

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
September 15/16, 2018

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sept 13 – 21 – Fr. Linden on retreat

Sept. 15 – Welcome/Welcome Back Reception after Mass in the Church hall

Sept. 21 – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle

Sept. 22 - First Day of Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM

Sept. 23 – First Day of Autumn

Sept. 24 – Ask Father John (*? To be confirmed*)

Sept. 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Oct. 5 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

Oct. 8 – FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 7PM – *Do you have your tickets?*

Oct 10 – November 2 – Fr. Linden in the U.S.

Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 13 – Children’s Mass

Oct. 20 – Jesuit Friends and Alumni Celebration – Special Mass and Reception

Oct. 20/21 – World Mission Sunday

Oct. 26 – End of Daylight Savings Time – Clocks go BACK one hour.

November 1 – All Saints Day – Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Nov. 1 – 10 – Fr. John away on retreat

Nov. 2 – All Soul’s Day – First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel

Nov. 3 – No First Communion class



Pope Francis'

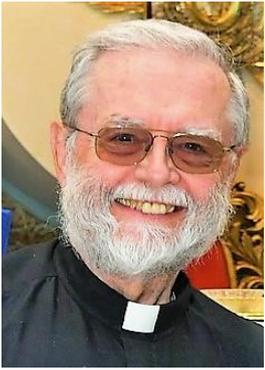
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA –

That young people in Africa may
have access to education and work
in their own countries.

The Link for the Video on this month’s prayer intention:

<https://youtu.be/2JLX11lz71Y>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

If one were to mark the “official” beginning of the new year, in terms of parish life, the first reception after Mass at Sweifieh would certainly be a candidate. Coming together to pray is certainly a major part of parish life. Coming together to celebrate, to meet one another, to share food and drink – this was as much a part of the weekly gathering of the early Christian community as was the “Breaking of the Bread,” the Eucharistic celebration.

There are many things that make a community. Common worship is one, shared activity outside of Mass and other times of worship is another. There are many different “styles” of worship, and every parish will evolve and adopt the way of common prayer that is best suited to them. That may not be what everyone likes; I suspect it is impossible to find anything that everyone likes, whether you are talking music or fashion or the temperature of the space. But over time, people adapt or compromise or develop a new taste, and prayer in common becomes like dancing. We no longer think about where to put our feet when we dance, and we should no longer worry about the physical elements of the Mass when we pray. We grow so we can focus on what’s important.

How many people in the parish do you know? How many people know you? What parish activities or programs are you involved in? And if you hear yourself saying you’re too busy, you don’t have the time – make a list of the other activities in which you are involved. For parents, many of those will be school-related, but perhaps Church should be as much a part of your child’s calendar as school? I know for a fact that some of our people are very involved in charitable work and organizations that try to meet the needs of the poor and refugees – perhaps we should be exploring ways to coordinate with them? As always we have to strike a balance in our lives. We need quiet time, we need family time, we need school (or education or some form of mental stimulation), we need exercise, we need to help others in some kind of service and we need time for God, both in individual and in communal prayer. (I put God last for emphasis, not because He is least important.) We cannot give all our time to any one aspect, and if we try to do too many things, we splinter and end up not doing anything well, and probably increasing our stress level at the same time.

My hope, of course, is that as you put together your schedule, Sacred Heart Parish is on the list. We need you. We want you. And I hope and pray that we will be good for you. I know you will be good for us.

Next week, on the 22nd of September, our First Communion candidates will meet for the first time. Throughout the coming year I will be asking you to pray for them, and for their parents, as they go through this very special time of learning and preparation to receive two sacraments – the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March, and First Holy Communion in May. You will get to meet them officially in October, both in the HEARTBEAT and at the Saturday Mass.

As we pray for them, let us also continue to pray for one another.

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

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

Website: Jordanjesuits.org **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Robert Bellarmine, S.J. – Sept. 17



Only 36 saints have been named “Doctor” of the Roman Catholic Church, and this Jesuit saint, one of the leading figures of the Counter-Reformation, is one of them. He was canonized a saint in 1930.

Bellarmino was born at Montepulciano, the son of noble but poor parents; his mother was the sister of Pope Marcellus II. As a boy he knew Virgil by heart and composed a number of poems in Italian and Latin. One of his hymns, on Mary Magdalene, is included in the Roman Breviary.

He entered the Roman Jesuit novitiate in 1560, remaining in Rome three years. He then went to a Jesuit house at Mondovì, in Piedmont, where he learned Greek and came to the attention of the local Jesuit Provincial Superior, who sent him to the University of Padua. There he began the systematic study of theology. In 1569 he was sent to finish his studies at the University of Leuven in Flanders. He was ordained, and obtained a reputation both as a professor and as a preacher. He was the first Jesuit to teach at the university, where the subject of his course was the *Summa Theologica* of Thomas Aquinas. After 7 years, in poor health, he made a journey to Italy. He was commissioned by Pope Gregory XIII to lecture on polemical theology in the new Roman College, now known as the Pontifical Gregorian University. Later, he would promote the cause of the beatification of Aloysius Gonzaga, who had been a student at the college during his tenure.

Until 1589, Bellarmine was occupied as professor of theology. After the murder in that year of Henry III of France, Pope Sixtus V sent Enrico Caetani as legate to Paris to negotiate with the Catholic League of France, and chose Bellarmine to accompany him as theologian. He was in the city during its siege by Henry of Navarre. Upon the death of Pope Sixtus V in 1590, the Count of Olivares wrote to King Philip III of Spain, "Bellarmino ... would not do for a Pope, for he is mindful only of the interests of the Church and is unresponsive to the reasons of princes."

The next pope, Clement VIII, said of him, "the Church of God had not his equal in learning". Bellarmine was made Rector of the Roman College in 1592, Examiner of Bishops in 1598, and Cardinal in 1599. Immediately after his appointment as Cardinal, Pope Clement made him a Cardinal Inquisitor, in which capacity he served as one of the judges at the trial of Giordano Bruno, and concurred in the decision which condemned Bruno to be burned at the stake as a heretic.

In 1602 he was made archbishop of Capua. He had written against pluralism and non-residence of bishops within their dioceses. As bishop he put into effect the reforming decrees of the Council of Trent. He received some votes in the 1605 conclaves which elected Pope Leo XI, Pope Paul V, and in 1621 when Pope Gregory XV was elected. but his being a Jesuit stood against him in the judgment of many of the cardinals.

In 1616, on the orders of Paul V, Bellarmine summoned Galileo, notified him of a forthcoming decree of the Congregation of the Index condemning the Copernican doctrine of the mobility of the Earth and the immobility of the Sun, and ordered him to abandon it. Galileo agreed to do so. When Galileo later complained of rumors to the effect that he had been forced to abjure and do penance, Bellarmine wrote out a certificate denying the rumors, stating that Galileo had merely been notified of the decree and informed that, as a consequence of it, the Copernican doctrine could not be "defended or held. In 1633, nearly twelve years after Bellarmine's death, Galileo was again called before the Inquisition in this matter.

In his old age Bellarmine was bishop of Montepulciano for four years, after which he retired to the Jesuit college of St. Andrew in Rome, where he died on 17 September 1621, aged 78.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVERTISING

For the Program for FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT

Program - 3 2 pages available, Full Color full page only. 40 JOD

Deadline September 27 - Auditorium seats a Maximum of 170

For the 2019 SACRED HEART CALENDAR

Calendar - 1/2 page 60 JOD, Full page 100 JOD

Deadline November 15

We print 800 copies, for sale and free distribution

Contact Fr. John for more information,
and to make a space reservation. First
come, first served.

CATECHISM CLASS FOR CHILDREN OTHER THAN 1ST COMMUNION

I would love to have a catechism class – or classes – for children in that stage after First Holy Communion but not yet ready for Confirmation. It depends completely on finding one or more people to work with me to plan and conduct the classes. If there are no volunteers – there will be no classes. If you feel you don't know enough – there is an old saying, "If you want to really learn a subject, teach it." By the time you have prepared classes, and answered questions you would NEVER have thought of, you will have learned more about your faith than you have probably taught the children. See me (Fr. John) to talk about it. (But not after Mass when everything is crazy – call me or email me.)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We currently have one Confirmation candidate who will receive the sacrament on Saturday, December 15th. If there are candidates for Confirmation, we can start another group in January of 2019. The program usually takes around 18 months but varies depending on the number of students, their availability and commitment. Any interested candidates should contact Fr. John before November 1.

FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 3 Weeks to Go!

The hall is booked – the printed program getting ready for the printer (although there is advertising space left). I've been rehearsing, the flyers are out, news releases sent, I've got volunteers to help run the theatre on the evening. Props are in place, the presents are ready to be given – everything is set EXCEPT FOR AN AUDIENCE!

I feel a little like the king in the parable hosting the wedding – when no one came? Now I know by local standards it is still early – three weeks from Monday. But I have this vision of 153 apologies and 10 people showing up.

So if you have any contacts, please help spread the word. I have flyers to share – some A4 posters for bulletin boards – news releases if anyone should want additional information.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI MASS ON OCTOBER 20

As we did last year, we invite all alumni of Jesuit schools and organizations – if you graduated or not, if you worked with Jesuits – to please join us for a special Mass of recognition and a celebration following in the parish hall.

Last year we were able to list 33 Jesuit schools and organizations that members of our parish had attended or worked for or with. We were featured in the US magazine, with pictures, because of our participation, and we were strongly encouraged to once again be a part of this international effort.

SO – please help spread the word through embassy contacts, schools and companies, so that any Jesuit Friend or Alum can know and be welcome to participate. And let Fr. John know about your Jesuit connection, so we can add it to the list for this year. (NOT after Mass, but with an email or a message!)

More details in the weeks ahead but mark your calendar and tell your friends!

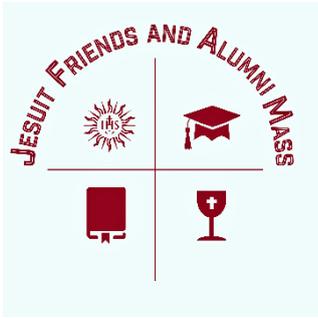


ASK FATHER JOHN?

So far there has been no response to the notion of an “Ask Father John” on Monday the 24th of September. It may be it is too early in the year, it may be that all the questions have been answered, it may be that it is just a bad day. Based on the responses or lack of responses by Wednesday the 19th, the evening will either be confirmed or called off. This is not to try and make anyone feel guilty, but last minute decisions don’t work for an event like this.

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
ST. MARY OF NAZARETH
CHURCH
SWEIFIEH – 5 pm
6 pm - RECEPTION AFTER
MASS

All Jesuit graduates, past students and friends of the Jesuits are invited to join in a celebration of the work of the Society of Jesus in education around the world. Anyone who has attended a Jesuit school or a Jesuit organization, who has sent children, who is a “fan” of the Jesuits is welcome. It is an opportunity for us all to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Sacred Heart Parish joins with parishes around the world in recognizing those who have experienced the Jesuit approach, and we invite all to join us in this weekend celebration.

PLEASE REGISTER! Let us know you are coming, since Jesuit Alumni and Friends will have reserved seating in the Church, and we would like to include your school or organization in the Mass program for the day. Please send your registrations and school or Jesuit organization information to:

PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org or Text to 079 013-8985



FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT!

Monday, October 8 – 7 PM

SONGS I LOVE
TO SING!

VENUE: HALIM SALFITI THEATER, BANK AL ETIHAD HQ

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

THE JESUIT CENTER - 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

KARASI – www.karasi.com

Orders at – www.jordanjesuits.org and click Sacred Heart Parish

PRICES:

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats, name in the program, special gift

General Admission – 10 JOD

Children under 12 (Accompanied by adult) 5 JOD – 2 per adult ticket

Students – 5 JOD (Admitted 10 minutes before the start, sit in any vacant seat.)

All proceeds go to the Care for the Poor program

NOTE: The program will begin promptly at 7 PM. Latecomers will be admitted when there is a suitable pause in the singing.

- Cameras, cell phones and other recording devices are strictly not allowed. Patrons who use their cell phone for any reason during the performance will be asked to leave. **NOT EVEN FOR E-MAIL!**

An evening of some of my favorite songs – from Broadway, opera, folk songs, Gilbert & Sullivan and Cabaret. I will probably sing a parody song or two and might even sing the song my father sang to my mother at their wedding breakfast. And lots of jokes and stories.