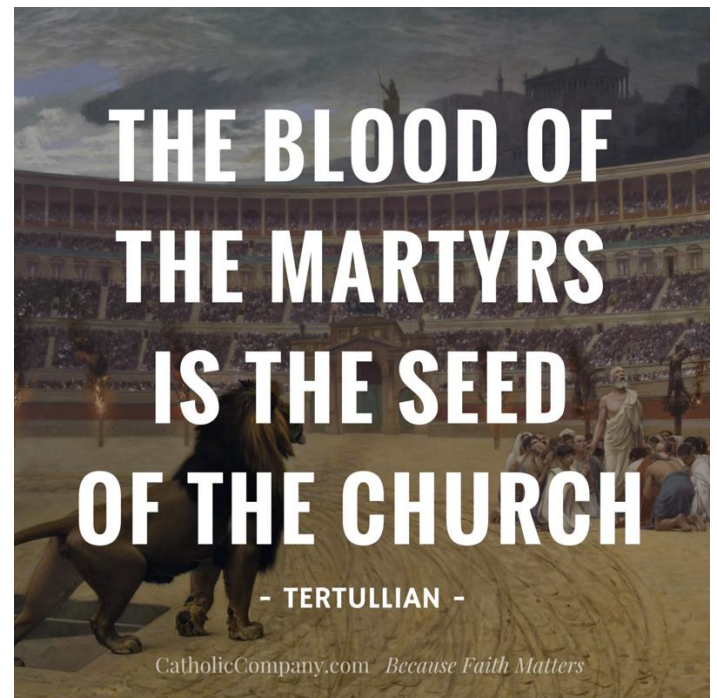
I am writing to all the churches to declare to them all that I am glad to die for God, provided you do not hinder me. I beg you not to show me a misplaced kindness. Let me be the food of beasts that I may come to God. I am his wheat, and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become Christ's pure bread.

I would rather that you coaxed the beasts to become my tomb and to leave no scrap of me behind; then when I have died I will be a burden to no one. I shall be a true disciple of Christ when the world no longer sees my body. Pray to Jesus for me that by these means I may become a sacrifice to God. I do not give you orders like Peter and Paul. They were apostles, I am a condemned criminal; they were free, I am still a slave. But if I suffer, I shall become the freedman of Jesus Christ and I shall rise again to freedom in him.

Now as a prisoner I am learning to give up my own wishes. All the way from Syria to Rome I am fighting wild beasts, by land and by sea, by day and by night, chained as I am to ten leopards, I mean the detachment of soldiers who guard me; the better you treat them, the worse they become. I am more and more trained in disciplinship by their ill-usage of me, *but I am not therefore justified.*

How happy I will be with the beasts which are prepared for me! I hope that they will make short work of me. I shall even coax them to devour me quickly and not to be afraid of touching me, as sometimes happens; in fact, if they hold back, I shall force them to it. Bear with me, for I know what is good for me. Now I am beginning to be a disciple. May nothing visible or invisible rob me of my prize, which is Jesus Christ! The fire, the cross, packs of wild beasts, lacerations, rendings, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs, crushing of the whole body, the horrible torchers of the devil-let all these things come upon me, if only I may gain Jesus Christ!

by St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr



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My earthly desires have been crucified
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The delights of this world and all its kingdoms will not profit me. I would prefer to die in Jesus Christ than to rule over all the earth. I seek him who died for us, I desire him who rose for us. I am in the throes of being born again. Bear with me, my brothers; do not keep me from living, do not wish me to die. I desire to belong to God; do not give me over to the world, and do not seduce me with perishable things. Let me see the pure light; when I am there, I shall be truly a man at last. Let me imitate the sufferings of my God. If anyone has God in him, let him understand what I want and have sympathy for me, knowing what drives me on.

The prince of this world would snatch me away and destroy my desire to be with God. So let none of you who will be there give him help; side rather with me, that is, with God. Do not have Jesus Christ on your lips and the world in your hearts. Give envy no place among you. And if, when I get there, I should beg for your intervention, pay no attention to me; no, believe instead what I am writing to you now.

For I write to you while I yet live, but I long for death. My earthly desires have been crucified, and there no longer burns in me the love of perishable things, but a living water speaks within me, saying: "Come to the Father."

I take no delight in corruptible food or in the pleasures of this life. I want the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of David's seed, and for drink I want his blood, the sign of his imperishable love.

I no longer wish to live, as men count life. And I shall have my way, if you wish it so. Wish it, then, so that you too may have God's favor. With these few words I beg you to believe me. Jesus Christ will make plain to you the truth of what I say; he is the true voice that speaks the Father's truth. Pray for me that I may reach my goal. I have written to you not prompted by merely human feelings and values, but by God's purpose for me. If I am to suffer, it will be because you loved me well; if I am rejected, it will be because you hated me.

Remember in your prayers the church of Syria: it now has God for its shepherd instead of me. Jesus Christ alone will be its bishop, along with your love. For myself, I am ashamed to be counted among its members, for I do not deserve it, being the least of all, born out of due time. Yet, if I attain to God, by his mercy I shall be something. I greet you from my heart, and so do the churches that have welcomed me in love not as a mere passerby but as the representative of Jesus Christ. Yes, even the churches that were not on my route humanly speaking, though spiritually on the same journey, were there to meet me in city after city.

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