

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 1, 2021



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Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

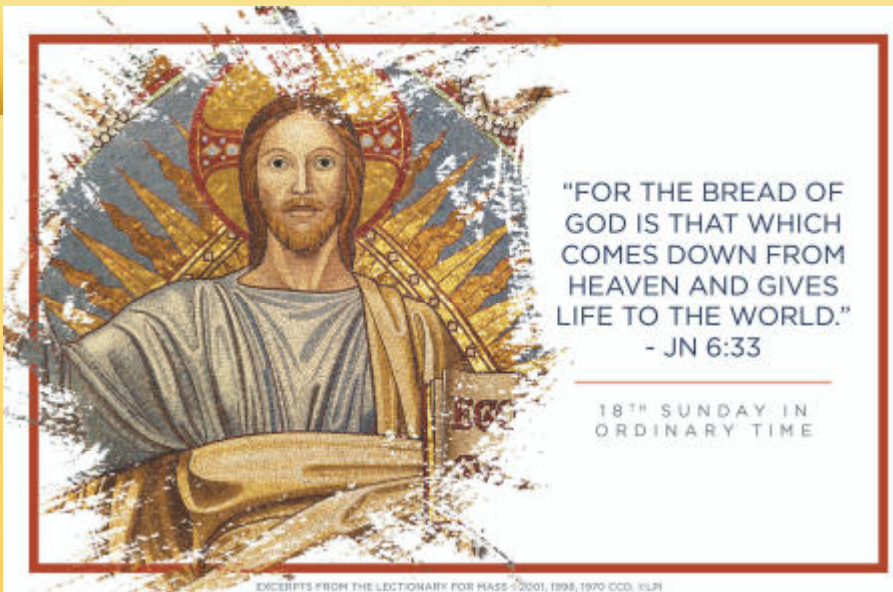
7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls

5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Greetings on the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

As we recall from the gospel two weekends ago, the Apostles and the Lord were spent and needed quiet prayer time to re-charge. They got on their boat and rowed their way to a deserted place. We know that the crowds anticipated where the spent seafarers would make landfall and rushed ahead.

Yet, the Apostles were told by the Lord to feed that colossal crowd that had gathered. They were fed, and filled, with only five loaves and two fish.

This week, the crowds that had been fed were looking for Jesus. But they were looking so that he would feed their stomachs again. "Jesus answered them and said, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.'" (Jn 6:26)

Fulton Sheen writes: "When He multiplied the loaves and the fishes, he startled their eyes. When he filled their stomachs He satisfied their sense of social justice.

That was the kind of King they wanted, a bread king. 'What else can religion do for man, anyway, except give him social security?' they seemed to ask. The crowds tried to force Him to become a king. That is what Satan wanted too. Fill gullets, turn stones into bread, and promise prosperity — this is the end of living for most mortals.

But our Lord would have no kingship based on economics of plenty. To make him king was the Father's business, not theirs: His Kingship would be of hearts and souls, not digestive tracts. So the Gospel tells us He fled to the mountains Himself alone, to escape their tinsel crown and tinsel sword.

How close the masses were to salvation! They wanted life; He wanted to give life. The difference was in their interpretation of life.

Is it the business of Christ to win followers by elaborate social programs? This is one form of life. Or is it the business of Christ to be willing to lose all the stomach-minded at the cost of reaching the few with faith, to whom will be given the Bread of Life...

The mere eating of the flesh and blood of a man would profit nothing; but the glorified Flesh and Blood of the Son of Man would profit unto life everlasting. As man died spiritually by physically eating in the Garden of Eden, so he would live again spiritually through eating the fruit of the Tree of Life."

To have true life we must come to Mass and partake, worthily, of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Even though the crowds wanted only to have their bellies filled again, Jesus says to the crowd, and to us, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (Jn 6:35)

May the Lord strengthen your faith, and fill your hearts and souls with His grace, His presence, and His love.

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

Character Builds Families

This week we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. (Aug 6th) We hear the story every year. Have we every spent time and think about it?

To transform is to change not on the outside, but in substance, or on the inside.

When we choose to be missionaries and speak God's will and live God's will with our actions day in and day out we are transforming on the inside. We look the same on the outside, we dress mostly the same, but how we respond to those around us is changed.

This is transformation and this is what Jesus wants in our lives, to have a changed heart, to have a changed substance (inside) not change out outside and have no true change of heart.

Let us read again the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord and see how Jesus wants us to change inside. (Mark 9: 2-10)



Please remember our Military and their Families

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Capt. Jarrad Glasenapp Army	Capt. Jill Glasenapp Army
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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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Dave Lewis	Pat Wyss	Helen Wiora
Michael Haske	Leonard Blondeau	Ruth Frohmader
Troy Lewis	Fr Clayton Elmhorst	Bruce Quist

For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

August 2nd is Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Angels. St Francis ask Jesus in 1221 before he died to gift a plenary indulgences to all who visit a church on August 2nd (or the following Sunday) attend confession, receive Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Use of the Saint Benedict Medal

There is no special way prescribed for carrying or wearing the Medal of Saint Benedict. It can be worn on a chain around the neck, attached to one's rosary, kept in one's pocket or purse, or placed in one's car or home.

The medal is often put into the foundations of houses and building, on the walls of barns and sheds, or in one's place of business.

The purpose of using the medal in any of the above ways is to call down God's blessing and protection upon us, wherever we are, and upon our homes and possessions, especially through the intercession of Saint Benedict.

By the conscious and devout use of the medal, it becomes, as it were, a constant silent prayer and reminder to us of our dignity as followers of Christ.

The medal is a prayer of exorcism against Satan, a prayer for strength in time of temptation, a prayer for peace among ourselves and among the nations of the world, a prayer that the Cross of Christ be our light and guide, a prayer of firm rejection of all that is evil, a prayer of petition that we may with Christian courage "walk in God's ways, with the Gospel as our guide," as Saint Benedict urges us.

A profitable spiritual experience can be ours if we but take the time to study the array of inscriptions and representations found on the two sides of the medal.

The lessons found there can be pondered over and over to bring true peace of mind and heart into our lives as we struggle to overcome the weaknesses of our human nature and realize that our human condition is not perfect, but that with the help of God and the intercession of the saints our condition can become better.

The Medal of Saint Benedict can serve as a constant reminder of the need for us to take up our cross daily and "follow the true King, Christ our Lord," and thus learn "to share in his heavenly kingdom," as Saint Benedict urges us in the Prolog of his Rule.

Special Use of the Medal

By a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites (6 March 1959), the Blessing of Saint Maur over the sick is permitted to be given with a Medal of Saint Benedict instead of with a relic of the True Cross, since the latter is difficult to obtain. (saintbenedict.com)


Family Builder Idea:

Pick up a Blessed St Benedict Medal and talk with your children about different ways they can make sure they are caring the blessed medal with them.

Talk with your children about the importance of the medal and maybe look up some more information about St Benedict.

You Tube: Story of Saint Benedict

Where it Began. St. Benedict's Impact from Subiaco Italy



Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas
8am St Michael's Indian Creek
10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time with **Father Letona**
10:00 am

Readings
Ex 16: 2- 4, 12-15 Ps 78: 3- 4, 23-25, 54
Eph 4: 17, 20 -24 Jn 6:24 -35

Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's
Tue—Fri 8.30 am

On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
- Like our parish page on Facebook

Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes

- www.mjpcatholic.com
- In person for private prayer

Sunday 11am- 7pm
Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm

St James Schedule Aug 7

Lector

Money Counter

We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135

St. Michael's Schedule Aug 8

Lector

Ushers

Jolene Branch

Tom Tiber/Steve Belcher

Offertory

Money Counters

Suspended until further notice

Sue Bloom/Therese Schuh

St. Paul's Schedule Aug 8

Lector

Eucharist Minister

Janet Barrett

Tom Heindl

Ushers

Money Counter

Rick Barrett

Donna Wyss and volunteer

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Saint of the Day for August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century. On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Reflection

One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.

(<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>)

Announcements for Tri-Parish

Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

Aug 9 **St Edith Stein** *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*

Aug 11 **St. Clare** *Clare and Francis*

St Paul's

St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot is **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

Diocesan Annual Appeal for St Paul's

2020-2021 Goal \$14,685.00

As of June 30, 2021 \$16,435.00 was received.

Thank you so much all of you who contributed.

Wa Du Shuda Days Fundraiser

Thank you for all who helped out at this last minute fundraiser opportunity. Those who helped, Donna Wyss, Kathy Gibeaut, Eric Haske, Lady Haske, Dorothy Tambornino, Jamie De Guire, Michaela De Guire, Brian De Guire, Jason De Guire, Matthew De Guire, Kiara De Guire, Aaron De Guire and Loren Arends.

Those who spread the word, Janet Barrett, Sue LaBudda, Lori Heindl.

We received a check in the amount of \$700 as a donation from the Bouncy House Company.

Father Letona and I appreciate the participation and help.

St James

St. James is looking for a housekeeper.

This is for one day per week for about 2-3 hours. They can contact Kris Madejczyk stjames@mwt.net if anyone is interested.

Rummage Sale

August Thursday 19 thru Saturday 21st

You can drop off items after **Mass**, Sue Librettie will be at the church the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2:30 until about 4 pm to collect items as well. We will accept small furniture items. Please be generous in your donations as this will be our only fundraising event this year. Thank you. We cannot accept: TV, electronics, microwaves, clothing, cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, work out equipment.

Fundraiser

St James will be having a fundraising event! Help us by purchasing your raffle ticket after Mass on Saturday evenings or contact your friendly PCCW member for your ticket. **\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

Items to be raffled off include: New Powersmart Snow Blower w200 cc Engine, A "Painting" by Mary Singleton, A Jim Shore "Santa", Full size Handmade Quilt, "One of Kind" garden ornament, \$100 cash.

General Announcement

Our Mass Intentions for the year are filled at St Paul's Church, Please if you have a Mass intention be aware that it will not be placed on the calendar until January 2022, Thank you so much.

For those who wish to give to the Missions from last Sunday, please just mark your envelope "Mission" and we will make sure it get to the right office. Thank you!

ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, July 31

@ St James 6pm

For the People

Sunday Aug 1

8 am @ St Michael's

David Muellenkamp by Theresa Schuh

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+Ernest Salter by Janet & Rick Barrett

Monday Aug 2

NO MASS

Tuesday Aug 3

Living & Deceased Members of Connor & Quist Families by Margie Quist

Wednesday Aug 4

Special Intention for Pat Wyss by Peggy Wyss

Thursday Aug 5

Special Intention Bill Dallapiazza family by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

Friday Aug 6 First Friday Mass @ St Paul's 8 am

+Mary Jane Hock by Kevin & Melanie Hock

Saturday Aug 7 First Saturday Mass @ St Paul's 8.30 am

@ St James 6pm

Ellen Henthorne by Peggy & Vern Lindley

Sunday Aug 8

8 am @ St Michael's

For the People

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+Gib Saylor by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

STEWARDSHIP CORNER —July 25, 2021

Offertory \$ 99.00

Envelopes \$ 1700.02

Total \$ 1799.02

St. James

Saturday, July 31

For the People

Saturday, August 8

Ellen Henthorne by Peggy & Vern Lindley

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - July 24, 2021

Offertory \$ 0.00

Cemetery/improvements \$ 0.00

Envelopes \$ 0.00

Total \$ 0.00

St. Michael

Sunday August 1

David Muellenkamp by Theresa Schuh

Sunday August 8

For the People

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - July 25, 2021

Offertory \$ 81.00

Envelopes \$ 255.00

Cemetery \$ 0.00

Improvements \$ 460.00

Total \$ 976.00



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