

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 30th, 2020



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 9:00AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

**\* Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 10:30AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

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# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*



August 30, 2020

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life?

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 [22nd Sunday]  
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-21/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11 [St. Gregory the Great]  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5 [St. Theresa of Calcutta]  
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-8/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 [23 Sunday]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 31st - Patricia Jenks (The Vash/Ishman Families)  
 Tues., Sept. 1st - Don Malinowski (Richard Markiewicz)  
 Wed., Sept. 2nd - Thaddeus Mielnik (Irene Mielnik)  
 Thurs., Sept. 3rd - Anne Marie Ropelewski (Stan & Shirley Widomski)  
 Fri., Sept. 4th - Veronica Casey Dlugas (Family)  
 Sat., Sept. 5th - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., Sept. 6, 9:00AM - Harriet Dobosiewicz (Family)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of  
**CHESTER & REGINA LONCKI** as gifted by the  
 Sulecki Family.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, Sunday, August 30th, at the 9:00AM Mass, JULIAN PEDERSEN received Holy Communion for the first time! Congratulations Julian! Please keep her in your prayers as she joins us now at the Lord's table.



## PIEROGI MAKING

Volunteers are needed to make pierogies for our upcoming "Polish Food Extravaganza." If you feel comfortable and are free to lend a helping hand, we will gather in the Social Hall at 9:00AM on both Thursday, September 17th, and Friday, September 18th. All are welcome, even if you have never made pierogies. We appreciate all of the help in making our "Polish Food Extravaganza" a success.

## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
 Pledges: \$33,875.00  
 Paid To Date: \$29,715.00

**Thank you** for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 23, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$33,248.00
Amount Received	\$3,122.00	\$20,661.00
Net over/under	(\$1,034.00)	(\$12,587.00)

Mass Attendance: 54 (Covid Mass)



**TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

Feast Day: September 6th

On August 26, 1910, Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia. As a young girl she was very involved in parish activities, and her mother told her many stories of missionaries, who inspired her greatly. In 1928, at age 18, Agnes joined the missionary order of the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Sister Mary Teresa.

As a young Sister in 1929 she traveled to Calcutta (today known as Kolkata), India, to teach at a school for girls. She continued to teach at various schools in India for 20 years. During that time, she was deeply moved by the number of sick and dying people on the streets.

On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to Darjeeling, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a "call within a call." She felt called to be God's love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless.

She received permission to leave the Loreto convent. Then she sought medical training and became determined to serve the poorest of the poor.

Eventually, she was joined by other women. Some of these women were her former students, and they helped her serve the poor. In 1950 she established an order of religious women called the Missionaries of Charity.

Over time the Missionaries of Charity have built centers throughout the world. In 1979 Mother Teresa, as she was known by then, received the Nobel Peace Prize. She captivated the world as few other people have. Her simple message was: "We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God."

Pope John Paul II chose October 19, 2003, as the date for the beatification of Mother Teresa. The ceremony was a celebration for the entire world. Mother Teresa's life of holiness is respected on a global scale. Her example of humble and loving service is admired by millions of people.

The process that led to Mother's Teresa's beatification was the shortest in modern history. Ordinarily, the cause for beatification cannot begin until five year's after the candidate's death. However, Pope John Paul II advanced the cause of Mother Teresa soon after her death on September 5, 1997. The pope explained that he was making an exception because of widespread admiration for the tiny nun.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **DON BENCZKOWSKI** as gifted by Nancy.



September 4 – Asher Bayhurst  
September 5 – Shirley Dudzinski  
September 6 – Richard Korytowski

## IF 2020 WAS A MATH PROBLEM

If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?

be STRONG & courageous  
do not be afraid  
or troubled  
The LORD is with you  
wherever you go  
Joshua 1:9

At what point can we just start using 2020 as a swear word? As in: "That's a load of 2020." "What in the 2020 was that?"

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 23, 2020

Regular Offering: \$1,350.00 (23/146)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$24,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$18,920.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,350.00	\$15,721.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,015.00)	(\$3,199.00)

### CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00  
Pledges: \$24,647.00  
Paid: \$23,027.00  
Families Contributing: 69

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 31st - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families  
Tues., Sept. 1st - Souls in Purgatory  
Wed., Sept. 2nd - All Living & Deceased Fathers  
Thurs., Sept. 3rd - Daniszewski & Gorka Families  
Fri., Sept. 4th - Don Benczkowski (Nancy)  
Sat., Sept. 5th - Special Intention  
Sun., Sept. 6th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

### The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person cannot have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us.

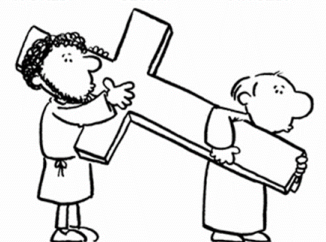
– Tracy Earl Welliver @LPi

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

- Matthew 18:20



## News for Our Partnership

### SATURDAY EVENING MASSES

WILL BE RESUMING SOON.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

### MASS ATTENDANCE AND RESERVATIONS

With our Mass attendance holding at steady numbers these past couple of weekends, there doesn't seem to be a need any longer to make reservations; we are well under our "maximum capacity" at both parishes. If attendance begins to rise, we may have to resort back to making reservations.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Warmest September 6th birthday wishes to our Senior Associate, Msgr. Dan Magraw, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of turning 21! Many blessings and good health!

### COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Special thanks to all who have been contributing to our Covid-19 Response fund, which is being used for the purchase of sanitizers, dispensers, and PPE for those volunteering to clean our facilities after each Mass. Whenever you are able, please consider contributing to this fund so we can keep our facilities as safe and virus-free as possible.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF  
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.  
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR  
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,  
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND  
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.  
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE  
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM  
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.  
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY  
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER  
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,  
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.  
AMEN

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

### STUDENTS

Pray for their protection, pray against any anxiety or fear,  
pray for clarity of mind and the ability to focus.

### TEACHERS

Pray for their safety and health, pray for provision for all of  
their classroom needs, pray against anxiety and fear.

### PARENTS

Pray for wisdom to make decisions for their child's education,  
pray for patience, understanding and peace.

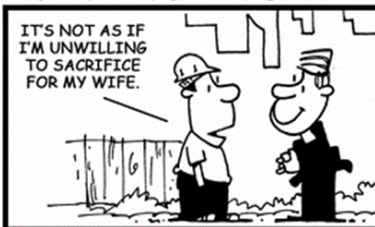
### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Pray for wisdom to make good decisions, pray for provision to  
provide resources for teachers and families, pray for grace.

### SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

For assistants, nurses, custodians and all others who support  
schools, pray for protection and health, pray for peace and grace.

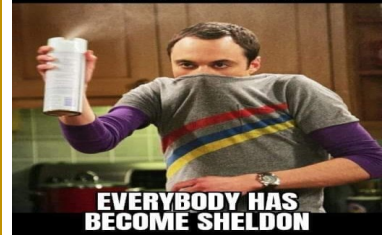
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ALL OF A SUDDEN



EVERYBODY HAS BECOME SHELDON

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

8/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki; 9/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice;  
9/2) Patty Czulewicz & John Oldenski; 9/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo; 9/4) Evelyn & Ed Selleny;  
9/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 9/6) Msgr Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

8/31) Fr. Peter Pierjok, 9/1) Fr. Phil Oriole; 9/2) Msgr. Desmond McGee; 9/3) Msgr. David Rubino; 9/4) Fr. Justin Pino;  
9/5) Fr. Phil Bilotte; 9/6) Msgr. Henry Krebs

## Sunday, Aug 30, 2020

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### Take the road that leads to glory

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

*"You are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."*

Suffering is no one's first choice. But some things are worth suffering for. When women give birth, when parents head off to sometimes grueling employment, when soldiers defend against aggressors, when missionaries leave their homeland, when young adults embrace religious vocations, they all accept that a certain amount of pain and loss will accompany these decisions. So Jesus accepts that the way to defeat the grip of sin and death is through a bitter reckoning in Jerusalem. Peter wanted a safer route and a happy ending. But sometimes the happy ending is only reached by the road we're avoiding.

## Monday, Aug 31, 2020

### Read to me

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

*"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people," says the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. What an honor then to be a reader at Mass! The Missal recommends that readers be "people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture." Are you up to the task? Consider volunteering to proclaim the word of God in your parish if you are able, and in any case, thank those who already do so.

## Tuesday, Sep 01, 2020

WORLD DAY FOR PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

### Be a breath of fresh air

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

*"They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority."*

How do we pray for creation's care? First, we praise the Creator, who shines in every tree, drop of water, patch of sunlight. God's meticulous, elegant creation nourishes us with food and sustains us with beauty. Second, we educate ourselves to the "urgent challenge to protect our common home," as Pope Francis puts it in *Laudato si'*. Third, we join prayer with action. Understanding the damage of climate change, air and water pollution, loss of biodiversity, consider: What to do personally? As a family? A neighborhood? A church? A nation?

## Wednesday, Sep 02, 2020

### Let them come unto us

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

*"At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them."*

One of the many striking features of Jesus' ministry is the fact that he turned no one away. Whether at a meal or preaching and teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone to share in the experience. All who needed counsel or healing received it, regardless of rank or stature. Contrast this with policies in so many areas of society that restrict those who can receive services, support, and aid. What does it mean to really follow Jesus? At the least it means following his example and building a society that discriminates less, shares more, and places the emphasis on responding to the needs of all people rather than the desires of a few.

## Thursday, Sep 03, 2020

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Dynasty, the papal version

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

*"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

Gregory was born around 540 in Rome, in an era when priests were still allowed to marry. Born into Roman nobility, he came with quite a clerical pedigree, including at least one papal ancestor, Pope Felix II, who reigned a century before Gregory was chosen pope by acclamation (another tradition of that era) in 590. We don't memorialize Gregory for his lineage, however, but rather for his humility. He preferred monastic life to high office, resisted the trappings of power, and referred to himself as a "servant" of God—language that was unprecedented coming from a member of the nobility. We can thank Gregory not because he was great, but because he was good.

## Friday, Sep 04, 2020

### Have faith in a historical perspective

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

*"Can you make the guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"*

Marriage customs were quite different in biblical times than they are now, involving some customs that today would seem unsavory, to say the least, such as death by stoning for women who failed to pass a "proof of virginity" test during the consummation of a marriage. Of course, no such proof was available or expected of the groom. Not every custom from biblical days deserves to be admired, much less perpetuated. A historical approach to biblical literature helps us separate the wheat from the chaff in our heritage.

## Saturday, Sep 05, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

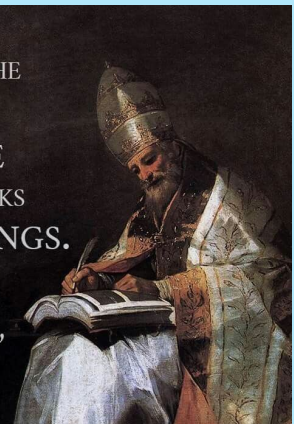
### She stood fast while others fled

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

*"Have you not read what David did when he and those who were with him were hungry?"*

The tradition of dedicating Saturdays not already set aside as memorials to Mary dates to the ninth century. Though the origins of the tradition are not clear, Saturdays serve to remind us that Mary was steadfast in her witness in the dark time between Jesus' Good Friday Crucifixion and his Easter Sunday Resurrection. Mary neither fled nor denied the son she loved and followed. We can recall her resolute discipleship today and every Saturday and commit ourselves to stand vigilant in our own faith, even if at times we stand alone.

THE PROOF OF  
LOVE IS IN THE  
WORKS.  
WHERE LOVE  
EXISTS, IT WORKS  
GREAT THINGS.  
BUT WHEN IT  
CEASES TO ACT,  
IT CEASES TO  
EXIST.



September 3rd: The Feast of St. Pope Gregory the Great

