

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 24, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL

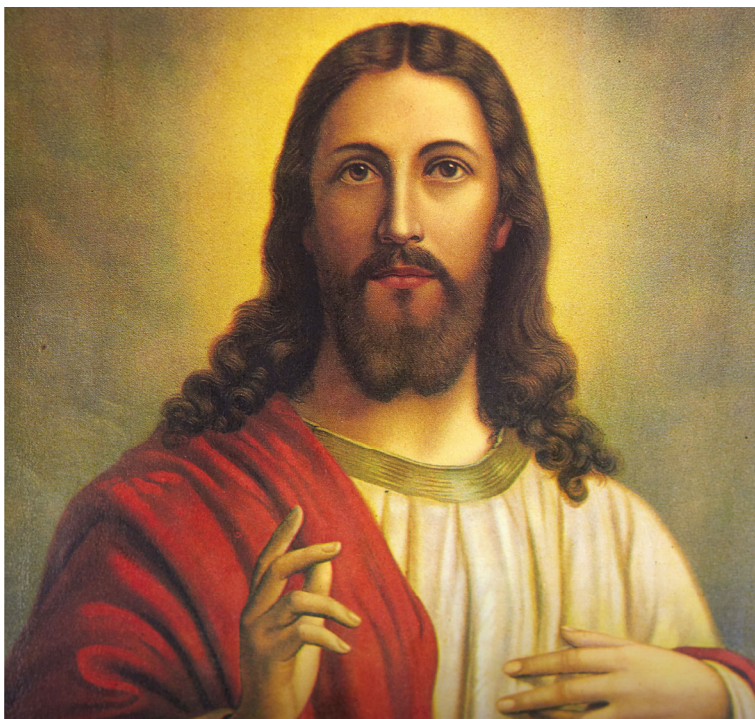
Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Other times by
appointment.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15
AM, 10:30 (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUESDAY 1 PM to 2 PM

**PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION**
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES
1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

1ST SAT. DEVOTION
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY
1ST WED. 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

5:00 pm + Mary Jane Kelly
+ Ilene Droesch

21ST SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 24, 2025

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin
9:15 am + Wanda & Wacek Pietraszko
+ Jan & Maria Sawicki
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Jan & Jadwiga Zawadzy & Dec'd Family
+ Helena & Stefan Kulik & Dec'd Family
+ Jadwiga i Kazimierz Lesniowscy
+ Czeslawa Zakrzewska
12 noon + John Giordano

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

7:00 am + Julie Zotos (A) & + Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

7:00 am + Eugene LaLanne, Jr.
7:00 pm (PL) The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

7:00 am + Chester

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

7:00 am + Carol Mulcahy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

7:00 am Intentions of the Leopard Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

8:00 am + Marie & Joseph Graham
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
+ Dr. Kenneth Doroski
+ Joseph & Tessie Karpinski
Healing for Ellen Urbanski
22ND SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 31, 2025
8:00 am + Genevieve & Stanley Kurkoski
9:15 am The Living & Dec'd Members of the Massiello Fam.
10:30 am Za dusze sw Pamieci Andrzej Wroblewski
+ Helena & Stefan Kulik and + Family
+ Czeslawa Zakrzewska
12 noon + Jadwiga & Vincent Suchta

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



Sunday, September 14th
9:15 Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

"Be cheerful!

*Jesus will take care of every-
thing. Let us trust in Jesus
and our Heavenly Mother, and
everything will work out well."*

~ St. Padre Pio

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Phillip Lissenden

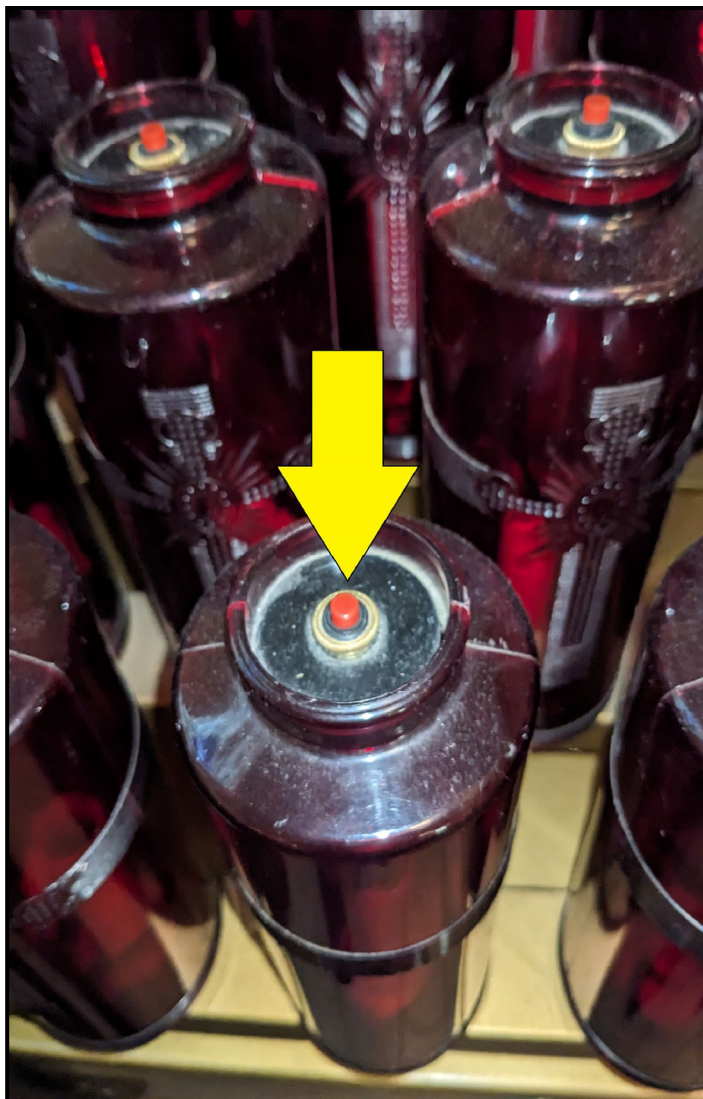
OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, Aug. 24: Sunday & Debt Reduction
Next Week, Aug. 31: Sunday & Debt Reduction

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Gale Durney * Jack McCarthy * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Joseph LoBosco * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breittfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alpert * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn



Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

Please keep Seminarians,
Nicholas Waldron and **Patrick O'Brien**,
in your prayers.



BAPTISMS

We welcome:

Silas Noel Mitchell
Mia Kelly Zajac

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

The red button is **NOT** a wick that lights like a regular candle. **DO NOT** try to light it with a match. Instead, press the red button to light the electronic candle.

PROSZĘ PRZECZYTAĆ PONIŻSZE

Czerwony przycisk **NIE** jest knotem, który zapala się jak zwykłą świecę. **NIE** próbuj jego zapalać zapalką. Zamiast tego naciśnij czerwony przycisk, aby zapalić świecę elektroniczną.



In recent weeks, our two towers were badly damaged by squirrels! The damage has since been repaired by R. W. Mulligan (the company who originally completed the work on the exterior of the church).

Welcome, Fr. Maks!

Praise be Jesus Christ!



My name is Fr. Maksymilian Ogar, but feel free to call me Fr. Maks! I'm excited to begin my assignment here at St. Isidore's Parish in Riverhead and to get to know all of you in the weeks and months ahead.

I was born in Tarnów, Poland in 1988, and came to the U.S. with my family in 1999. I'm the oldest of three siblings.

In 2012, I graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Health Policy and Administration and a minor in Human Resources (and yes—I'm a proud Nittany Lion!).

Before entering religious life, I spent two amazing years doing mission work with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the South Bronx—an experience that deepened my love for Christ. In 2017, I entered the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit (Pauline Fathers), and after years of formation, I was ordained to the priesthood on June 22, 2024, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski.

I feel blessed to be assigned here and look forward to serving this wonderful community.

Please say hello—I'd love to meet you!

Fr. Maks

Saints Monica and Augustine: The Fruit of Many Tears

A Difficult Marriage



Saints Monica and Augustine are powerful Saints! We learn almost everything we know about Saint Monica from her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo.

Monica was born around the year 331 in present-day Algeria. Even though she was a Christian, when she was still very young, Monica's parents married her off to a pagan named Patricius. Both Patricius and his mother (who lived with the couple) had violent tempers and this presented a challenge to the quiet and peaceful Monica. Patricius did not share his wife's Christian beliefs and he criticized her virtues but he respected her nevertheless.

Patricius and Monica had three children: two boys and one girl, the eldest of which is now known as Saint Augustine. Augustine was born on November 13, 354. Monica was never given permission to baptize any of her children and this greatly distressed her. Monica never worried about her two youngest children. Augustine, however, led an immoral life and wanted nothing to do with Christianity.

Conversion and Prayers

After many years of praying, Monica was grateful when Patricius and his mother both converted to Christianity. Patricius' mother converted on her death bed and Patricius died one year after his conversion. The conversion of her husband and mother-in-law did not distract Monica, who continued her fervent prayers for her wayward son.

Augustine went to school in Carthage and studied rhetoric. While there, he embraced the Manichean way of life which said that "all flesh is evil." When Augustine came home from school and shared his troubling beliefs with his mother, she banished him from her house, and only reconciled with him when prompted to do so by a vision. Monica prayed and cried and fasted constantly for the conversion of her son. Many legends say that Monica cried every night for many years because of Augustine. When Monica spoke to a bishop about her distress over her son and about her fears for his soul, the bishop reassured her, *The child of so many tears shall never perish.*

Once he finished school, Augustine spent many years teaching grammar and rhetoric. When he was 29, Augustine decided to teach rhetoric in Rome. Monica was determined to go with him. Augustine tricked his mother and left without her but she was not discouraged. When she arrived in Rome, she discovered that Augustine had left for Milan so she traveled to Milan also. There, through the preaching and guidance of Saint Ambrose, who was, like Augustine, a master of rhetoric, and the encouragement and prayers of Monica, after about 17 wayward years, Augustine finally embraced Christianity and changed his ways. Augustine was baptized on Easter Sunday in 387. In 391, Augustine was ordained a priest and he later became bishop of Hippo. Augustine is known for his writings including *The Confessions of Saint Augustine* and *City of God*.

Mother and Son Live On

Monica died around the year 387, about a year after her son's conversion. Augustine died on August 28, 430. Both Saints Monica and Augustine were recognized as Saints before the official process of canonization came about. Before 1969, **Saint Monica's feast day** was celebrated on May 4. However, it is now celebrated on **August 27** and she is the patron Saint of wives, mothers, conversion, and difficult marriages. **Saint Augustine's feast is celebrated the day after his mother's on August 28** and he is a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron Saint of the Augustinians, printers, and theologians.

We can turn to Saint Monica as an example of patience, fortitude, and perseverance. We can also turn to Saint Augustine to see that there is hope for us all! No sin is too great and no sinner is too far gone – Jesus wants us ALL to be in Heaven with Him! Our prayers are powerful and we must always pray for others with the same dedication Saint Monica prayed for Saint Augustine. Even though for many years it looked as if her prayers were not working, Saint Monica never doubted that her prayers were bearing fruit.

There are few things more powerful than the prayers of a righteous mother."

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

(Feast Day August 29)



Preparing the Way for Jesus Christ to Come

John was a biblical prophet who prepared the way for the ministry of Jesus Christ and became one of Jesus' disciples. Christians believe John did so by preaching to many people about the importance of repenting from their sins so they could grow closer to God when the Messiah (the world's savior) came in the form of Jesus Christ.

John lived during the 1st century in the ancient Roman Empire (in the part that is now Israel). Archangel Gabriel announced his upcoming birth to John's parents, Zechariah (a high priest) and Elizabeth (a cousin of the Virgin Mary). Gabriel said of John's God-given mission: "He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. ... he will go on before the Lord ... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Since Zechariah and Elizabeth had experienced a long time of infertility, John's birth would be a miracle -- one that Zechariah didn't believe at first. Zechariah's disbelieving response to Gabriel's message cost him his voice for a while; Gabriel took away Zechariah's ability to speak until after John was born and Zechariah expressed true faith.

John grew up to become a strong man who spent lots of time in the wilderness **praying** without unnecessary distractions. The Bible describes him as someone of great wisdom, but with a rough appearance: He wore crude clothes made of camel skins and ate wild food like locusts and raw honey. The Gospel of Mark says that John's work in the wilderness fulfilled a prophecy from the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament (Torah) that says "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" will usher in the Messiah's ministry work and announce "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."

The key way that John prepared people for Jesus Christ's work on Earth was by "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). Many people came to the wilderness to hear John preach, confess their sins, and be **baptized in water** as a sign of their new purity and renewed relationships with God. Verses 7 and 8 quote John as saying about Jesus: "'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'"

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he asked John to **baptize him in the Jordan River**. Matthew 3:16-17 of the Bible records miracles that happened at that event: "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, *'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'*"

Dying as a Martyr

John's outspokenness about the importance of living with faith and integrity cost him his life. He died as a martyr in 31 AD.

Matthew chapter 6 of the Bible says that Herodias, the wife of King Herod, "had a grudge" (verse 19) against John because he told Herod that she shouldn't have divorced her first husband to marry him. When Herodias convinced Herod's daughter to ask Herod to give her John's head on a platter at a royal banquet -- after Herod had promised publicly to give his daughter anything she wanted, not knowing what she would ask -- Herod decided to grant her request by sending soldiers to behead John, even though he was "deeply grieved" (verse 26) by the plan.

John's example of uncompromising holiness has inspired many people ever since.