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AUGUST 2, 2026

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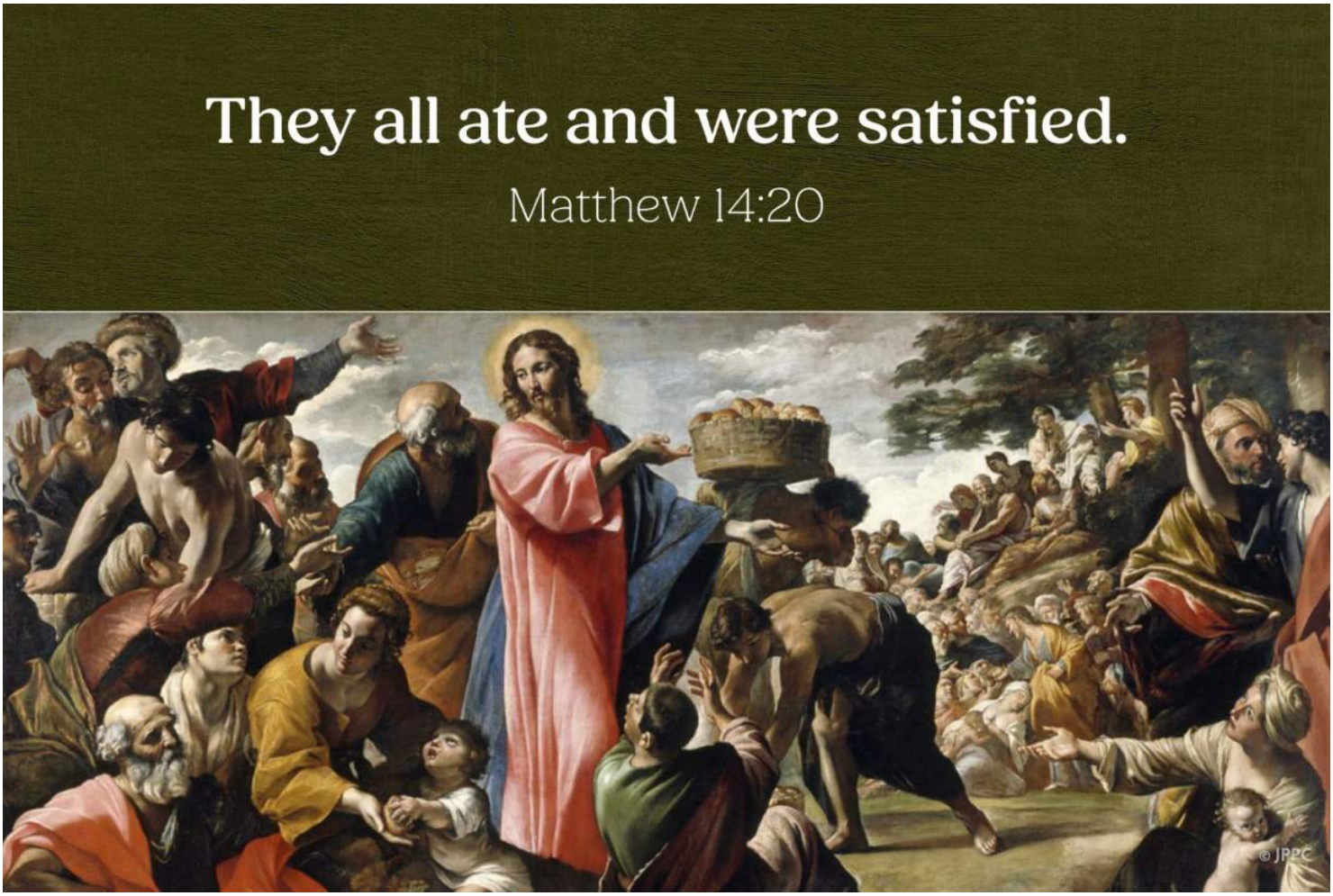

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REVEREND JOSEPH KELLEY,
Pastor

- **Associates** Reverend Edward Town
- **Retired** Reverend John Calabro, Pastor Emeritus - Annunciation B.V.M.
- **Director, Religious Education** Amy Gillies
- **Retired** Deacon Leonard D. De Masi
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  Sister Melissa Mastrangelo, IHM
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  Sister Therese Bauer, IHM
- **Early Learning Center**
  Sister Rosemary Peterson, I.H.M.
- **Director of Elder Care Services**
  Sister Ruth Hennessy, R.S.M

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RECTORY HOURS

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday 9 AM to 8 PM
Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM
Friday and Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday - Closed

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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish:		**215-334-4170**
Schools:	**(Senior)**	**215-467-5338**
	(Junior)	**215-334-3777**
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Elder Care Services:		**215-334-0285**
Pastoral Services:		**215-334-0286**
Convent:		**215-334-0745**
St. Edmond Office:		**215-334-3755**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends
St. Monica
Sat: 8:30 AM | 5 PM *(anticipated Sunday Mass)*
Sun: 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 11:30 AM

St. Edmond
Sat: 4 PM *(anticipated Sunday Mass)*
Sun: 10 AM

Weekdays
St. Monica
6:30 AM *(during school year)* | 8:30 AM

Holy Days
St. Monica
6:30 AM | 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 7 PM

St. Edmond
10 AM

CONFESSIONS

St. Monica
Saturday, 9-9:45 AM

St. Edmond
Saturday after First Friday 3-3:45 PM

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 1

8:30 AM – Marie Reginelli
5:00 PM – George Kimmel, Jr.
***4:00 PM – Dan and Mary Di Nicolantonio*

Monday, August 2

8:30 AM – Biaggio Carabello
10:00 AM – Janice Pomponi
11:30 AM – Nicholas Marcellino, Sr.
***10:00 AM – Pro Popolo*

Monday, August 3

8:30 AM – Joseph Toritto

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 AM – William McColgan

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 AM – Joseph C. Mullen

Thursday, August 6

8:30 AM - George Sellers

Friday, August 7

8:30 AM – Anna Hoffman

Saturday, August 8

8:30 AM – Carolyn Rizzo
5:00 PM – Yolanda Di Giacomo
*** 4:00 PM - Mary Falcone*

*** St. Edmond Masses*

"NO ONE IS FAR FROM GOD"

St. Monica

MASS SCHEDULE

Barring any unforeseen changes, the Mass Schedule for **Saturday, August 8**, and **Sunday, August 9**, will be:

5:00 PM - Father Friel

** 4:00 PM - Father Edward

8:30 AM - Father Edward

10:00 AM - Father Kelley

11:30 AM - Father Edward

** 10:00 AM - Father Calabro

** Saint Edmond

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

(PREP)

All students attending a non-Catholic school should be enrolled in a religious education program for the reception of the sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It is the responsibility of the parents (which they promised at their child's Baptism) to raise them in the church and complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Classes at Saint Monica meet on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 PM, in the senior school.

Registration is open; forms can be obtained at the rectory during regular business hours.

PARENT MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 6:30 PM, in the Senior School Cafeteria. Classes begin on SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Registration for Parishioners - One Child - $100, Two or more - $150

Registration for Non-Parishioner - One Child - $150, Two or more - $200

Please make every effort to register ASAP so that books and materials can be obtained.

SAVE THE DATE!

11th ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Parish
1071 Holland Road, Holland, PA

Saturday, and Sunday,
September 26 & 27, 2026
Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio all weekend
Sunday Sept. 27:
Festival Mass at 11:30am
(Celebrant/Homilist Most Rev. Keith Chylinski)
12:30pm Street Procession followed by 1:30pm
Healing Service and Blessing with Relics
Padrepiofestival.org

AT SAINT MONICA'S

HOSTS AND WINE
(Upper Church)

For: Lucille Ann Teter
From: Michelle

SANCTUARY LAMPS
(Upper Church)

For: Nino Santini
From: Sister Kathleen

For: Matthew McLaughlin
From: Marie McFillin

AT SAINT EDMOND'S

VOTIVE CANDLES
in Honor of
OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Memory of Sister Nicoletta Di Trolio
(One Year Anniversary)
From: Rita Sanvitale

In Memory of Patricia Orlando
(One Year Anniversary)
From: Rita Sanvitale and Josephine Vice

Healing Prayers for
Jim Smith
From: Mikki Capo

For: Edmond Johnson
(Thank You)
From: Lucy

UPCOMING TRIPS

SENIORS CASINO TRIP

- Resorts Casino & Tomasello Winery
- Wednesday, September 30th, 2026
- Cost - $85 per person (includes dinner) – Get $18 back
- Departs 10:00 AM at Girard Park, 22nd & Shunk Sts.
- Returns from Winery 7:00 PM - Home at 8:00 PM

Questions? Call Mary Ann Sands at 267-978-2785.

FERRAGOSTA FESTIVAL

- Sunday, September 13th, 2026
- The Bronx - St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Sons of Italy Lodge 2787
- $75 per person
- Luxury Bus (50/50 Raffles)
- Questions? Call Vic, 215-888-7051

PITMAN, NJ THEATER TRIP

The Padre Pio Lodge of the Sons of Italy is having a bus trip to the Broadway Theater of Pitman, in Pitman, N. J. to see the show "A Tribute to Frankie Valli, Let's Hang On."

- Saturday, August 8th, 2026
- Bus leaves at 4:00 PM from 10th & Reed Streets, and at 4:15 PM from 21st & Shunk Streets, returning at 10:30 PM.
- Cost for the bus and show is $90. Dinner on your own.
- If interested, call Ann at 267-259-3674.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

AUGUST 8: 5:00 PM – P. Jackson

AUGUST 9: 8:30 AM – B. Perpiglia

10:00 AM – J. Helmer

11:30 AM – J. Rosetti

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

AUGUST 8: 5:00 PM – P. Jackson, R. Rauser

AUGUST 9: 8:30 AM – B. Perpiglia, J. Myers

10:00 AM - J. Helmer, P. Patti

11:30 AM – J. Rosetti, C. Palange

ALTAR SERVERS

AUGUST 8: 5:00 PM – D. Nolan, I. Ricci, Ava Derr

AUGUST 9: 8:30 AM – A. DeLuca, A. Cappello

10:00 AM – G. Shoemaker S. Pasquarella, H. Farez

11:30 AM – J. Andracchio, S. Bonfiglio, N. Cordisio

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Saint Monica School is seeking caring and dependable substitute teachers to join our school community. Candidates must enjoy working with children and have all required clearances.

If you are interested in supporting our students in a faith-filled learning environment, please contact the school office for more information, 215-467-5338.

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Marie Rosatti
Carmela Rotolo
Rosemary Sanvitale
Donna Sarne
Teri Scogna
Pat Simone
Steven Tomiselli
Josephine Vice

MONTHLY ASPIRATION FOR AUGUST

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

ST. MONICA PARISH ONLINE ROSARY

There is an online parish rosary every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity to utilize the gift of social media as a parish family to pray for our families, friends, nation, and the world. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer on Zoom using the information below:

Meeting ID: 785 2002 5150
Passcode: 242217

COME PRAY WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS!

ST MONICA PILGRIMAGE '27 -

-SAVE THE DATES- JUL 02 - 09TH 2027

SAINT MONICA, PADRE PIO & THE HOLY SITES OF ITALY

WITH SISTER MELISSA MASTRANGELO

There is space for our first 30 parishioners who reserve their places

Kindly email *sistermelissa@smspa.org* *or* text Joe at *610.613.3454* to place your name on the pre-list (no obligation/down payment taken yet till Sep 2026)

- Travel to Rome and Puglia for a 7-10 day spiritual journey of the soul:
- Enjoy 4 classic days of spiritual sites, sounds, & food from the Eternal City to fill the soul. Trevi Fountain, The Spanish Steps, Basilica San Clemente, Piazza Venezia, and countless pizza and gelato shops also await.
- Make Pilgrimage to St Monica, the Patron Saint of Mothers, at San Agostino, also home to Caravaggio's Pilgrim's Madonna, in the heart of Rome.
- St Vincent, Moses & Peter in Chains, the Borgia Stairs, St Ignazio's famous dome, the Arch Basilicas, and Holy Stairs will leave a mark on your soul.
- Enjoy the best Italian food & wine of your life in small settings at authentically-local & thoughtfully-chosen trattorias.

- Marvel in the majesty of July 4th Mass at St Peter's Square & Basilica. Walk beside your first Holy Doors, and soak in the splendor of the Sistine Chapel.
- !Jubilation! Travel to Puglia and visit St Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo and birthplace in Pietrelcina. View his incorruptible body and learn about his holy stigmata resting in the spectacular modern Sanctuary.
- See the astounding UNESCO St Michael the Archangel cave on Mt Gargano. Head home **overflowing with fulfillment** after a blessed journey… **or**...
- Stay 3 more blessed days visiting Abruzzo to witness the world's 1st Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, and then Veronica's Veil in Manoppello.
- Visit the sparkling San Vito Chietino on the sea, and dine at an unforgettable Trabocco "restaurant on a pier." Spend a final celebratory day of shopping in the spectacular Medieval hill town of L'Aquila, the beating heart of Abruzzo.

AUGUST BAPTISM MEETING

The Baptism Parent Meeting for August will be on

Monday, August 3, at 6:30 PM

in the Junior School. We invite Parents and Godparents to attend the meeting.

Remember: Paperwork for Baptism is filled out in the Rectory prior to your meeting. An information paper will be given to you at that time.

Thank you.

FROM THE MIND OF FATHER KELLEY

DOMINUS EST!

The above is the title of a short book written by Archbishop Athanasius Schneider. It is a reflection on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist; hence the title: Dominus Est!, which translates: "It is the Lord!"

He begins: "The Soviet Communist regime, which lasted about seventy years (1917-1990) had the pretension of establishing a kind of earthly paradise. But this kingdom could not last, because it was founded on lies, on the violation of the dignity of man, on the denial and even the hatred of God and His Church…(These) persecutors of Christ and His Church considered the priest to be the most dangerous person because, implicitly, they knew that only the priest could give God to men, give Christ in the most concrete and direct manner possible, that is through…Holy Communion."

During these years when we are focused on the increased devotion to Christ's presence in the Eucharist, it is good to reflect on our Eucharist reverence and at the same time, look back at a time (and to look at our present day) when repressive socialist governments prevented Catholics from receiving the Eucharist.

During these years, a priest would sneak into the Soviet Union and entrust a small amount of hosts (in a pyx) to trustworthy women (one of whom was Archbishop Schneider's mother). Women were chosen because they were least suspect. These women were called "Eucharistic Women."

In rubric #85 of the Roman Missal, it states: "It is desirable that the faithful…receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass." Since it is impossible to know beforehand just how many people will attend a given Mass, this is difficult to do. At times, therefore, we run low on hosts and must at times (rarely) break the hosts and give the Communicant a small piece. When this is done, I am put in mind of the Eucharistic women who had to keep breaking the host into smaller and smaller pieces so people could receive. The people in the USSR received kneeling and on the tongue and would weep at the opportunity to receive even a small piece of the host.

A small piece is just as much the Lord as is the whole host. That is why the priest clasps his fingers after he consecrates the host and does not unclasp them until he has purified them in the Chalice and consumed the water (and any small particles of the host). HENCE (AT LEAST IN MY OPINION) THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING ON THE TONGUE.) We do, however, have the option of receiving in our hand. At St. Monica's we can receive kneeling on the red cushion or standing at the Communion rail. We can receive on the tongue or in our hand. If we choose to receive on the hand, we put one hand under the other, making a throne for Our Lord, and while still facing the tabernacle, place the Sacred Host in our mouth – only then do we move away from the Communion rail and back to our pew to kneel in thanksgiving.

Reception of Holy Communion is optional, so if we are conscious of serious sin (i.e, missing Mass through our own fault), we remain in our pew and pray a silent prayer until such time as we can get to confession.

In the 1800's there was a famous Protestant Hymn writer, Frederick William Faber. He was moved to convert to the Catholic faith when he witnessed how Catholics reverently approached and received the Blessed Eucharist. Not all of us can be Apostles, Prophets, or Preachers, but all of us can approach the Eucharist with reverence and devotion. Who knows what converts we will make just by outwardly displaying our great love, reverence and devotion to the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

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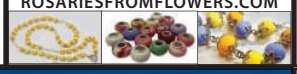

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