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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 27/28, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits

Small reception following the 8:30 AM Mass

August 2 -First Friday – Adoration after the 8:30 AM Mass

August 5 – Dedication of St. Mary Major

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7 – Restoration of the Society of Jesus

August 10/11 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 8:30 AM and at 6 PM in the Jesuit Center

August 20 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council, 7 PM

August 22 – Queenship of Mary

Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

(Additional Meeting on Sept. 3rd for those unable to make August 22nd)

August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 26 – St. Mariam of Bethlehem

August 28 – St. Augustine

August 29 – Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Patron of the Amman Vicariate

September 3 - Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center



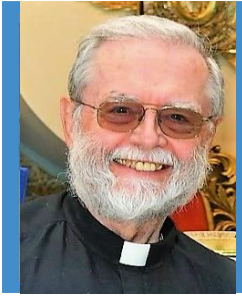
Pope Francis' FOR JULY

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

The video link to the Pope's message for this month:

<https://youtu.be/J1REi2BO1H0>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

If I have told this story before I apologize. But when I went for my first interview with the Vocation Director for the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, we had coffee and chatted casually. Then he got down to business, and his first question was, “Why the Jesuits?”

Now I had prepared for this interview. I had tried to think of every question I might be asked, I was ready to talk about my past, my prayer life, why I thought God was calling me to be a priest – I was prepared!

Except I had never thought about that question. I had never been to a Jesuit school; I only knew one Jesuit who knew me; I doubt I could have told him who founded the Jesuits, I’m not even sure I could have come with the official name – the Society of Jesus. But once I had said “Yes” to the idea of priesthood, I went to the Jesuits.

Years later, after the fact, I can give you all sorts of good and sensible reasons why the Jesuits. One of them is that when I said “Yes” it was without restriction. I did not say “I will be a priest if I can do this kind of work.” The Jesuits do all sorts of work around the world, so it might have been that I would get assigned to doing something I particularly wanted. (For the record, that never happened.) But my call – as I understood it – was to be a priest and everything else was secondary.

Which, I learned in my formation, during the twelve years between when I entered the Novitiate and when I was ordained a priest, is what Ignatius had in mind. He wanted his men to be free – free from attachments, free to travel, free to undertake tasks others would consider impossible, all in the name of serving God and His Church. Historically, as part of formation, young Jesuits were assigned to teach, and on occasion, subjects about which they knew little or nothing. I know men who said that when they were teaching, they were only one or two chapters ahead of the students, learning themselves as they went along.

As we prepare to celebrate this great feast for Jesuits, we are celebrating it in a very “Jesuit” style. We have Mass in the morning, and a small reception afterwards. We have a barbecue in the evening, mostly for those who are part of our Jesuit works – the Center, participants in Center programs, the active members of our parish – it’s a “family” event, not inviting families but rather for those whose work and friendship makes them part of the Jesuit “family” here in Jordan. (The barbecue is by invitation and admission ONLY by ticket.) But then at 8 PM in the Garden Theatre there will be a free performance from our Theatre Arts Group – all are welcome, but to get a reserved seat you have to call the number on the flyer which is in this issue of Heartbeat. We think Ignatius would be pleased.

Finally – take a moment with the prayer of St. Ignatius that is on the last page. It is a hard prayer to pray, if you really mean it. But it is what we are all called to as followers of Christ. If we really are able to put ALL our trust and ALL our love in Christ – then we will be ready to greet Him when our days here are finished.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org Website: Jordanjesuits.org

Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Meeting for Parents of Candidates: August 22 or September 3 – 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

August 23 – September 13 – Candidate interviews with Father John

September 14 – First class at Sweifieh, 3:30 PM, followed by Mass at 5 PM



Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola Wednesday, 31 July 2019



Saint Ignatius is the founder of the Jesuits; each year we have an event to celebrate.

31 July, Wednesday, 8 PM in the "Garden Theater" of the Jesuit Center: **"A Cultural Showcase"**
Seating is limited to 150 persons.

Individual reserved Seats are available by donation ahead of time; such seats must be reserved by **29 July** ahead of time, by calling **0796793436**

CONFIRMATION?

An "official" announcement will be made in August, but if there are any in the congregation from age 15 upwards (yes, adults who have not been confirmed should consider this) who think they are ready for the final sacrament of initiation, feel free to contact me, or think about it until the "official" announcement is made.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

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| 1 | Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ | | |
| 2 | Aleksandra BAbel | 14 | Johnny Church |
| | Brian Grube | 19 | Henry Horner |
| 4 | John Lyons | 20 | Ernest Sherman |
| | Gabriel Sivzattian | 23 | Drew McCloud |
| 8 | Basil Fakes | 29 | Luis Ramirez |
| | Rika VanVuuren | | |
| 11 | Alexandra Dominguez | | |

(If your birthday is not included in this list, it means that either we have made a mistake, or you did not give us your birthday. If you would like to be included, please let us know and we will make sure you are not forgotten.)



SUPPORT THE JESUITS

THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY!!!!

A volunteer group is being formed – tentatively called the Jesuit Mothers Guild – not a gathering of women whose sons are Jesuits but women who would like to help the Jesuits in their work and activities. (The sub-text, with which I am sure many would agree, is that the Jesuit Fathers can use all the help they can get.) If you are interested in learning more about this group, and perhaps taking part in upcoming activities, contact Sana Dababneh at (Email) sana@dababneh.net or see her after Mass on Saturday at Sweifieh.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA – FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS FEAST DAY – JULY 31

JULY 31:

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA,
*Founder of the Society of
Jesus (Jesuits). "Go forth
and set the world on fire."*

*"Take, Lord, and
receive all my liberty,
my memory, my
understanding, and
my entire will, all I
have and call my own.
You have given all to
me. To you, Lord, I
return it. Everything is
yours; do with it what
you will. Give me only
your love and your
grace, that is enough
for me."*

-St. Ignatius

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