

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, July 18, 2021****9:00 am** Imelda Laub (d)**11:00 am** Lou Bedel (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, July 19, 2021****8:30 am** Marc Alan Cassiere (d)**TUESDAY, July 20, 2021***St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr***8:30 am** Violet Ronan (d)**WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021***St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, Doctor of the Church***8:30 am** Mark Scahill (d)**THURSDAY, July 22, 2021***St. Mary Magdalene***8:30 am** Bette Moorman (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, July 23, 2021***St. Bridgit, Religious***8:30 am** Carol Wuest (d)**SATURDAY, July 24, 2021***St. Sharbel Makhluif, priest BVM***8:30 am** Mary Menetrey**4:30 pm** Nancy Spraul (d)**SUNDAY, July 25, 2021****9:00 am** Michael Corcoran (l)**11:00 am** Bette Moorman (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****July 24/25**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS****July 24/25**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****July 24/25**

To Be Determined

July 11, 2021 \$ 10,003.50

Total Second Collection \$ 44,869.50

Other Donations \$ 97,781.66

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$246,803.93

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View** “I will appoint shepherds for my people.” The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live. (Jeremiah 23 and Mark 6) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** Ask for us all day, the courage to do God’s bidding, whatever the world may say. The grace to be strong and valiant, the grace to be firm and true, the grace to be faithful always, to God, God’s mother and you.

*by St. Bridgit of Ireland*

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**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.

## The Laurentian



**Summer Study Series:** You have a great opportunity to learn the solid foundations for your Catholic faith. I want you to attend the summer study series on Faith and Reason. It runs from June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Vacation:** I left for Oklahoma City to visit family. I will be back for Masses on the weekend of July 24 and 25. Father Westerhoff will have most of the Masses. While I'm away there will be Eucharistic Adoration.

**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.

### 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 we 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. Due to Covid related delays the installation of the tile has been delayed. At best, it looks like late summer. As soon as we have a start date, I will let you know.

### Pastor's Desk Continued **ST. LAWRENCE EVENT NEWS:**

**Information regarding our "St. Lawrence Parish Reunion" which will be held on Saturday evening, September 18, has just been mailed out to you. Please look for it this week. We anticipate seeing everyone at the Reunion! If you have any questions, please call the rectory, 921-0328.**

### Pastor's Desk Continued

#### **Bingo**

Bingo is cancelled for Sunday, July 18. It will resume on Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

*Mystical wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit*

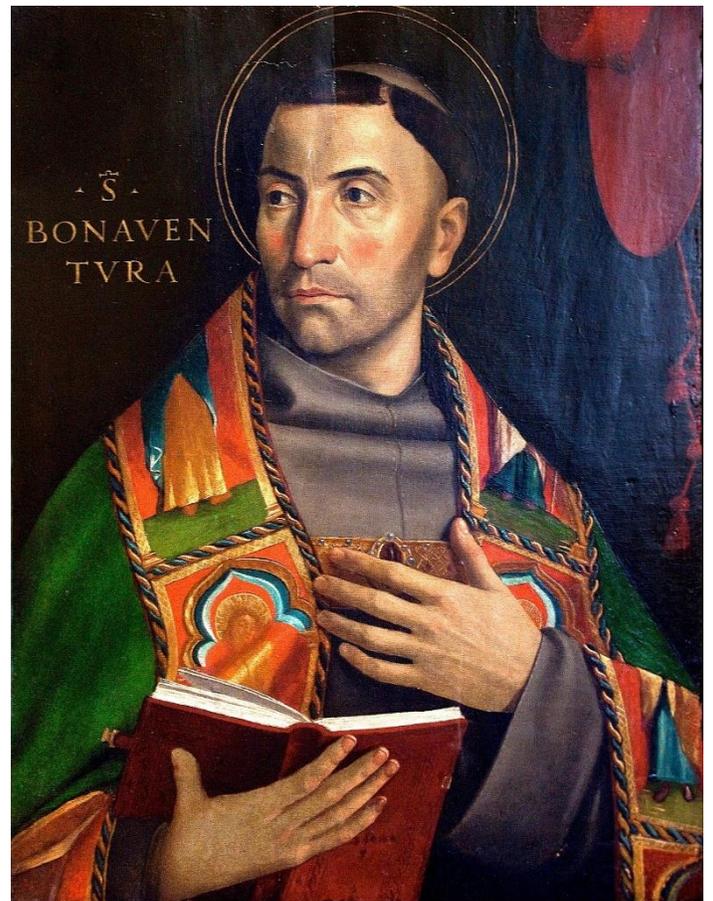
Christ is both the way and the door. Christ is the staircase and the vehicle, like the *throne of mercy over the Ark of the Covenant*, and *the mystery hidden from the ages*. A man should turn his full attention to this throne of mercy, and should gaze at him hanging on the cross, full of faith, hope and charity, devoted, full of wonder and joy, marked by gratitude, and open to praise and jubilation. Then such a man will make with Christ a *pasch*, that is, a passing-over. Through the branches of the cross he will pass over the Red Sea, leaving Egypt and entering the desert. There he will taste the hidden manna, and rest with Christ in the sepulcher, as if he were dead to things outside. He will experience, as much as is possible for one who is still living, what was promised to the thief who hung beside Christ: *Today you will be with me in paradise*.

For this passover to be perfect, we must suspend all the operations of the mind and we must transform the peak of our affections, directing them to God alone. This is a sacred and mystical experience. It cannot be comprehended by anyone unless he surrenders himself to it; nor can he surrender himself to it unless he longs for it; nor can he long for it unless the Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent into the world, should come and inflame his innermost soul. Hence the Apostle says that this mystical wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

If you ask how such things can occur, seek the answer in God's grace, not in doctrine; in the longing of will, not in the understanding; in the sighs of prayer, not in research; seek the bridegroom not the teacher; God and not man; darkness not daylight; and look not to the light but rather to the raging fire that carries the soul to God with intense fervor and glowing love. The fire is God, and the furnace is in Jerusalem, fired by Christ in the ardor of his loving passion. Only he understood this who said: *My soul chose hanging and my bones death*. Anyone who cherishes this kind of death can see God, for it is certainly true that: *No man can look upon me and live*.

Let us die, then, and enter into the darkness, silencing our anxieties, our passions and all the fantasies of our imagination. Let us pass over with the crucified Christ *from this world to the Father*, so that, when the Father has shown himself to us, we can say with Philip: *It is enough*. We may hear with Paul: *My grace is sufficient for you*; and we can rejoice with David, saying: *My flesh and my heart fail me, but God is the strength of my heart and my heritage for ever. Blessed be the Lord for ever, and let all the people say: Amen. Amen!*

*by St. Bonaventure*



## The Laurentian

*Mary conceived in her soul before she  
conceived in her body*

Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection; that he, who has honored us by counting us among his children, may never be grieved by our evil deeds. For we must always serve him with the good things he has given us in such a way that he may never – as an angry father disinherits his sons or even like a master who inspires fear – grow impatient with our sins and consign us to everlasting punishment, like wicked servants who would not follow him to glory.

So we should at long last rouse ourselves, prompted by the words of Scripture: *Now is the time for us to rise from sleep.* Our eyes should be open to the God-given light, and we should listen in wonderment to the message of the divine voice as it daily cries out: *Today, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts;* and again: *If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.* And what does the Spirit say? *Come my sons, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Hurry, while you have the light of life, so that death's darkness may not overtake you.*

And the Lord as he seeks the one who will do his work among the throng of people to whom he makes that appeal, says again: *which of you wants to live to the full; who loves long life and the enjoyment of prosperity?* And, if when you hear this you say, I do, God says to you: *If you desire true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit; turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.* And when you have done these things my eyes will be upon you and my ears will be attentive to your prayers; and before you call upon my name I shall say to you: *Behold, I am here.* What could be more delightful, dearest brothers, than the voice of our Lord's invitation to us?

And so, girded with faith and the performance of good works, let us follow in his paths by the guidance of the Gospel; then we shall deserve to see him *who has called us into his kingdom.*

If we wish to attain a dwelling-place in his kingdom we shall not reach it unless we hasten there by our good deeds.

Just as there exists an evil fervor, a bitter spirit, which divides us from God and leads us to hell, so there is a good fervor which sets us apart from evil inclinations and leads us toward God and eternal life. Monks should put this fervor into practice with an overflowing love: that is, they should *surpass each other in mutual esteem*, accept their weaknesses, either of body or of behavior, with the utmost patience; and vie with each other in acceding to requests. No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manner; fear God in a spirit of love; revere their abbot with a genuine and submissive affection. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us all to everlasting life.

