

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses and Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, June 21**

**Green**

Third Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

8:00 AM Kathleen Goodrich

11:30 AM Pro populo

**Monday, June 22**

**White**

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, *III Class*

7:30 PM Raymond W. Scheetz +

Born in 353, he abandoned a high post in society, was baptized, left his riches and became a priest, and later bishop of Nola in Spain. He died in 431.

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Violet**

Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, *II Class*

12:10 PM John and Amy O'Callahan

**Wednesday, June 24**

**White**

Nativity of St. John the Baptist, *I Class*

7:30 PM Anne Barkley +

The liturgy celebrates in the birth of St. John the Baptist the dawn of salvation, the appearance in the world of the forerunner of the Messias. "The Prophet of the Most High", he was foretold by Jeremias and Isaias; indeed, in his mother's womb, he was destined to herald our Savior and prepare souls for His coming.

**Thursday, June 25**

**White**

St. William, Abbot, *III Class*

12:10 PM Richard Nelson + (anniv.)

A hermit of Piedmont at the end of the eleventh century, St. William built a monastery on the heights of Monte Vergine and gave to the congregation of hermits, whose father he became, a Rule, inspired in great measure upon that of St. Benedict. He became renowned for numerous miracles. He died in 1142.

**Friday, June 26**

**Red**

SS. John and Paul, Martyrs, *III Class*

12:10 PM Bob Lasher +

Roman tradition depicts SS. John and Paul as two brothers who encouraged each other to remain steadfast in the Faith amidst their sufferings. The Mass for these saints emphasizes this profound brotherhood in fidelity to Christ.

**Saturday, June 27**

**White**

Saturday of Our Lady, *IV Class*

11:00 AM Carl B. Leder II +

**Sunday, June 28**

**Green**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*

8:00 AM John Vincent Hogan +

11:30 AM Pro Populo

### Many Thanks...

All the priests wish to extend a word of thanks to all who helped make the first Corpus Christi Mass and procession such a success, especially given certain unanticipated circumstances, and also to the support and hospitality extended to Fr. Ryan during his visit.

The consecration of the parish to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts will be conducted at the High Mass for the feast the Assumption on August 15.

### Sacred Heart Enthronement of Families

A booklet will be made available within the next two weeks in regard to the tradition of the Sacred Heart Enthronement over families, explaining the devotion and also the preparation. It is very much hoped that many will take advantage of this as, like the consecration that we will do for the parish, many graces of protection are granted to those faithful to the devotion.

### Sermons on Marriage and Family

The trilogy of sermons preached in May on marriage and family are available in the vestibule in booklet form. A donation of \$1 is asked per copy. These can make great stocking-stuffers or kindling depending upon the day.

### Annual Appeal Goal Reached

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our goal has been not only been met, but also exceeded. All donations in excess will be rebated back to the parish.

### High Masses During Summer

During July and August, High Masses will be scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month (along with Assumption on August 15), with the usual potlucks following. Low Masses will be on the odd Sundays. The confession schedule will remain unchanged as demons do not take vacations.

### Expectant Mothers Blessing

Any expectant mother is encouraged to make herself known to any of the priests to receive the special blessing of the Church, if this has not been done already. The blessing can be repeated again as childbirth draws near or if complications are encountered.

### Parish Registration

Registration forms are available in the vestibule for individuals or families wishing to register and make North American Martyrs their parish of affiliation.

### Mass Intentions

Please note that Mass intentions are restricted to registered parishioners or families of North American Martyrs.

**Contributions** *May God reward your generosity.*

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### Please Keep In Your Prayers:

Matthew Dole, Louis Leclzio, Anita Aylard, MaryLou Gamarra, Liz Rote, Damien Fogassy, Carolyn Barber, Christi Hockel, Stephanie Brusich, Mai-Trang Thi Huynh, James Bell, Nicholas Scheetz, Tim Niggemeyer +, Lorena Fristchy +, Michelle Boyle +, Charles Barber, Sr. +, Marga Mondejo +, Michael D. Saguto +

### Calendar of Events

June 28 Potluck

July 1 Feast of the Precious Blood

### A Final Thought...

It is not always an easy matter to recognize [the voice of God]. There are times when we feel impelled to do something, apparently by God, but the action proposed is against justice or authority, or in some way is clearly wrong. Such impulses must be rejected. There are other times when, as a result of continued suggestion, we feel morally certain that God requires some particular service from us. In such cases advice is a safeguard, and in matters of importance - especially when other people are concerned in the result of our proposed action - it should always be sought. But when it is clear that we are not deceived and that it is really God who is our mentor, we should be careful to yield to His wishes.

There are, however, a number of occasions when we cannot be certain. In such cases ordinary prudence should be used and care taken not to lose our peace of mind. God will never be angry with us for failing to follow an uncertain lead, and where His will is not clear, we should never let our doubt be a source of uneasiness to us or of estrangement from Him. He only expects a reasonable service. The same principle applies to the examples of others. Sanctity is different in different persons, and the practices by which one saint has reached holiness are not necessarily the right means for someone else. We are not expected to imitate the saints in all the details of their lives, nor are all the [evangelical] counsels for all. The solution to these problems varies from one case to another and it is better to leave the question open and even vague, rather than risk misleading one person by trying to give a definite lead to another. Prayer, meditation, and a readiness to do what God wills always bring sufficient light for the next step.

It should be noted that what are called the inspirations of the Holy Ghost, those gentle urgings towards certain practices, certain good works, or certain renuncements are quite an ordinary method of God's action on souls, and to our mind, one that plays a very large part in His provision for the sanctification of the laity. St. Thomas, commenting on the text: *Whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God* (Rom

8:14) writes: The spiritual man is not only instructed by the Holy Spirit what he should do, but his heart is also moved by the Holy Spirit. The spiritual man is inclined to do something not, as it were, by the principle of his own will, but by the instinct of the Holy Spirit. St. Francis de Sales tells us that just as God has given animals those instincts which they need to live, so also, if we do not resist the grace of God, He will give each of us the inspirations necessary to live, to operate, and to conserve us in the spiritual life.

[It is one thing to resist His grace] and quite a different thing to feel the difficulty of cooperating with His suggestions. He is quite prepared to listen to us telling Him that we cannot do the particular thing He seems to want us to do unless He gives us the grace and the strength, and since He is a very understanding Father, He will even understand our hesitation to ask for that grace. But He has been generous with us and we must be generous with Him; if we feel we cannot make the sacrifice He asks, at least let us force ourselves to ask Him for the grace and strength to do so. His answer may surprise us. Once every day at least, we should "catch God's eye." If we do that, we will sooner or later have to be honest with ourselves as well as with God, and the eye-shades of self-deception will be taken off and we will receive both the light and strength to do God's will. There is hardly any better way of testing our own sincerity, and making sure of our spiritual health, than this daily practice of looking God in the face and listening to what He may have to say to us.

Boylan, *This Tremendous Lover*, ch. 15