

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## October 11th, 2020



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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**  
**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**

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

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# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*



October 11, 2020

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 [28th Sunday]

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41-48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 11:42-46 [St. Callistus]

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54 [St. Teresa of Jesus]

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7 [St. Hedwig]

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 [St. Ignatius of Antioch]

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21 [29th 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., Oct. 12th - Thaddeus Mielnik (Irene Mielnik)  
Tues., Oct. 13th - Walter, Florence, & Joan Rzdokiewicz (Family)  
Wed., Oct. 14th - Helen Mikolajczak (Family)  
Thurs., Oct. 15th - Clara Wisinski (Jerome)  
Fri., Oct. 16th - Jean & Stanley Markiewicz (Family)  
Sat., Oct. 17th, 4:00PM - Eugene Tomczak (Elaine & Family)  
Sun., Oct. 18th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**POLISH FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**Take-Out Dinner**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2020**  
**11:30AM - 5:00PM**



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Tom Kurpiewski & Cheryl Hall (10/17)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MARY & CHESTER RADOMSKI** as gifted by the Family.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Alan Muir & Hannah Kitcey who entered into the Sacred Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 10th. Many blessings on your marriage!

## PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

Our Pro-Life community is sponsoring its annual Holy Hour on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00PM. All are welcomed and invited to attend.

## NOVEMBER LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Holy Name Society is, once again, sponsoring a November Lottery Raffle, based on the PA Daily Number. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Holy Name member or at the parish office.



## "LIKE US" ON FACEBOOK

At the beginning of the pandemic, our parish started a Facebook Page ("Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church") primarily in order to upload weekend Masses. Periodically, reflections, parish news, and other musings are posted there, too. Feel free to "like us" and follow our page!

## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
Pledges: \$35,120.00  
Paid To Date: \$31,975.00

**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 (OCTOBER 4, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$58,184.00
Amount Received	\$4,421.00	\$38,491.00
Net over/under	\$265.00	(\$19,693.00)

Mass Attendance: 38 at 4:00PM  
44 at 9:00AM



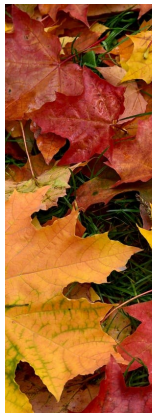
## FEAST OF SAINT HEDWIG

Since Covid restriction makes our traditional celebration of Saint Hedwig's Day unfeasible, Fr. Jason will celebrate Mass at Saint Hedwig's and upload it to Saint Stanislaus' Facebook page on **October 16th at 7:00PM**. Please consider prayerfully joining us on-line.

**In March: Friday the 13th, Full moon, turned clocks ahead, all in one weekend.**

**October 31: Halloween on a Saturday, Full moon, Turn clocks back an hour.**

**Maybe this will return us to factory settings?**



## "PARISH DAY" COLLECTION

In your weekly offering box, there is a special "Parish Day" envelope. This donation is used primarily for "start-up" money. As you already know, we will have no raffles, gift baskets, or special drawings this year due to the pandemic. This money will also off-set the profit losses we expect to incur due to the elimination of these fundraisers.

## SCRIP CARDS

Even during the pandemic, we have still be filling SCRIP CARD orders. If you are interested in purchasing them, simply contact the Parish Office.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



10/11 - Skip Ignaczak  
10/12 - Shirley Shultz  
10/14 - Julie Slomski  
& Kelly Titus  
10/16 - Frank Agnello

10/18 - Pearl Wisniewski



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 12th - Don Benczkowski (Helen Schneider)  
Tues., Oct. 13th - Joseph Kownacki (Gambill Family)  
Wed., Oct. 14th - Souls in Purgatory  
Thurs., Oct. 15th - John Lanuha (Daughter, Lillian, & Family)  
Fri., Oct. 16th - Edward Czulewicz Family (Ed, Patty, & Anna)  
Sat., Oct. 17th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
Sun., Oct. 18th, 10:30AM - Msgr. John Daniszewski

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **OUR DECEASED PASTORS.**

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

At the risk of overgeneralizing, women often want to go beyond logic and knowledge in relationships. 5 things that wives want from their husbands are: to feel loved, understood, emotionally secure, that we are listening to them, and to feel beautiful.

## ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

All Souls Day remembrance requests with the names of your loved ones, which are printed on a bulletin insert need to be returned to the parish office by **Monday, October 26th**. Please **PRINT** your requests.

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I'm not turning my clock back an hour on Nov. 1 because seriously none of us need an extra hour of 2020.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Regular Offering: \$2,771.00.00 (34/145)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$42,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$33,110.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,771.00	\$25,529.00
Net (over/under):	\$406.00	(\$7,581.00)

## CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00  
Pledges: \$24,692.00  
Paid: \$23,602.00  
Families Contributing: 69

## The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10  
Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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N W A U D V I Z T N P J G D L

PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER

"Many are invited, but few are chosen"

- Matthew 22:14

## News for Our Partnership

### TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION

Of the many challenges the pandemic has imposed on us in our parishes' ability to communicate frequently and efficiently with our people. Mass mailings are too cost prohibitive. We would like to begin building a parish e-mail distribution list. To be included on this list, **please send Fr. Jason an email at [glover001@gannon.edu](mailto:glover001@gannon.edu).** Indicate who in your household will have access to the email. This way, we can minimize our postage costs of future mass mailings.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

... is next Sunday, October 18th. Please consider supporting the Church's mission of evangelizing. Additional envelopes are available for your use. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

## ***St. Stanislaus Church*** ***"Polish Food Extravaganza Day"***

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020***

***11:30 AM - 5:00 PM***

Parish Hall ~ 520 East 13 Street ~ handicap accessible

### ***"POLISH PLATTER"*** ***TAKE - OUT DINNER***

includes kielbasa ~ golabki ~ pierogi ~ sweet & sour cabbage  
mashed potatoes ~ roll & butter

Adults - \$12.00 Children - \$6.00

**Frozen Pierogi for sale**  
**1/2 dozen-\$10. 1 dozen-\$20.**  
**Fresh Homemade**  
**Baked Goods for sale!**

**Grand Raffle**  
**Grand Prize~\$1,250.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ~ \$500.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize ~ \$250.00**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. STANISLAUS PARISH**

### SHOPPING FUNDRAISER: "Friends Helping Friends"

Shop at Boscov's on **October 14th or 15th**, in store or online. You will save 20% off of the lowest sale price. Mention St. Stanislaus or Holy Trinity, and the respective parish will receive 5% of your total purchase!

### OPEN HOUSES

Cathedral Prep and Villa will be hosting Open Houses in October. Both schools will offer tours, classroom demonstrations, and hands on experiences. Raffles for tuition discounts will also be held for those who attend. The following are the dates and times:

Cathedral Prep	Villa Maria
October 18th, 12PM-3PM	October 25th, 12PM-3PM
225 West 9th Street	2403 West 8th Street
814.453.7737	814.838.2061

### ANNUAL FALL DINNER

St. Lawrence Parish, Albion, will be hosting annual Fall dinner on Sunday, October 18th from 11AM-3PM. The dinner is \$10/meal and features roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, rolls and desert. Dinners will be available for drive-thru take-out only. You can reserve your meal by calling 814-756-3623.

### 26th ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

The World Apostolate of Fatima is hosting its 26th Annual Rosary March on October 11th at 3:00PM. Due to Covid restrictions, the event will be held at Saint Jude's Church (2801 West 6th Street). The event will also be live streamed on [www.stjudeapos.org](http://www.stjudeapos.org). Bishop Persico will be the featured speaker. For more information, call John Walsh (868.1100).

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl ministers continue to crochet blankets from their home and have plenty to distribute. If you know of someone who may benefit from one, please contact St. Stan's Parish Office (814.452.6606).

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 10/13) Deacon Tom Matusiak, & Shirley & Stan Widomski;  
10/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 10/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark;  
10/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki & Kay Stankiewicz; 10/17) Dave Slubowski; 10/18) Pearl Wisniewski

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/19) Msgr. John Herbein; 10/11) Fr. Jim Gutting; 10/12) Fr. James Campbell; 10/13) Fr. Tom Aleksa;  
10/14) Pray for Vocations; 10/15) Fr. Scott Jabo; 10/16) Fr. Glenn Whitman  
10/17) Fr. John Miller; 10/18) Fr. John Chaplin



## Sunday, Oct 11, 2020

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### Seek wisdom's light

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

*"I know how to live in humble circumstances;  
I know also how to live with abundance."*

If we learned nothing else this year, it's that circumstances change. Wellness comes and goes. Markets rise and fall. War and peace exchange places. We climb up and down the ladder of success. If we're wise, we learn what Saint Paul observed: Spiritual flexibility beats insisting and resisting. Today the Rosary's Luminous Mysteries guide us to wisdom: Partner with the Holy Spirit, trust grace to supply what's needed, seek the Kingdom's paradox, recognize Jesus in the faces of the poor, and know that God is present at every table.

## Monday, Oct 12, 2020

### The past calls us to a more just future

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32

*"...so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in many communities to honor Native Americans and their histories and cultures. Today is also a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many want the former to replace the latter, while others are dismayed by the growing trend. We can acknowledge the complicity of colonial church leaders in the exploitation and abuse of native peoples (though there were notable exceptions like Bartolomé de las Casas). At the same time, we can work to right those wrongs in the present and forge a more just future together, building the reign of God here and now.

## Tuesday, Oct 13, 2020

### Ponder the mystery

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

*"Through the Spirit, by faith, we await the hope of righteousness."*

For centuries the Catholic Church has honored Mary in both May and October. So perhaps it wasn't surprising that Our Lady of Fatima reportedly began to appear once a month to three children in Portugal in 1917—beginning on May 13 and ending on this day, October 13. On the last day, with more than 70,000 people gathered in anticipation, many reported seeing an unusual heavenly phenomenon that has been called the "dance of the sun." Ponder today what Pope John Paul II identified as Fatima's significance: "conversion and repentance, the nucleus of the message of the gospel."

## Wednesday, Oct 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

### Differences of opinion are nothing new

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

*"If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law."*

Callistus I was elected pope by the clergy and laity of Rome in 217. The election results did not sit well with that election's runner-up, Hippolytus. The two men disagreed on church doctrine and Hippolytus accused Callistus of leniency in enforcing church rules. Callistus' tolerance imitated Jesus' compassion but Hippolytus did not see it that way. He became the first anti-pope in church history, a schism that lasted 18 years. Eventually, Hippolytus reconciled with the church but not before Callistus I was martyred in a local Roman disturbance in 222. This piece of history is a reminder that differences will occur among church leaders, but the promised Holy Spirit remains with us. Pray for peaceful resolution of differences, in church and in society.

## Thursday, Oct 15, 2020

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Seek some mystic reform

Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

*"Woe to you, scholars of the law!  
You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Today we honor one of the great women of the church, Saint Teresa of Ávila, also known as Teresa of Jesus. Teresa's life seemed rather routine on the surface—she was a cloistered nun in the 1500s. But as her mystical encounters with Jesus emerged, along with her desire for a simpler, less "worldly" way of being, she began to write about the spiritual life and advocated for reform of her religious order, against strong opposition. Declared a doctor of the church in 1970, Teresa's reforms and enduring spiritual insights still carry weight. What reform, small or large, can you work toward today that can help bring about peace and spiritual growth for yourself and others?

## Friday, Oct 16, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

### Put your heart into it

Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

*"In Christ we were... chosen."*

From stained glass windows to tattoos, the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been an enduring, powerful symbol to many people from all walks of life. In the 17th century, particular attention to the heart of Jesus began to be promoted. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, had a special tenderness for Jesus' Sacred Heart and often shared her prayers and visions of it. In the heart of Jesus—imaged as pierced with thorns, flames, and a cross atop—she experienced the burning love of Christ for all people and the trust that Jesus held all of our joys and suffering in his heart. With Margaret Mary, what joys and sufferings might we entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

## Saturday, Oct 17, 2020

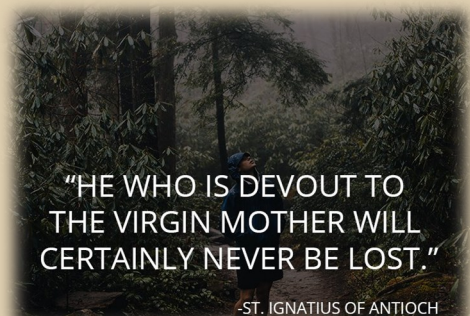
MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Journey with courage

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

*"I have heard of... your love toward all the saints."*

Map the distance between Antioch, Syria, and Rome: 3,716 kilometers, 39 hours by car—without traffic. Now imagine traveling that distance in chains around the year 107, with hungry lions awaiting your arrival. Even with all that, Ignatius of Antioch, approaching a brutal martyrdom, writes from the road to the Ephesians: "I do not issue orders to you, as if I were some great person. For though I am bound for His name, I am not yet perfect in Jesus Christ." His focus is on the privilege of dying for God's glory: "Being blessed in the greatness and fullness of God," he sends readers "abundant happiness through Jesus Christ, and His undefiled joy." Call on Ignatius when you face the really frightful realities life confronts us with at times.



**"HE WHO IS DEVOUT TO  
THE VIRGIN MOTHER WILL  
CERTAINLY NEVER BE LOST."**

—ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

