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Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
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Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

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Saturday:4:00 pm
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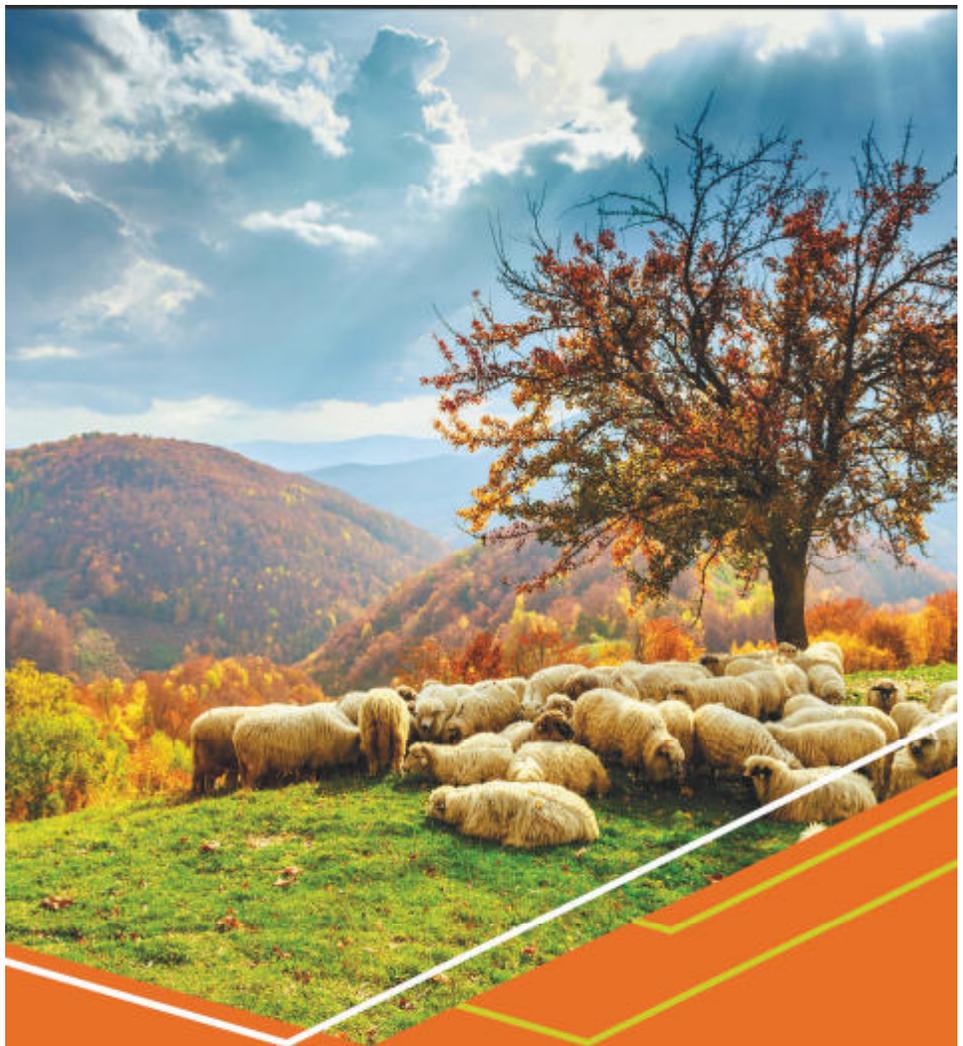
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34


 A banner with a background of trees and a blue sky. The text "SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME" is written in white, serif, all-caps font across the center.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our first reading this Sunday comes from the Book of Prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6). It tells us that for the Jews of old, their kings were also their shepherds. This notion implied that kings not only led but also provide for the people. Failing to carry out this role resulted to disaster for the nation. It was for this reason that after the defeat and exile of God's chosen people in Babylon, Jeremiah had the following words for shepherd-kings, woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture. But rarely did a prophet condemn without offering hope. Thus from his condemnation of the kings Jeremiah turned to the proclamation of two new promises. First, that God would bring together the flock, the remnant of Israel, from their places of exile and second, that he would raise up a shepherd from the stock of David who would reign and govern wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In short, a king who took care of his flock.

In the gospel reading (Mark 6:30-34), we see a glimpse of Jesus acting as this kind of shepherd. After the twelve apostles returned from their first missionary journey, they reported to Jesus all they had done and taught. But unknown to them, it was precisely because of these that the people swarmed around them. This left them with no time for themselves, not even for eating.

Seeing how much they needed rest, Jesus, the shepherd, told his apostles, his shepherds-to-be, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." Forthwith, they took a boat to go to a solitary place where they could have time for themselves to regain their strength as well as prayerfully internalize their experiences. We all need to get away, to be by ourselves, to have our time of quiet. For in life, the danger from constant action is very real - it prevents reflection and often pushes us towards wrong priorities.

A story is told of a father of a family who, in order to earn more for his family, went abroad as an overseas worker. He worked very hard and made good money which he sent regularly to his family. After two years, he renewed his contract with the company before returning home. He brought plenty of gifts for everyone especially the children which made them deliriously happy. But as days passed, he found out that his growing children treated him differently. They were not as close to him as they were before he left. True, they were polite to him but they never shared their interests and problems with him. He then realized that he had become a stranger to them. Seeing this to be the disastrous consequence of his being away, he decided to cancel his contract overseas and stay home instead even if it meant earning less. The timely realization that he had to be shepherd of his family came to him only after he had taken a break from his work and had the time to rest and reflect on the reality that confronted him.

Closer to home, many of us work ourselves to the bone so that we can provide better for our families. But before long, we find ourselves devoting less and less time for our family. We also begin to complain of all kinds of bodily pains. Some develop high blood pressure. Others, heart problems. It is then that we realize that we have not really taken well of ourselves and of our family.

The Book of Genesis tells us that the work of creation took God six days. On the seventh day, he rested. When he gave his chosen people the Ten Commandments, he made sure that one day of the week was a rest day - the Lord's day. If we want to continue to be good shepherds to our family and to one another, we have to be healthy - physically, psychologically and spiritually. Spending time for rest and reflection will go a long way in this regard.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistically-centered faith community whose life is formed by our baptismal commitment to Christ; is nourished by Scripture, Church teachings and the Sacraments; and is supported by membership in the worldwide church around us. It is a community made up of the former faith communities of All Saints, Holy Rosary, Madonna, Saint Mary, Saint Procopius and Saint Thomas. There is a long and rich history here where all are welcome, trust is present, risks for the kingdom of God are taken and the gifts of everyone are called forth. Under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi, we strive to be an instrument of peace and all that God calls us to be.

THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds, but “the days are coming,” he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Saint Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through His blood. In Mark’s Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for Him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow. - Jeremiah 23:1-6

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life’s demands and people’s needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness, rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them ... - Mark 6:30-34

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Allowing ourselves the time to be physically still and silent may seem like a luxury but doing so is necessary in our efforts to engage more fully with our Creator. In today’s Gospel, Jesus urges His Apostles, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.” Many of us have a constant need to connect with the news and with others and so are reluctant to set aside our phones, electronic games and the internet. Since any meaningful relationship needs attention and nurturing, our most important one, with God, requires quiet reflection. Choose a day to lock your phone in a drawer for the evening.



Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Apollinaris. Early accounts report that he was ordained a bishop by Saint Peter himself and sent as a missionary bishop to Ravenna during the reign (41-45 AD) of the emperor Claudius. Renowned for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured and imprisoned for the faith and finally martyred.

Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi. A priest and Doctor of the Church, he is the patron saint of Brindisi for his defense of the city against the Turks but his lasting legacy is as a theologian and linguist in all of the languages of the Scriptures.

Thursday is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. She was one of the followers of Jesus and one of the few witnesses of His Crucifixion and burial. At dawn on the third day, she went to anoint the body and was the first to see the empty tomb. She immediately ran to tell Peter and John. For this reason, she has been called the “apostle to the Apostles.”

Friday is the Feast of Saint Bridget, a mystic, a wife and mother, a queen’s lady-in-waiting and the founder of the Brigittines, a religious order of men and women united under the rule of an abbess. She was indefatigable in her many works and spoke prophetic words without fear to nobles, royals and popes.

Saturday is the Feast of Saint Sharbel MakhluF, a Lebanese monk and hermit who was known for his wise counsel in life and many miraculous healings after his death. Although he lived out his entire life near his home village and only left his hermitage to occasionally perform the sacraments, his quiet example and powerful intercession reached far beyond the borders of Lebanon.

The Practice of Stewardship

In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

Stewardship of Treasure

July 11: \$4,747; loose \$312; monthly \$772;
online \$577 totaling \$6,408
286 envelopes used of 861 issued

Our Parish is very grateful for your continued support - especially during this critical time!

COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICE 🎵🎵

Both choirs (Masontown and Footedale Sites) will have a **combined rehearsal** for Fr. Marlon's Installation Mass at **6:00 pm on Monday, July 19, in Footedale**. All members are urged to attend.

GOLDEN GROUP MEETING

The members will meet on Wednesday, **July 21**, at 11:30 am in the social hall in Footedale. This is "Hot Diggity Dog" Month so the menu will consist of hot dogs, beans, mac and cheese and desserts. Plan to join us for a fun-filled afternoon. New members are always welcomed. Annual dues are \$3.00.

MASS OF INSTALLATION - Monday, July 26

Bishop Kulick will formally install Father Marlon as Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 26, at the Footedale worship site.

PARISH PASTA DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE

Sunday, August 8, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

at the social hall in Footedale

The meal will include: Pasta (spaghetti, penne or linguine), choice of sauce (traditional red with meatballs, Alfredo sauce with chicken or Aioli), a tossed salad, Italian bread & butter and a beverage.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults;
\$4.00 for children age 12 & under

BASKETS - While you're waiting for your pasta dinner, check out the Baskets on display & take a chance to win. Winners will be drawn at the close of the dinner (4 pm).

If you are able to **DONATE A BASKET**, it would be greatly appreciated! It can be dropped off at the Parish Office no later than August 4.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2021. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition. Ideally, the Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** to be celebrated in **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral** on Sunday, **September 19**. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in this Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to Bill Balaz on the recent death of his brother, *John Balaz*. May God grant him eternal life and comfort his family.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy;

Ministry of Cantor 🎵

We will be expanding our parish Cantor program to all five Masses at both worship sites. The role of Cantor is to lead and facilitate the sung prayer of the assembly.

In addition, the Cantor acts as the Psalmist in proclaiming God's Word in the Responsorial Psalm.

We have arranged for professional Cantor/Psalmist **training to be conducted for all current and new cantors for both locations Wednesday, August 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Footedale Worship Site.**

Our clinician will be Mr. Daniel F. Kovacic, MM Director of Music Ministry, Resurrection Parish, Bethel Park. Daniel holds a Bachelor Degree in Vocal Performance from Seton Hill University as well as a Masters Degree in Choral Conducting from West Virginia University. He will guide us through important training in technique and procedures.

Cantors must be parishioners age 16 and above with a pleasant singing voice and the ability to engage and lead the congregation in sung prayer.

Interested persons are kindly asked to contact Carletta Fronczek (cfronczek@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or Eric Blanda (eblanda@dioceseofgreensburg.org) so that sufficient handouts can be prepared.

Only those attending the training will be eligible to serve in the ministry of Cantor.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 17 -- Vigil: 16th Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 pm-M Shirley Beck (Don & Family)
 4:00 pm-F 50th Anniversary, Barbara/Gerald Grimes

Sunday, July 18 -- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M Susan Kenney (Dusty & Ronnie)
 9:30 am-F Bernard Sandrosky (Wife, Patricia/Family)
 11:30 am-M Eun Young Cho, Thanksgiving

Monday, July 19 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M John Shaffer (Caroline Marella)

Tuesday, July 20 -- Saint Apollinaris
 8:00 am-F John & Rose Callahan (Family)

Wednesday, July 21 -- Saint Lawrence of Brindisi
 8:00 am-M Cpl. Lawrence Slovensky (Esther Pleban)

Thursday, July 22 -- Saint Mary Magdalene
 8:00 am-F Joe Mehalek (Family)

Friday, July 23 -- Saint Bridget
 8:00 am-M Dominica (Minnie)Mojock (Patty/Gary Ball)

Saturday, July 24 -- Vigil: 17th Ordinary Sunday
 3-3:30 pm-M Confessions
 4:00 pm-M John/Helen Maciasz & Melanie Reichert
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
 4:00 pm-F Joan Barchetti (Michael/Missy Komara)

Sunday, July 25 -- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M Phyllis Brubaker (Caroline Marella)
 9:30 am-F Barbara Sirilla (M/M Charles Taylor)
 11:30 am-M Stephanie Balik (Eleanor Siba)

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-15; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Sg 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. MARLON!

Prayer of the Week - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Show favor, O Lord, to Your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of Your grace that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping Your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



When Jesus saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them and He began to teach them many things. - Mark 6:30-34

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those He had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue says: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling His disciples in the year 2021 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

Question of the Week: When has my compassion for someone or for others pushed aside my own needs? How can I put others' needs first more often?

Our Psalm Response today, **The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want**, reminds us that God is the shepherd and the sheep want for nothing.

Settle yourself in solitude and you will come upon God in yourself.

- Saint Teresa

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

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