



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:30 pm Mass
2 9 am Mass	3 Labor Day—Parish Office Closed 9:00 am Mass	4 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	5 7:20 am Word/Communion Service 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus	6 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 7:00 pm Gifts of Compassion Meeting in Xavier Hall	7 5:30 pm Word/Communion Service	8 5:30 pm Mass
9 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am PSR 6:30 pm Confirmation Session in Xavier Hall	10 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA Priest Convocation	11 Priest Convocation in Belleville 5:15 pm Hour of Adoration at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass	12 Priest Convocation in Belleville 7:20 am Word/Communion Service 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 p Women Club dinner/meeting	13 Priest Convocation in Belleville 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	14 5:30 pm Mass	15 Catechetical Weekend 5:30 pm Mass
16 NO 9 am Mass 10 am PSR 11:30 am Mass at Evergreen Park followed by Parish Picnic	17 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting 7:00 pm RCIA	18 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	19 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Youth Commission Meeting	20 11:30 am Mass & Heritage Club Potluck 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration begins with 5:30 pm Mass	21 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration ends with 5:30 pm Mass 6:15 pm Welcome Dinner for new parishioners 11 Days of Compassion begins	22 5:30 pm Mass
23 9 am Mass 10 am PSR 6:30 pm Confirmation Session in Xavier Hall 9 am Mass 10 am PSR	24 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA	25 2-6 pm Blood Drive in Xavier Hall 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	26 7:20 am Word/Communion Service 5:30 pm Choir	27 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Choir	28 5:30 pm Mass	29 Coat Drive at all weekend Masses 5:30 pm Mass

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:30—5:00 pm or by appointment

Regular Mass Schedule:
Monday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Holy Hour;
Tuesday, Mass at Newman Center 5:15 pm
Wednesday: 7:20 a.m.
Thursday, Mass at Newman Center 5:15 pm
Friday & Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 12:15 Spanish Mass

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Regular Mass Schedule:
5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays followed by Holy Hour
5:15 pm Mass Thursdays
11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday
5:15 pm Mass on Sunday during school year

SEPTEMBER, 2018

Liturgical Year: We are in Ordinary Time.

3 Gregory the Great, Pope
5 Blessed Teresa of Kohkata, Servant to the poor
8 Birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
17 Robert Bellarmine, Theologian
20 Andrew Kim and other Korean martyrs
21 Mathew, Evangelist
27 Vincent de Paul, Patron of Catholic charities
29 Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Each weekend, we recite the **Nicene Creed**, a basic statement of our beliefs. This creed resulted from a council of bishops at Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381 AD. We join with Christians from all over the world who for 1700 years have committed to this creed.

WHO ME? BE HOLY?

Pope Francis discusses the Beatitudes as a means to holiness. This month, consider: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5: 3.

"Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness,

Being poor of heart: that is holiness." Par. 68, 70, *Gaudete ex Exultate*. Francis.

PRAYER ON 9/11

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred and who justify killing in the name of religion.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Excerpts, Prayer of Pope Francis at Ground Zero, 2015.

SEPTEMBER SAINTS

We honor the archangels who served as messengers of God in the Old and New Testaments, and Matthew, an evangelist. Pope Francis has urged us to be evangelists of joy. How? When we smile, are patient, say "thanks," "please," and "excuse me," lend an ear, send a "pick-me-up" message, help a neighbor, visit a family member, or welcome a stranger, we share our Christian joy and witness to our faith.

NEW HABITS

As we settle in to a routine, let's ask ourselves: Is there some small thing I can do at work or school, in my neighborhood, and in my parish to build up the kingdom of Christ on earth? Mother Teresa often said that we cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things.

Can we take time to remind ourselves of God's presence in our lives: grace before meals, prayer for guidance as the day starts, thanks as the day ends, asking God's blessing on the children as they leave for school.

5 SECOND PRAYER: On Labor Day, thank God for artists, carpenters, farmers, secretaries, accountants, teachers, librarians, medical assistants, law enforcement officers, homemakers, and all who labor and create.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

+Commit to one hour of quiet prayer or reading during the 24 hours of Adoration.

+On 9/11, pray for international peace.

+Spend time with a grandparent or other older relative.

+It is move-in time – welcome a new parishioner.

Practice the virtue of hospitality.

+Join your parishioners for prayer, food and fun at the annual outdoor Mass and celebration.

+Pray for Fr. Bob whose patron is Robert Bellarmine.

+In honor of Vincent de Paul, bring a coat for the coat drive on Sept. 29-30.