

## Mass Intentions

### Sat., July 30 **Saint Peter Chrysologus**

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

### Sun., July 31 **XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

7:30 am ... ✠Jack Healy by Denis & Eileen Smith

9:30 am ... ✠Lorraine M. Lavoie by Rita Montpelier

5 pm ... ✠Pauline Nadeau (6th Anniv.) by Jaye Soderberg and Dottie DeCotis

### Mon., August 1 **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

12 pm ... ✠Dot, ✠Ray, & ✠Roger LaRochelle by Lil LaRochelle

### Tue., August 2 **Saints Eusebius & Peter Julian Eynard**

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

12 pm ... ✠Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso S. Lopez by the Lopez family

### Wed., August 3

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

12 pm ... ✠Diane Hebert & Family by a friend

### Thur., August 4 **Saint John Vianney**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

8:30 am ... ✠Lauren Rae Doherty (6th Anniv.) by Kerri Stanley

### Fri., August 5 ~ OFFICE CLOSED ~

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

6 pm ... ✠Theresa Johnson by her family

### Sat., August 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

4 pm ... ✠Leo & ✠Doris Moreau by her family

### Sun., August 7 **XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

7:30 am ... Our Parish Family

9:30 am ... ✠Mary Marszal by Faye Kelly

5 pm ... ✠Robert Canty by Jack & Colleen Byrne

## Weekly Collection

### Weekend of July 24, 2016

Regular Offertory  
\$2,742.00 Make-Up Offertory  
553.00 Loose Offertory  
626.15 Online Parish Giving  
330.00 Total

**\$4,251.15**

### Last Year: Weekend of July 26, 2015

Total Offertory **\$5,043.35**



Catholic Charities

### 2016 Annual Campaign

Our goal this year is \$26,000. Thank

you to those who have supported Catholic Charities. To date, your gift has helped us raise **\$14,605** towards our goal. **We are now more than halfway there!** Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities New Hampshire. Please help us reach our goal!



**VBS 2016: Cave Quest!**... Our annual Vacation Bible School took place last week and was great fun for children, teens and grown-ups! Special thanks to our own volunteers and those from several other parishes who joined

us. Volunteers from Saint Marie's will take some of our experience and decorations back to their own VBS Aug. 8-12. We were fortunate to have Deacon Stephen Lawson, O.S.B., with us for prayer, instruction and dedicated participation! Jesus gives us LOVE! FOLLOW HIM!



**CALL FOR PRAYER, FASTING & ATONEMENT FOR PEACE** Call for Catholics and all people of good will to act in solidarity for an end to violence in the U.S. and worldwide on Aug. 12, 14 and 15. The Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, bishop of Manchester, has called all Catholics in New Hampshire to engage in prayer and perform acts of repentance in response to ongoing violence in the U.S. and worldwide. "The current civil unrest in our country, the acts of unspeakable violence in Orlando, Dallas, Baton Rouge, and in Nice, France, the violence and political instability in Turkey, and the ongoing suffering in the Middle East—all are clear expressions of a rampant evil in our time," said Bishop Libasci. "We, as individual Catholics as well as the Church as a whole,

must do more." He has asked that the faithful commit to a day of fasting and partial abstinence on Friday, Aug. 12. He also directed that special prayers for peace be said at Masses on Sunday, Aug. 14, and urged Catholics to attend Mass on Monday, Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M. Bishop Libasci also asked "religious leaders of all persuasions, and all people of good will" to join Catholics in solidarity "as a visible sign of hope in our world." "I am calling on all people to pray for an end to violence," said Bishop Libasci. "Regardless of our differing religious beliefs, or differences in culture and background, the ongoing bloodshed in our country and abroad unites us in shock, horror and outrage. Let us turn to Almighty God with acts of atonement and reparation and ask Him to grant to our world His healing peace."

**On Monday, Aug. 15, Saint Raphael will celebrate the Assumption with Mass at 12 noon and 6:30pm. The evening Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. An opportunity for Penance & Reconciliation at 11:30pm, preceding**

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Rene Mons** by his family.

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, July 25, the food pantry served **20** families and gave out **36** bags of groceries. We need macaroni and cheese and can always use brown paper bags!

 **New flooring**—The rectory is getting a facelift! Well, part of its flooring is, anyway. Floorlift? During the first two weeks of August, some carpets on the main floor will be removed and the hardwood flooring underneath will be refurbished. The rectory will be open, but we ask that you call with any issues that can be addressed over the phone. If you need to come by, please use the back door entrance and pardon the appearance!

## Krakow, Poland's royal city, opens heart to World Youth Day events

This past week, the eyes of the Catholic world turned to the **beautiful and famous city of Krakow** in southern Poland as it welcomed tens of thousands of visitors to the 31<sup>st</sup> celebration of **World Youth Day**. World Youth Day actually extends over a week and it draws together young people and their mentors to hear leading thinkers in the Church from every walk of life, nation and language.

Because we Americans are not always the most adept at global geography, and because Krakow is a remarkable urban center steeped in history, WYD affords us all an opportunity to learn a little about the community to which some **40,000 American pilgrims**, some from New Hampshire. These 40,000 young people who traveled to Poland this past week constitute the largest group ever to attend WYD events outside Denver and Toronto, the two North America cities where such events have been held previously.

For most of us, Krakow became famous with the election of its youthful cardinal-archbishop, **Karol Josef Cardinal Wojtyla**, as pope in **1978**. Taking the name **John Paul II**, the new Polish pope spoke with pride and great affection about his homeland and its leading cultural center, Krakow. But, in fact, Krakow has long enjoyed a reputation as a sophisticated, cultured city. One of my high school friends, **Cecelia Gwozdz**, from Adams, MA, traveled from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to Krakow for her junior year at the famous **Jagiellonian University**, a school dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Poland, still in the grip of Communist rule when Ceil studied there, never let her **Catholic faith and her independent Polish heritage** be stifled. Ceil's friends learned a fair bit of history, politics, legend and literature as she shared her adventures. She must have liked Krakow a lot, because she stayed a little longer than we expected, and when she returned, she had **Polish in-laws!** Accompanying Ceil back to the U.S. was her husband, **Pyotr Kaluza**. Ceil and Pyotr had a son, **Simon**, and they formed **Global Tours Associates (GTA Tours)**, based in Madison, CT. Saint Raphael has enjoyed a happy relationship with GTA, which organized our **Routes/Roots of Faith pilgrimages** to

Ireland (2005), Italy (20012) and Greece and Turkey (2015).

But back to Krakow. Located on the Vistula River in a valley between two mountain ranges in extreme

southern Poland, Krakow's **origins go back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century**. In time, it became a leading university center, artistic mecca and political capital. Its **Wawel Hill** (*photo bottom*) is the home of the cathedral, royal palace and court. For centuries, Krakow had thriving Jewish quarter until the Holocaust of World War II. The city is filled with churches, guild halls, markets, bridges, gates, monasteries and public buildings, many of them **architectural gems** from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Enlightenment and Modernist periods. **Saint Mary's Basilica** (*photo left*), for example, is a treasure, as indeed is the whole of the Old City, named by UNESCO as a **World Heritage Site**.

From its tower, a medieval watchman once sounded warning of an attack by the Tartars. He continued trumpeting until an arrow sliced through his throat. His sacrifice is commemorated by the sounding of the "Hejnal" every day in the four directions of the compass. Each time, the warning ends abruptly on a high note in honor of the **young trumpeter of Krakow**, who died to save his city.

During the years when Poland disappeared as an independent state, Krakow served as a living symbol of the nation's Catholic faith, Slavic origins and Polish culture. Moreover, it was a city open to the West and was influenced by developments in science, politics and the arts. More than 60 percent of the population is under age 45, so Krakow is a youthful city. **With 760,000 residents, Krakow is Poland's second largest city** and sits in a metropolitan area of some 8 million.

Economically, it is a center for multi-national corporations, and it has sought to position itself as an East European "Silicon Valley" or "28 Beltway" through high tech companies. With **more than 200,000 students in the city and 24**



**institutions of higher learning**, it has the wherewithal to achieve its goals! And after WYD, thousands more will know Krakow!

Fittingly for a city that has been

called the "**Rome of the North**," Krakow has **its share of saints** – something WYD participants surely discovered this past week. Among the most famous are **Stanislaus**, Krakow's bishop and martyr, killed on orders of an evil king in 1179; **Jadwiga**, first queen regnant of Poland and one of her nation's greatest rulers, who died in 1399; **Albert Chmielowski**, the artist and political activist who turned to the care of the poor and homeless who died in 1916; **Faustina Kowalska**, the Polish nun to whom Christ revealed the promises of Divine Mercy who died in 1938; and **John Paul II**, one of the towering figures of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who died in 2005.

Speaking to young people in advance of World Youth Day, Pope Francis observed, "Krakow, the city of Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina Kowalska, is waiting for us with open arms and hearts. I believe that Divine Providence led us to the decision to celebrate the Youth Jubilee in that city which was **home to those two great apostles of mercy** in our times."

He continued, "John Paul II realized that this is the time of mercy. At the start of his pontificate, he wrote the encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*. In the Holy Year 2000 he canonized Sister Faustina and instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy, ... on the Second Sunday of Easter. In 2002 he personally inaugurated the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow and **entrusted the world to Divine Mercy**, in the desire that this message would reach all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope: 'This spark needs to be lighted by the grace of God,' [he writes]. 'This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!'" (John Paul II, Homily, Dedication of Divine Mercy Shrine, Krakow, 17 Aug. 2002).

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