

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 10/11, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

August 12 – Eidh begins

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)

Please register in advance so we know how many to expect

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

September 14 – Welcome Mass for new and returning Parishioners – Reception after the Mass

First Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM

September 17 – 21 – Pilgrimage to Malta – *Tentative, based on response*

September 19-21 – Visit of the Jesuit Provincial

September 23 – Deadline for ads for the program for Fr. John's Concert

September 24 – Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 26 - Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 27 – Lector Workshop, 10 AM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 29 – Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session A of 2, 3 PM Jesuit Center



Pope Francis'

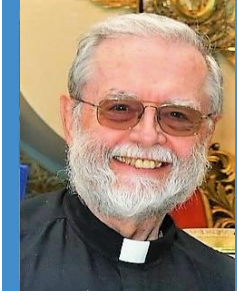
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR AUGUST

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

Video Link: https://youtu.be/f3Etn_Zjbl



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Last weekend in my homily I talked about choice, and free will. I am a great admirer of this extraordinary gift that God has given to us, this ability we have to choose, even to choose to walk away from God. I think that is a prime example of a bad choice, but we are free to make it, and God seldom interferes with our freedom to choose.

As a Pastor, I try to emulate that, and so I often provide opportunities to the parish, but only if people freely choose to take advantage of them, to participate. In the weeks to come, I will be listing several of those – again – including several ministries in the Church (Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, teaching children and others), opportunities for Bible Study, events like “Ask Father John” and some that have been developed by our Parish Advisory Council. Of course, people are free to choose to take part or not. Often, if people vote by their silence, the result is that the event doesn’t take place. If we ask for reservations or responses and none is forthcoming, we cancel the event because we assume no one will show up. More than once, after a cancellation was announced, people have said to me, “Oh I was sorry to hear the event was cancelled, I was so looking forward to it.”

Really? I appreciate the implied compliment that you think I have mental telepathy but in the absence of your response...

We have another event on tap, a pilgrimage to Malta from September 17 to 21. Malta is a wonderful spot, full of history and beauty and to be honest, ten days would really not be enough to do it justice, and we will only have 5. Well, we will have 5 days if enough people sign up to go. We leave Tuesday morning and return on Saturday; I will back in time for First Communion class and for the regular Mass. Basic details are in this edition and additional details are available on request.

But the deadline for committing is August 19th and while I realize it is not a long time, we are caught by the requirements of the airline and the hotels. If not enough people sign up, we will be forced to cancel. Now I know that people have commitments, and some have financial limitations, and while some may want to go it may not be possible for all. I would like to think that in a parish of several hundred we could get 15 – but we’ll see what happens. I would only say- please do not call up on August 25th and say you want to come if we have already cancelled. You will have missed the boat – or in this case, the plane.

The larger lesson is obvious, that life is like a pilgrimage. We have to make our commitments ahead of time, and if we don’t, things get cancelled. The one thing we do NOT want to see cancelled, the one thing we most definitely want to be part of, is eternal life. But as always – God gives us free choice, and will respect what we choose. Or if we don’t choose, which is itself a choice.

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. Please register.
August 23 – September 13 – Candidate interviews with Father John
September 14 – First class at Sweifieh, 3:30 PM, followed by Mass at 5 P

EARLY WARNING ALERT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*(This is just a reminder about last week's alert.
A full bulletin will be in next week's HEARTBEAT.)*

On Monday evening, October 7, at 7 PM at HALIM SALFITI THEATER, BANK AL ETIHAD HQ
Father John presents:

Songs YOU Asked For Or Should Have

More details will be forthcoming, but it promises to be an exciting and varied evening. Although Fr. John always reserves the right to change his mind, the program will (probably) include 11 different composers, songs from 4 operas and 5 shows, folk music and Country & Western and Father will sing in at least 8 different languages. And advertising in the concert program IS available.

As was the case for the last concert, all money raised will go to the Care for the Poor Program at Sacred Heart Parish, and for those who can't make the concert, contributions ARE accepted. And just like the last concert - Cameras, cell phones and 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 OR TEXTING!**

MASS ATTENDANCE – JULY

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July	610	490	209
Average	152	16	52

WEBSITE TRAFFIC

In the month of July we had 1,085 visitors who made 3,215 visits to one or more pages on our website. This is down from June, when we had had 1,154 visitors who made 4,207 We continue to have the most visits from computers registered in the US, followed by Jordan and Germany. Google.com remains the most popular referring engine by far.

NEW JESUITS TO JOIN THE JESUIT CENTER COMMUNITY

At least once a year and often more frequently, each Jesuit Province publishes a Status, a listing of the men who will be moving from one work or community to another. The Status for the Near East Province has just been published, and we are pleased to note that two young Jesuits will be joining the community at the Jesuit Center. **Fr. Marc-Stephan Giese** from the German Province will be joining the community around September 6, and **Fr. Hicham Chemali** from this Province will be arriving at the end of August. When they arrive we will provide more information about each, and you will hopefully have the chance to meet them at the Welcome Mass on September 14th, if not before. They each have interesting and varied backgrounds and are both multi-talented and multi-lingual, so we know they will be great additions to the work of the Jesuit Center.

THANK YOU

Fr. Linden, the Superior of the Jesuit Community and Raed Awwad, the Director of the Jesuit Center, want to express their deep thanks to all those who helped make the “Texas Barbecue” on July 31st such an extraordinary event. We had over 230 people participating. Special thanks, of course, goes to the Jesuit Mothers Guild, organized by Sana Dababne and supported by more people than we have space to list here. This was the first event for this wonderful group of friends of the Center, and we are already looking forward to what they will do next. Of course the amazing Firas, Center’s chef-in-residence, was a powerful “behind the scenes” force, and the evening was brilliantly topped off by Michael Marrah and his troupe of dancers and actors and technicians who presented a lovely end to the day in the Garden Theatre to a packed and overwhelming audience. Bravi to everyone involved!!!

MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
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)

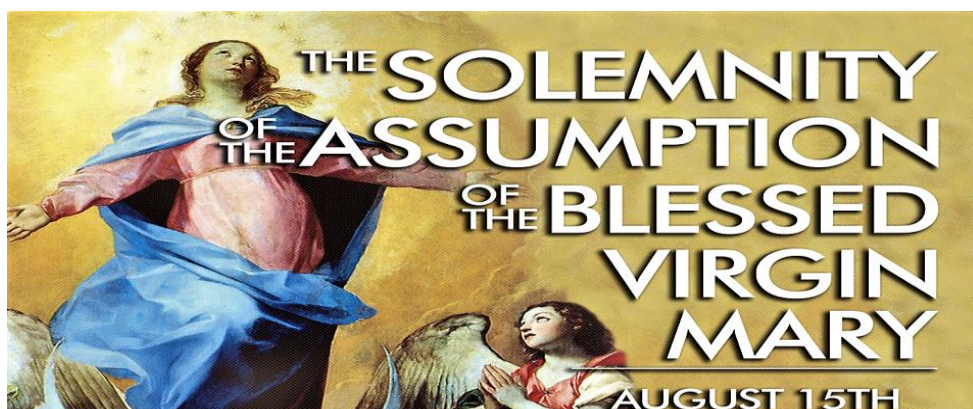
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There is an existing group that has been in operation for several years that meets every Tuesday morning for around two hours. In addition to Scripture, we look at Church history, prayer, and other topics related to living a better life by following more deeply the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a relaxed group, the work is in English, although sometimes ideas are explained in Arabic for some who need clarification, and new members are most welcome.

However, because of the time, not all those who might be interested can attend. If there is interest, there is a possibility to start a new group that would meet Tuesday evening in Abdoun around 7 PM. We know not everyone can come to every session, but regular participation is good for the group and for the individual. If you are interested, please let Father John know and he will put you in touch with the organizers.

NEW TO THE PARISH? **WELCOME!!!!** NOW PLEASE REGISTER

It seems a small enough item but registering in the parish is extremely important. If you ever need an “official” document, I need to be able to say you are a registered parishioner. It lets us contact you if necessary and it gives you the chance to opt in (or not) to a number of parish programs and channels for communication. No obligation – but go to the parish website (www.shp.jordanjesuits.org) and on the right side of the page is a link that says “Register to Parish.” Follow the instructions and you’re done. While you’re there, of course, browse around the rest of the website as well. All of the back issues of Heartbeat are archived, if you want to know what you’ve missed, and I do a column there that is NOT a duplicate of the Heartbeat “Ramblings.” So explore while you’re there. And thank you.



PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

- Apologies that this information is late in coming. Quite honestly, we have had problems communicating with the travel agents in Malta; apparently they are very busy. Our planned trip, if we get the 15 minimum required, will be from September 17 (Tuesday) returning on Saturday September 21. We will be back in time for First Communion class and Mass at Sweifieh. We will have Mass each day except Saturday. Jordanians require a Schengen visa

The approximate total is 700 JOD per person. That includes:

- Round trip air fare with Ryan Air from Amman to Malta and back to Amman in economy class with one 20KG suitcase and one 7KG carry on (assuming no change in the quoted rate prior to booking)
- 4 nights accommodation in 4 star hotel, double occupancy. Hotel has free wi-fi when available. For a single room there is a supplemental charge of 90 JOD. Breakfast each day is included.
- All transfers and excursions in A/C coach
- English speaking guide throughout the tours from day 1 to day 4
- 2 dinners (one on day 1 and the other on day 2)
- All entrance fees

This does NOT include:

- Tips (including a contribution at each Church where we say Mass), local and/or international telephone calls from the room/hotel, laundry, dry clean, mini bar, room service and any other not mentioned above
- Souvenirs
- Drinks of any kind during the meals
- Transfers from your home in Amman to Queen Alia Int'l Airport (QAIA) and back
- Lunch and dinner other than above (need to calculate approx 30 to 40 Euro per person per day)
- Water
- Roaming mobile fees and charges
- Visa fees (Europeans, North Americans and some Asians exempt from obtaining a visa in advance.
- Excess baggage weight charges and/or extra baggage charges
- In flight entertainment, purchases and/or meals

Basic Itinerary: We leave Amman at 10:45 AM and arrive in Malta around 13:15, check in to the hotel and settle. We have a walk around San Pawl Il Bahar on the coast San Paul's Bay, visit in St Paul's Shipwreck Chapel, then a cruise to San Pawl Island and private Mass. Dinner in a local restaurant.

WEDNESDAY: A full day with a visit to Mdina (the Silent City) St. Paul's Cathedral, Rabat, Mass at St Paul's Grotto, St Agatha Catacombs, Dingli Cliffs, Hagar Qim Temple, Blue Grotto, a cruise to Marsaxlokk, and an optional Maltese folk night in the evening (includes dinner).

THURSDAY: We start with Valletta, the capital of Malta, Mass at St. Paul's Shipwreck Church, St John Co-Cathedral, Grand Master's Palace, Visit in Birgu, Fort St Angelo, Senglea, Grand Harbour Cruise on traditional maltese boats, return to the hotel

FRIDAY: Gozo Island - The Main spots are: Ggantija Temple, Ramla Bay, Marsalforn, Victoria, Dwejra, Ta-Pinu Sanctuary - Mass, Xlendi Bay, Xewkija Church. On the return way on Malta side if time will allow us we can Visit Popeye Village, and Mellieha Sanctuary. Other possibilities include a visit to a Maltese winery, or producer of local traditional food.

SATURDAY – Our plane leaves at 7:15 AM and we land in Amman at 11:05.

A 50% JOD deposit (non-refundable if the pilgrimage takes place) is required no later than August 19 to confirm the air tickets and space, with the balance by September 2nd. We must make advance payment for hotels, tour guides and special reservations. Contact Father Sheehan to make a reservation & payment.

A more detailed itinerary was emailed and will be provided on request for those seriously interested and is available on the website. The pilgrimage is open to any interested person, it is not restricted to Sacred Heart Parish, so feel free to share with your friends. Itinerary may change because of weather or time.

MOMENTS FROM RECENT EVENTS



Serving up the chili



Everybody's a Cow Poke



Someone rang the dinner bell!!!



Waiting for the Show to Begin



Everybody got a hat - even the Hot Corn guy!

