



JULY 17, 2022 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony

417 Caroline St, PO Box 206
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Tues, Wed, & Fri - 8:15 am
Thursday - Athenian Living - 9:00 am
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am
Confession, Saturday - 3:00 pm

St. Thomas

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Sunday - 8:00 am

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“There is need of only one thing.”
- Lk 10:42

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, Who blessed them with a son in their old age. In the second reading, Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as the revealer of the mystery of salvation and the preacher of the word in its fullness (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. He challenges us also to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ. The gospel passage describes how Martha, a true child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him, while her sister Mary spent her time in talking to him and listening to him. Presenting Martha as a dynamo of action and Mary as a true listener to the word of God, today's Gospel invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer - listening to God and talking to God - as Mary did. We are able to minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into in our hearts and minds. Active and busy as we are, we have to find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, kids and neighbors. Listening and quiet caring are essential for the success of married life, of family life and of the rearing of children with love, affection and a sense of discipline. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: A distraught woman tried many times to contact her pastor only to discover that it was his day off. She made contact with him the next day and scolded him severely. "Father, I needed you yesterday," she said, "and you were not there for me. You have let me down. I cannot believe you would take a day off when so many people like me need you." Then she added, "The devil never takes a day off." The minister, a little irritated and with tongue in cheek, responded, "And if I didn't take a day off, I would be just like him, wouldn't I?"

DEAR PARISHIONERS

The Missionary Cooperation Plan helps to spread the gospel, build churches and communities around the world. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia. We have been working in the former Soviet Union for 30 years. At present, we have five pastoral centers in Russia, one in Kazakhstan, five in Belarus, and two in Ukraine.

The COVID-19 pandemic held us back, but as a people of faith we look forward to the future believing that the best is still ahead of us. This is an unpresidential time and we need to stand firm for peace working together to bridge the chasm created by war. The Polish Redemptorists with your help will be able to do so in a more efficient way. Currently, over 200 Ukrainian refugees found shelter in our Redemptorists communities and parishes in Poland. You can only imagine how challenging must be the work of our fellow priests in Russia and Belarus. That's why your prayers and support are so much appreciated.

Below is a link to YouTube presentation about constructing the church in Togliatti that is build with the funds collected during the Mission Appeal:

<https://youtu.be/XVDWUg6d3t0>

I'm sincerely grateful to the Diocese of La Cross for choosing the Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia to do the Mission Appeal in your Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you for your generous support through the Missionary Cooperation Plan.

*Rev. Janusz Sok CSSR, Provincial, Superior of the Warsaw Province. **The missionary will be here the weekend of July 23 and 24.***

CIRCLE OF JOY

The Circle of Joy is in need of instant oatmeal (packets), canned peaches, fruit juice, JIFFY corn bread mix, boxed pasta (NOT Mac & Cheese), rice, spaghetti, variety soups, boxed potatoes, canned chicken and tuna, pudding and jello, and deodorant. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION

This year, confirmation for St. Anthony and St. Thomas students will be held on October 8th, 4:00 pm at St. Mary's in Marathon. The required confirmation retreat is September 25th at St. Thomas, Milan. More information to come.

SCRIP

During summer, SCRIP will be sold in school IMMEDIATELY after morning Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as weekend Masses at both St. Thomas and St. Anthony. Any other needs or questions call (715) 257-9274 and Lil or Joanne will help you out.

<p>ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK</p> <p>Please let them know you saw their ad in our church bulletin.</p>	<p>Fischer Transportation, Inc.</p> <p>715-352-2169</p> <p>Serving the Athens, Edgar and Marathon School Districts</p> <p>Safely Transporting Children for Over 50 Years</p>
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ST. ANTHONY NEWS

CCD MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 PM in school. Discussion will be on the new programs and anything else that is needed to be discussed for the upcoming year. We will be in need of a 1st grade teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please plan to attend this meeting or contact Sharon Westfall at 715-370-0583.

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family and friends of **Larry Perrodin** who has recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto Larry, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

FAIR NEWS

There are still some spots left to be filled to work especially. Please sign up in the back of church. Thank you!

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

7/23 Kathryn Boneske

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- 7/18 Fr. Graham (30 Years)
- 7/19 Dennis & Lori Zettler
- 7/19 Daniel & Tracy Engel (30 Years)
- 7/23 Donald & Carol Ely

STEWARDSHIP

July 9 & 10, 2022

Online -----	2286.00
Weekly -----	4346.00
Offertory -----	142.00
Total	6,774.00

ST. THOMAS NEWS

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

7/23 Renee Heindl

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- 7/18 Fr. Graham(30 Years)
- 7/22 Galen & Marlene Schreiber (50 Years)

STEWARDSHIP

July 10, 2022

Weekly-----	935.00
Offertory-----	123.00
Total	1,058.00

DIOCESE NEWS

Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for volunteers for its January 2023 mission to Lurin, Peru. Spanish speakers are appreciated but not required. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sjolander at casahogaroptycalmission@outlook.com to receive an application form or if you have any questions regarding the Optical Mission.



LIGHTER SIDE

Fiscal Riddles

- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

The Right Answer

During his children's sermon, our assistant pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me."

A Good Sermon

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. — George Burns

Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

LECTOR:	Dee Brewster
BODY OF CHRIST:	Shirley Daniels
BLOOD OF CHRIST:	
USHERS:	Group 1
SERVERS:	Brynn Knott Danica Knott
SCRIP SELLER:	Joanne Roll

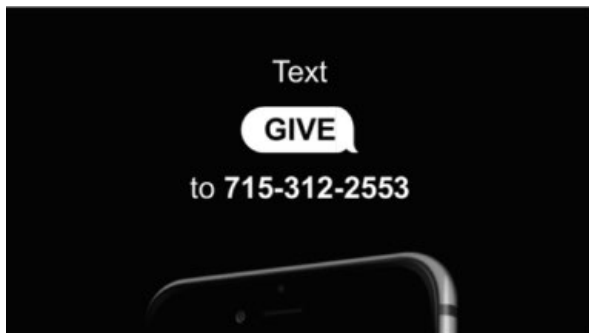
SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR:	Allona Lake
USHERS:	Mitchell Schreiner Chuck Stuttgen
SERVERS:	McCormick Heier Julie Braune
SCRIP SELLER:	Beth Heier

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR:	Doreen Schultz
BODY OF CHRIST:	Tammy Schreiner
BLOOD OF CHRIST:	
USHERS:	Group 2
SERVER:	Emma Krueger Volunteer
SCRIP SELLER:	Tammy Schreiner



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 18, NO MASS

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Tuesday, July 19, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Travis Westfall - Dan & Sharon Westfall

Wednesday, July 20, 8:15 am

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

† Peter Albrecht - Sue Belter

Thursday, July 21, 9:00 am at A. L.

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

† Ralph Wozniak

Friday, July 22, 8:15 am

St. Mary Magdalene

Deceased Members of PCCW - PCCW

Saturday, July 23, 4:00 pm

St. Bridget, Religious

† Frances & Pauly Orlikowski - Wally Orlikowski

Sunday, July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Linda Beran - Beran Family

† Helen Nikolai - Ann Nikolai

9:30 am † Oliver & Helen Schueller - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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