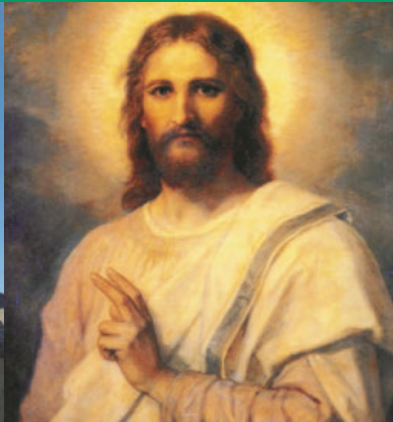


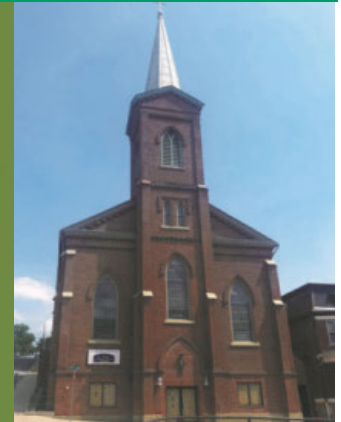
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24th, 2022

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8



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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Masses: **4:00 p.m.** (Saint Mary) **5:30 p.m.** (Sacred Heart)
Sunday Masses: **8:00 a.m.** (Saint Mary) **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** (Sacred Heart)
Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: **7:45 a.m.** (Sacred Heart)

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. (Sacred Heart)
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. (Saint Mary)
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: You are encouraged to notify the rectory as soon as there is a serious illness. You are also asked to notify the rectory when a relative is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants normally takes place during a weekend celebration of the Eucharist or on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart or 9:00 a.m. at Saint Mary. For the baptism of their first child, parents are expected to attend a baptismal session with Fr. Lubomír. Please call the rectory office for an appointment. Godparents for infants must be at least 16 years of age, confirmed, and regularly practicing the faith with a freedom to receive the Eucharist. Sponsor certificate for Godparents is necessary and can be obtained from their parish office of their current Church of registration.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact a member of the parish staff.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY: Please call the Pastor nine months in advance to make arrangements for instruction and planning the marriage ceremony.

FOOD PANTRY: The Sacred Heart Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION OF PARISHIONERS: We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Mary Parish. Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish staff and register at the rectory. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23rd, St. Bridget, Religious

4:00 p.m. (SM) Randy Pielmeier (Adam and Loretta (Pielmeier))
 5:30 p.m. (SH) Thomas and Mary Costlow (Costlow Family)

Sunday, July 24th, 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. (SM) Jim Showalter (Wife Cathy and Family)
 10:00 a.m. (SH) Pro Populo (Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart and Saint Mary’s Parishes)
 12:00 p.m. (SH) Robert Beckel (Wife Sharon and Son Sean)

Monday, July 25th...

7:45 a.m. (SH) NO MASS

Tuesday, July 26th...

7:45 a.m. (SH) NO MASS

Wednesday, July 27th...

7:45 a.m. (SH) NO MASS

Thursday, July 28th...

7:45 a.m. (SH) NO MASS

Friday, July 29th...

7:45 a.m. (SH) NO MASS

Saturday, July 30th...

4:00 p.m. (SM) Alfons and Maria Weinzierl (Mary Ann and Scott Perriello)
 5:30 p.m. (SH) Carly James (Eric James)

Sunday, July 31st, The 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SM) Fred Myers (Jordon)
 10:00 a.m. (SH) Thomas P. Costlow (Costlow Family)
 12:00 p.m. (SH) Pro Populo (Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart and Saint Mary’s Parishes)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel guarantees if we “ask” we will “receive,” perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust “Our Father.”

Weekly Collection at Sacred Heart, July 10th, 2022

Envelopes	\$5,740.00
Loose Change	\$68.00
Total	\$5,808.00

Weekly Collection at Saint Mary, July 10th, 2022

Envelopes	\$4,706.00
Loose Change	\$25.00
Total	\$4,731.00

TREE OF LIFE a donation to the Sacred Heart Tree of Life was made in loving memory of Steven R. Smith by his Sister Petrina T. Smith.

ENDOWMENT FUND a donation to the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund was made in loving memory of Charles Homer Stein by his Sister-In-Law Frances Ferramini.

Memorial Fund a donation to the St. Mary’s Memorial Fund has been made in memory of Margaret and Adam Buckries from the Grandparents of Mary Ellen Bomeisl.

Cemetery Fund a donation to the St. Mary’s Cemetery Fund has been made in memory of Anne Kaye from Don and Karen Castagnola.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS...

The Our Father is truly a steward’s prayer. We call upon God intimately, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). We remember that everything is His, and our focus in life should be His priorities. Then we ask Him to supply our needs, forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. We proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us and we commit to extending mercy to others who have wounded us.

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the stewardship way of life. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/26)

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR JULY 30TH AND JULY 31ST

TIME and LOCATION	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Organist/Cantor
Saturday 4:00 p.m. Saint Mary’s	Volunteer	Dave Zeak	Helen Schmitt	Jean Ann Mitchell Deanna Anderson
Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart	Lucas Rivera Cruz Rivera	Dave Diedrich	Daniel Greiner	Jean Ann Mitchell Patrick Dorman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Saint Mary’s	Lucas Helsel Levi Bailey	Jill Helsel	Debbie Bartley	Terry Carnicella
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart	Matthew Drumm Henry Drumm	Cathy Keefe Steve Dalansky	Barb Gerhart	Mary Villani Luke Rokosky
Sunday 12:00 p.m. Sacred Heart	Lucas Farabaugh Xavier Farabaugh	Ron Adams	Jim Imler	Mary Villani Paula Imler



PRO-LIFE CORNER... Many people today are afraid of speaking out in defense of unborn life. If we truly believe abortion is murder, then we must act as though it is murder! Find out what you can do to help stop this horrible holocaust. Join the pro-life movement today!

PRO-LIFE ROSARY meets every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to attend. No commitments. Come when you can.

FREE Medicare 101 Seminar Turning 65? Retiring soon? You're invited to attend a FREE, Medicare 101 seminar. Wednesday, July 27th at 6:00pm at the Sacred Heart Formation Center. Presented by Sacred Heart parishioner Chris Bertani, a licensed Life & Health Insurance agent with Evolve Insurance specializing in Medicare. Please rsvp to Chris at 814-937-0148 or chris@evolveinsurancegrp.com

2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MASS Mark your calendars, Bishop Mark invites all high school graduates of the diocese to an Outdoor Mass at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto on Sunday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special blessing for all graduates, Refreshments will follow, as well as an opportunity to speak with the Bishop.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION Saturday, August 13th, 2022 at Mount Saint Ann Retreat Center 1120 North Center Street, Ebensburg, PA. Spiritual Director, The Rev. Jude W. Brady, OSB from St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA. To reserve a place call the Sisters of Saint Ann, (814) 472-9354 or email: sister-sann35@gmail.com

SAINT MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS LCBA #1290 will be sponsoring a Basket Raffle at the Parish Picnic. Please consider donating a basket to chance off. All baskets can be brought to St. Mary's Rectory anytime between now and the beginning of August. These will be displayed in the Blessed Mother Room of St. Mary's Church. Chances will be sold after all Masses in August and at the picnic where they will be chanced off. You do not need to be present to win.

WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR SAINT MARY'S/SACRED HEART ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC to be held Sunday, August 28, 2022, beginning with Noon Mass at the St. Mary's Camp Grounds. We hope many of you can attend this wonderful summertime event.



Chances along with your reservation form are available now. This is a big fundraiser for our Church, and we hope everyone will participate in selling your chances. The drawing will be held at the picnic. * St.

Mary's Parishioners may pick up their envelope of Picnic Chances and Picnic Registration in the Church Basement (Main Entrance). Sacred Heart Parishioners may pick up their envelopes in the main entrance of the Church.

SAINT MARY PRAYER CHAIN: Please call the St. Mary's Rectory at 814-942-2416.

SAINT MARY CANDLE MEMORIAL: The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of July 24th in loving memory of Maria Weinzierl from Marlene Steinbugl.



Mark Blackie, Rod Baronner, Dan Bauer, John Belin, Damian Branas, Vince Bumann, Tommy Cheslock, Jack Chilcote, Karen Claar, Brandon Conaway, Shirley Conlon, Denise Conrad, James Conrad, Kathy Corl, Dan Costlow, William Costlow, John Delin, Joan Donnelly, Matt Dorman, Amelia Doughurty, Lois Duncan, Sam Dunio, Willis Edevane, Ruth Ann Frederick, Shane Gladfelter, Phyllis Hartman, Phyllis Hauser, Ralph Hildebrand, Diane Horton, Lucy Horton, Kenny Anthony Keagy, Sue Koehle, John Leshene, Janet Lego, Beth Lloyd, Cindy Lytle, Chad McDowell, Charles McGrain, Bev Mueller, Kevin O'Rourke, Bill Orr, Karen Pacifico, Gail Pearson, Sarah Rihnovich, Brian Sherbin, Hank Sherbin, Laura Snyder, Cheryl Swain.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is in need of additional Catechists' who are willing and able to share the Catholic Faith with our youth at Sacred Heart. Volunteers need to be in good standing with the Church and need to be willing to complete the necessary Diocesan and Pennsylvania state requirements and policies for Youth Protection. For more information please contact the rectory at 814-943-8553.

ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS LCBA #1290 meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the St. Mary's Church Basement Blessed Mother Room. Rosary will begin at 6:15 PM. New members are always welcome.

ANGLE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS Angel Fund applications have been mailed directly to the Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and Bishop Guilfoyle High School Families. If you have a student in one of these schools and did not receive an application, please stop by the rectory to pick one up. Grants are based on need and participation in the Sacred Heart Community, Time, Talent, and Treasure. The **deadline is August 15th**.



RALLY FOR LIFE The First Annual Blair County Rally for Life will be held on Sunday July 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Blair County Courthouse in Hollidaysburg

NOCTURNAL ADORATION VIGIL OF PRAYER Next months nocturnal Adoration will be held on Friday, August 5, 2022 at St. Therese from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

JULY 24th, 2022

THE 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

Meister Eckhart asks, “Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?” He answers, “God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: ‘You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!’ Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God.” We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God’s will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. “Thy will be done” is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call “Father.” We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That’s what makes the Lord’s Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one’s darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus’ conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God’s most perfect gifts and all we really need. -©LPi




Weekly Schedule

Saturday, July 23rd

12:30 p.m. **Confessions** (SH)

3:00 p.m. **Confessions** (SM)

4:00 p.m. **Mass** (SM)

5:30 p.m. **Mass** (SH)

Sunday, July 24th, THE 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. **Mass** (SM)

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon **Masses** at (SH)

Wednesday, July 27th

10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. **Sacred Heart Food Pantry**

3:00 p.m. **Pro-Life Rosary** (SH)

Saturday, July 30th

12:30 p.m. **Confessions** (SH)

3:00 p.m. **Confessions** (SM)

4:00 p.m. **Mass** (SM)

5:30 p.m. **Mass** (SH)

Sunday, July 31st, THE 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. **Mass** (SM)

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon **Masses** at (SH)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED St. Mary's and Sacred Heart are looking for volunteers to serve as **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers** If you are a confirmed Catholic and in good standing with the Church, and would like to serve in one of these ministries, please contact your Churches Office at (SM)942-2416 or (SH) 943-8553.

Sacred Heart is also in need of Altar Servers for the 5:30 p.m. Mass. If you have received First Holy Communion and would like to serve, please contact the rectory at 943-8553.

GARDENERS NEEDED Sacred Heart needs volunteers that may enjoy spending time maintaining the grounds, especially the flowerbeds around the rectory and courtyard. If interested please call the Rectory Office at 943-8553.

The Sacred Heart community would like to thank those that have already come to help, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

HELP TO KEEP OUR RECORDS UPDATED If at any time your address or contact information should change, please contact your Parish Office.

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