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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them,
“Amen, amen, I say to
you, it was not Moses
who gave the bread
from heaven; my Father
gives you the true
bread from heaven. For
the bread of God is that
which comes down
from heaven and gives
life to the world.”
- Jn 6:32-33

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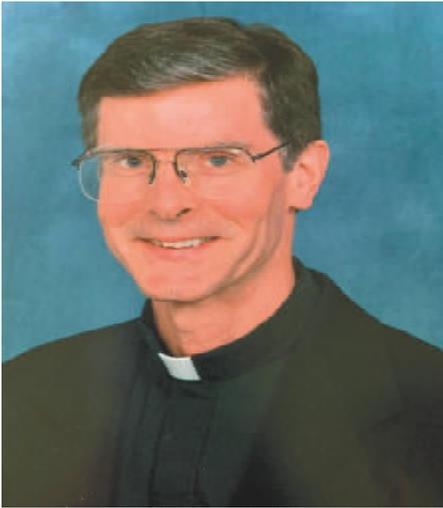
MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: 4:30 PM Saturday
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Weekday: 9:00 AM Monday-Thursday
The Holy Rosary 8:25 AM Monday-Thursday
**Eucharistic
Adoration** 10:00 AM -12:00 PM
Monday & Thursday
Confessions: 3:15-4:00 PM Saturday
Holy Days: 9:00 AM
Baptisms: 2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM
Marriage: Contact Pastor 6 months prior
Scripture Study: 10:00–11:00 AM Thursday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

August 1, 2021



From Father Tom

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Last night we had our first monthly healing service at St. Florence. It was well received by the 120 people present. Fr. Anda, from St. Theresa Parish, was available to assist me with Confessions, the Mass and the Sacrament of the Sick. Phyllis, our Music Director, and the choir were beautiful. These healing services are an excellent way to deepen your relationship with The Holy Trinity and our Blessed Mother. Jesus wants to reveal to us the Love of The Trinity and our Blessed Mother. Our next healing service is Tuesday, August 24th. Hopefully, you can be there.

Sister Briega McKenna, O.S.C. will be giving our parish mission on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 27th through the 29th. She will give a morning and evening presentation each of those days. She will be speaking at all the Masses on September 25th & 26th. I know you will really appreciate her. She is a very holy Sister, friendly and gracious. She is a friend of mine. She is occasionally a guest on EWTN. Sister Briega will be joined by missionary priest, Fr. Pablo. Below is a write up on Sister Briega taken from her website.

Sr. Briega McKenna, O.S.C. was born in Ireland and entered the Sisters of St. Clare at the age of fifteen. Following her final vows and after suffering for more than three years with rheumatoid arthritis, she was transferred to her community in Tampa, Florida with the hope that the Florida sunshine would relieve her suffering. At the age of twenty-four, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist and some time later received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known. In 1974, again during prayer, she was given a deep spiritual insight into the mystery of the call to priesthood. Since then, bishops and priests in many parts of the world have invited her to speak and minister at their retreats and conferences.

Sr. Briega ministered to priests in collaboration with Fr. Kevin Scallon, CM for over forty-two years until his death in June 2018. She now continues with this ministry. Her books, "Miracles Do Happen" and "The Power of the Sacraments" have been translated into many languages throughout the world.

This weekend we welcome Sr. Glicería Cruz from the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries. Sister Glicería is here visiting us to speak on behalf of the Missionary Cooperative Plan for 2021. Please join me in welcoming Sr. Glicería to St. Florence Parish.

You are remembered in my Masses and prayers! Please pray for our parishioners, our staff and our healing ministry.

Fr. Tom





18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

August 1, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Offertory—July 25, 2021:

\$2,660.00

This weekend’s special collection supports the **Missionary Cooperative Plan for 2021.**



Saturday
4:30 pm

July 31st

Jim Patch, Jr. Birthday Remembrance
Mass requested by his mother, Joyce

Sunday
8:00 am

August 1st

Mass for the People of St. Florence

11:00 am

Sonny Tropeano Birthday

Remembrance Mass requested by his family

Wednesday
9:00 am

August 4th

Arthur Rotondi Memorial Mass
requested by Karen Rotondi

The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is \$20.00.



Mass Intention Cards and Healing Cards are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per card.



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays** from **3:15 pm to 4:00 pm**. *“Recognizing our need for true peace, both with others and within our own selves, let us confess those ways we have distanced ourselves from God.”*

MINISTRY NEWS

Now that guidelines have been lifted many of our parish volunteers are coming back to our **Parish Ministries**. If you are returning, please contact our Business Office to check on the status of your **CORI Form**. There may be some volunteers who need to renew this year. Thank you.



Before celebrating Daily Mass, please join us at **8:25 am Monday-Thursday** to pray **The Holy Rosary**.



St. Florence Parish will celebrate **Eucharistic Adoration Monday & Thursday from 10:00 am—12:00 noon**. We are looking for parishioners to volunteer on Tuesday and Wednesday for one or two hours a week to adore the Lord in His Eucharistic Presence. Please contact the office if you are available.



We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection box in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our parishioners has been greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you.



Please "like" and follow our Facebook Page at **St. Florence Parish Wakefield** for up to date postings and information.



St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles or Altar Flowers** or the **Sanctuary Tabernacle Lamp**. If you are interested in making a donation in your family's name, please contact the office.



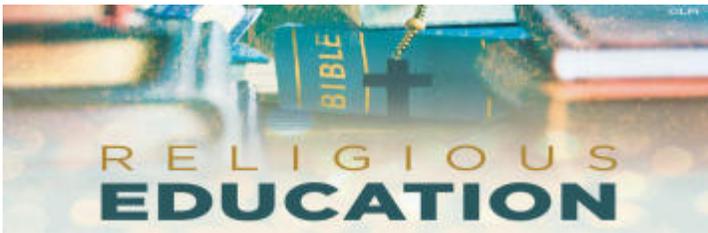
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

On **Saturday, August 14th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** **Green Day Recycling** will host an **Electronics Recycling Event** in our church parking lot.

Costs:

- \$5 each for Computers, DVD Players, Printers, Laptops, Small Electronics
- \$10 each for Microwaves, Small Household Appliances
- \$15 each for Computer Monitors, AC's, Dehumidifiers, Large Printers, Range-Top Microwaves
- \$20 each for TVs up to 24", Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Large Appliances, Grills, Exercise Equipment, Large Yard Equipment
- \$25 each for TVs between 25" and 31", Large Refrigerators
- \$30 each for TVs between 32" and 35"
- \$35 each for TVs over 36"
- \$40 each for Projection TVs
- **NO CHARGE:** Cell Phones, Bicycles in any condition, Wires, Batteries, Keyboards, Tablets





Registration for our **Religious Education Program** for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. St. Florence will again offer classes for Grades 1 through 10 starting this Fall. Please contact **Anne Dooley**, our Religious Education Coordinator for a registration form or if you have any questions.



If you are interested in volunteering as a Catechist this Fall, please contact our office as soon as possible. We need to know who is available so we can plan our program accordingly. Thank you.



Due to the pandemic many of our families experienced financial challenges this past year. If you are interested in supporting our young families, we are accepting scholarship donations for our Religious Education Program. Please contact the office for more information.



Practicing the Faith in Your Family

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your town, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.



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