

**Universal Prayer**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 19 & 20**

We pray that families and mentors will encourage young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life – and that our parishioners currently studying for the priesthood and diaconate will be strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for unity among all Christians. May the mercy of God - which is at work through our common baptism - help us forget past sins, and become one truly unified Body of Christ.

We pray that all Catholics will live as loving servants of the Lord – remaining faithful to what is right and just, and proclaiming God’s message of salvation for all.

We pray for teachers and students of all ages returning to school. May they be strengthened by prayer and the Eucharist, and turn to the Holy Spirit for knowledge and wisdom throughout the coming school year.

We pray that, through our generous giving of time and talent, the ministries of our parish may continue to grow and glorify God in our parish life, and in our outreach to those in need.

We pray that the poor, sick, and suffering will seek the grace of God offered in the sacraments, and feel the compassion of our loving shepherd, Jesus Christ, in their time of need.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share fully in Christ’s promise of Eternal Life, especially Jessica Kornegay, niece of Jack and Patti Leisure – and former diocesan priest Fr. Gerald Mariani...

**5:00** ...and for **Joe Burroughs** who is remembered in this Mass.

**8:30** ...and for **Arnold and Lucille Waeltz - and - Robert Gainor** who are remembered in this Mass.