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10th Sunday after Pentecost
9 August 2009



**MASS INTENTIONS
AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
"Heitor Matteus Netto"
10:00am: High Mass
"Joe Flesch"

MONDAY AUGUST 10

ST. LAWRENCE, MARTYR

8:00am: Low Mass
"Michael & Elizabeth Wersching"

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

**ST. TIBURTIUS, MARTYR &
ST. SUSANNA, VIRGIN & MARTYR**

8:00am: Low Mass
"Julia Anne O'Donnell"
6:30pm: Low Mass w/organ
"Restoration and Benefactors of the Oratory"

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

ST. CLAIRE, VIRGIN

8:00am: Low Mass
"John Zivnuska, R.I.P."
12:15pm: Low Mass
"Alice Rose & Bob Martinek"

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

SS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MARTYRS

8:00am: Low Mass
"Fr. Kessler"
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

**VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00am: Low Mass
"Special Intention"

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Low Mass
"Poor Souls in Purgatory"
12:10pm: Solemn High Mass
"The Intentions of Fr. John Nacca"

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
"Sr. Denise Gauthier, R.I.P."
10:00am: High Mass
"Charles, Virginia & Laurence Noell"

SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
Acolytes: Peter Herres, Dominic Buckley
10:00am: High Mass
MC: Vinnie Scanga
Thurifer: Michael McCann
Acolytes: Curt Wichmer, Evan Underwood
Crucifer: Abram Brandwein
Choir MC: Matthew Serafino
Torchbearers: Philip Kukielski, James Schmidt, Kellen Kenney, Stephen Kenney, Thomas Serafino, Francesco Scanga

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Curt Wichmer, Candidate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates
6:30pm: Low Mass w/organ
Acolytes: Vinnie Scanga, Matthew Serafino

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Philip Kukielski
12:15pm: Low Mass
Acolyte: Abbé Alex Barga

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Max Kaiser
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction
MC: Matthew Serafino
Thurifer: Cole Underwood
Acolytes: Evan Underwood, Thomas Serafino

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, James Schmidt

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Steven Gilroy, Candidates
12:10pm: Solemn High Mass
MC: Abram Brandwein
Thurifer: Stephen Kukielski
Acolytes: James Schmidt, Kellen Kenney
Crucifer: Michael McCann
Choir MC: Candidate
Torchbearers: Evan Underwood, Cole Underwood, Philip Kukielski, Thomas Serafino, Stephen Kenney, Francesco Scanga

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
Acolytes: Dominic Buckley, Joseph Buckley
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*From the
Rector's Desk...*

My dear Friends at St. Francis de Sales Oratory,

Monsignor the Prior General's decision to establish here in St. Louis the first community of the Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus outside the mother-house in Gricigliano is appreciated by many. It seems to be providential, as Canon Apple pointed out in his sermon last Sunday, that St. Francis de Sales Oratory now gathers all forms of the spiritual life our community proposes: a community of priests, oblates and candidates, a community of sisters whose life is nourished by the same spiritual gifts of our patron saints and the traditional liturgy, and a group of members of the Sacred Heart Society, the lay association of the Institute who lives by the same Salesian spirit.

In preparation for the arrival of Sister Marie of the Love of God, until now the Mother Superior of the young female branch of the Institute, I ask you cordially to be generous in helping us to prepare the second floor of the convent. We have designated two rooms with a bathroom for Sister Marie who will arrive here in the second half of August. Other rooms (community and dining rooms) will be prepared and equipped with necessary furniture. Later on we want to subdivide one of the former four bed dormitories on the second floor to create two rooms for sisters who will arrive here later this year. Please respond generously to this request, **since we are almost at the middle of August and still have much work to do in cleaning and painting.**

We all thank God fervently for the big privilege and honor we at the Oratory were able to receive: the sisters are a sign of God's blessings of our Institute and will help us to understand more profoundly the significance of our vocation in this time. **The daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the presence of the sisters at Mass here will allow us deepen our devotion and to become more generous in our service to God.** The religious vocation of the Adorers, who follow the gentleness and love of Saint Francis de Sales, is very encouraging to all faithful of the Oratory community. The presence of our sisters emphasizes the true center of our lives: to try to live in unity with Our Blessed Lord by spiritual means—the celebration of the Sacraments (Mass), the Adoration of the Eucharist, and prayer.

With my sincere best wishes and gratefulness I am faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Canon Michael Wiener, Rector

SERVER SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00am: High Mass

MC: Sean Kenney

Thurifer: Abram Brandwein

Acolytes: Sean McCann, Anthony Daub

Crucifer: Michael Stamos

Choir MC: Vinnie Scanga

Torchbearers: Curt Wichmer, Scott McCann, Christopher Stamos, Patrick Stamos

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 2 : Loose \$ 1,354.50

Envelopes \$ 3,635.00

Total: \$ 4,989.50

Thank you for your generosity!



Why I Like Being at the Oratory...

When our family received military orders to relocate to the St. Louis area six years ago, we never would have imagined that a particular Church and its community would become so important to us that we would voluntarily end a military career so we could stay with those whom we had grown to love and respect. (Somewhere, from across the waters, you can hear the echo, "...it was Providential!") Discovering the reverence and beauty of the Mass was an experience that we shared as a family, with our teenage children asking to return each week.

From the very first moment, we began learning more of our Faith and Catholic Heritage. We have received many blessings and graces by our association with the Oratory—receiving the Sacraments in their fullness, meeting wonderful Bishops, Priests, Seminarians, and Candidates, friendships built upon work and prayer, and authentic role models for our children with plenty of laughter and fun along the way. Our ties to St. Francis de Sales Oratory and the Institute of Christ the King have provided us with a peaceful haven in uncertain times. The love of God, "...ever ancient, ever new," and the natural rhythm of the Mass brings quiet to your soul, and the rest that St. Augustine speaks of: "*You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.*"

—The Hayworth Family

PRAYER NETWORK



The Telephone Prayer Network is a ministry for the purpose of praying for anyone's intentions for health, job search, marriage, etc. Please contact Genny Davis at 314-843-4368 or Jeannine Hahn, 314-664-0342, with your prayer requests.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Today's coordinators:

8:00 Mass seating: Dennis Roach

10:00 Mass seating: Larry Miller

Next Sunday, August 16, coordinators:

8:00 Mass seating: Stephen Chicosky

10:00 Mass seating: Frank Aufmuth

Call Tom Leith, 314-435-8494, if you cannot meet your commitment (trleith@alum.wustl.edu).

Thank you, everyone, for your help!

\$1,000 Challenge

One of the Oratory faithful who wishes to remain anonymous has offered to match donations for the convent renovations. This donor will match every dollar given up to \$1,000. With full participation, it means that \$2,000 will be donated to this worthy endeavor. The deadline for matching donations is August 31. All donors to this project, whether providing money or labor, will be imitating St. Joseph, who so carefully provided for Mary, the model for all religious sisters.

Please make checks out to "Friends of SFdS," and mark "Convent renovation."



St. Francis de Sales Pro-Life Apostolate stands in prayer outside Planned Parenthood every fourth Saturday from 9am-1pm. Women seeking an abortion have sometimes left because we were standing outside the abortion mill. Will you be there with us? If you would like to join this peaceful demonstration please contact Mrs. Mary Maschmeier at defenseless@sbcglobal.net.

SFds Home School Co-Op

The Co-Op is now forming for school year 2009-10. If you have a school-age child and would like to join the Co-Op, or if you are already a member and need more information on the coming year's activities, please contact the following:

For Grade School: Mary Dickinson, 314-335-7446
dickinsonfamily@gmail.com

For High School: Mary Rose Schmidt, 314-558-4867, schmidtfamily@yahoo.com

The Co-Op would be most grateful for some badly needed items. Please call one of the above women if you are able to donate one or more of the following:

First Aid Kit

Reference Books: Dictionaries, Atlases, etc.

Dust Mop

Cleaning Supplies: All-purpose cleaners, disinfectant wipes, paper goods, hand soap, etc.

Vacuum Cleaner w/bags

Copy Paper



CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

WEDDING BANNS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leykam of St. Louis announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Tia Marie, to Mr. Daniel John Holtgrave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Holtgrave of Carlyle, Illinois, on August 21, 2009, in St. Francis de Sales Oratory. If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, he/she is bound to let the Rector know as soon as possible.

This is the THIRD publication of the banns.

Installation Ceremony

The Ladies' Auxiliary and Columbian Girls Circle are holding their Installation Ceremony this Tuesday, August 11, at about 7:45 p.m., after Mass and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. These are two new groups affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Canons of the Institute will serve as their chaplains.

All families are invited to attend this ceremony and the reception in the Church Hall. Those still interested in joining are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Mrs. Teresa Kahre at 636-677-3413.

WELCOME VISITORS

Let Us Treat You to a Cup of Coffee



The clergy, staff, and lay faithful of St. Francis de Sales Oratory are always pleased when new visitors come to this beautiful church to join us in the celebration of Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form. We have a coffee hour after each of our Sunday Masses. Please join us and the coffee and donut are on us—just let the cashier know you are a first-time visitor.

We hope all our faithful take advantage of this social time to renew contacts and make new friends.

Every Tuesday...



Holy Mass at 6:30 pm followed by devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at her altar.

Every Thursday...

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction every Thursday night at 6:30pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday, August 15
8am Low Mass
12:10pm High Mass

SUMMER AT THE ORATORY

Saturday & Sunday, August 22-23
Festival and Barbecue

HOME SCHOOL CO-OP RESUMES

Wednesday, September 9
All Classes, Grades 1-12

Summer at the Oratory

On Saturday, August 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the courtyard between the Church and the school will be transformed into a garden setting. Activities for children (face painting, clowns, games, etc.) and adults (silent auction) will be held, while hourly drawings will be held for "attendance prizes." A variety of refreshments will be served, including the Knights' famous barbecue. The music group *Jazzwind* will entertain in the courtyard.

On Sunday, August 23, the External Solemnity of St. Louis King of France, after the 10:00 Mass, the Knights will again be in the courtyard between the Church and the school, serving their barbecue. Organ recitals inside the Church, as well as music from *Jazz Wind* outside, will be performed.

In preparing for the "Summer at the Oratory" family event, you are invited to consult the blog on www.TraditionForTomorrow.com. Please mark your calendars and plan to invite your families and friends to spend an entire afternoon here. It will be a fun weekend at the Oratory and will provide you with wonderful memories of a Catholic experience.



THE HERESY OF FORMLESSNESS

(This is a continuation of excerpts from Martin Mosebach's book, *The Heresy of Formlessness*, published by Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2006. Used with permission.)

"In the realm of art, a great civil war broke out, and it has lasted right down to the present day. ...Everything that had been significant since the dawn of art, namely, the study and the artistic re-creation of the world, was now outlawed. Prior to this revolution, art, particularly in its most sublime works, had always fulfilled a function: it had ennobled a space or preserved someone's memory. Artists painted church walls with the *biblia pauperum** and created devotional images that gave a specific direction to prayers.

Modern art, celebrating its triumph, uttered its own *non serviam*. No longer would it serve. It demanded for itself the reverence —undiminished—that heretofore had been directed to its subject matter. The Church should long have been aware that the art she had fostered in her own bosom was trying to free itself from its mother. Revolutions do not happen overnight; they require preparation. For some time the Church had no longer been art's greatest patron, and art goes where the bread is. For too long the Church had been in a timorous and defensive position and could no longer attract free spirits. What had already happened in philosophy and society had to be taken account of in the world of art; the Church had lost her power and influence. (pp. 76-77)

"...what we have gone through in the last thirty-five years is an iconoclasm. These decades were characterized by both the destruction of images and an inability to create images." (p. 85)

*Bible of the poor

Mass Intentions . . .

For several months we have been unable to accept Mass intentions because of a backlog in excess of canonical regulations. Since the middle of July, however, two priests are celebrating daily Mass here at the Oratory, which allows us to invite you to bring us your Mass intentions once again.

The amount for a Mass intention has always been discretionary, depending on the donor's ability to pay; however, Archdiocesan regulations have set a minimum of \$5.00 for each intention. These stipends are kept in a separate account and given to the priest who offers the Mass as part of his monthly salary, which is considerably lower than that of diocesan priests. As always, we are most grateful for your generous support.

FOUND MISSALS

Several Missals have been left behind in the church and we have them here in the rectory office. Most of these are still in very good condition.

If you've lost your Missal, please call or stop by the rectory to see if one of these handsome Missals is yours.



Oratory Cleaning

We would like to thank Victoria Kukielski for her many faithful years of service in God's House by heading up the cleaning crews. As she prepares to take a well-deserved rest from this activity and entrust it to Madeline Jordan, we thought it fitting to thank Mrs. Kukielski publicly because most of the faithful at the Oratory probably do not even know all the work she has put in behind the scenes. Without volunteers like Mrs. Kukielski and the members of the cleaning teams, who devote their time and energy for the love of God, we would not be able to afford to clean the Church.

New volunteers will be most welcome, and can reach Mrs. Jordan at 314-353-5233. Here are the next assignments:

Today, August 9: **St. Martha**

Next Sunday, August 16: **St. Veronica**

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