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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—WORSHIP AID

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading—Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens, the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 65



℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit - ful har - vest.

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Second Reading—Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel—Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *[Bow]* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PARABLE

M.D. Ridge

VERSES

Refrain

1-4. To ev-'ry thing there is a sea-son; a time to be born

1-4. and a time to die. 1, 4. A time to plant and a time for har-vest;
2. A time to speak and a time for si-lence;
3. A time for joy and a time for griev-ing;

1-3 to Vss. 4, Final Fine

1, 4. a time to meet and a time to part. 4. part.
2. a time to wound and a time to heal.
3. a time to seek and a time to lose.

A sower went out to sow the seed.
Some of it fell upon the path,
some fell on shallow, rocky soil,
and some among choking thorns.
(To refrain.)

2. Nothing can grow in barren soil;
briars and ravens take their toll;
still there is grain a hundredfold,
from seed that took root and grew.
(To refrain)

3. God's word is like the farmer's seed,
rooted in joyful, loving hearts,
growing like grain in fertile ground,
a harvest that overflows.

Text: Based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-9; Matthew 13:4-8. Text and music © 1987, OCP. All rights reserved.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

VERSES

- As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
- With joyful lips we sing to you, our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.
- Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?
- The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
- You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name, in truth and charity.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998
Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996
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CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

Verses

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
 Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain
 Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
 lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
 earth re - joice. to Verses Last time
 Let all the earth re - joice.

VERSES

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord,
 You have answered my plea.
 You have saved my soul from death.
 You are my strength and my song.
3. This is the day that the Lord has made.
 Let us be glad and rejoice.
 Death has lost and all is life.
 Sing of the glory of God.



Our Prayer for Christ the King Parish

Heavenly Father,
our hearts are open to you
as we discover the mystery of your love
at work in our lives.
Help us to **rediscover** each day
the power of that same love
through the sacred gift of our Catholic faith.

Jesus our Lord,
in baptism we connect our lives with you
as disciples.
Help us to **reconnect** each day
and allow our faith life
to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament
through the prayer
of our weekly attendance at Mass.

Holy Spirit,
breathe into us faith, hope and love
as we commit ourselves
to a new and bold Pentecost.
Help us to **recommit** each day
through our energy and resources
to the life of our parish community.

Give us the grace
to **rediscover**,
to **reconnect**
and to **recommit**
to all that is good and holy.
You are God forever and ever.
Amen.



DAILY MASSES—WEEK OF JULY 17

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church <i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Madonna Church <i>Tuesday and Thursday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple
9:00 am	Saint Edward Church <i>Friday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Tuesday and Thursday</i>	Fr. Dale DeNinno
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Wednesday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—JULY 22

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SUNDAY MASSES—JULY 23

8:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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Every Friday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
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Every Saturday

11:30-Noon	Saint Joseph Church
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Monday—July 17

Exodus 1:8-14 Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday—July 18

Exodus 2:1-15a Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday—July 19

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday—July 20

Exodus 3:13-20 Matthew 11:28-30

Friday—July 21

Exodus 11:10—12:14 Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday—July 22

Song of Songs 3:1-4b John 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday—July 23

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

SATURDAY 4:00 pm	July 15—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Edward J. Imhof, Jr. (Wife & Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 am 11:00 am	July 16—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Gerard Aigner (Wife) † Joyce Walters (The Walters Family) † James Maranowski (Family)
MONDAY 8:00 am	July 17—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Albert Biernesser (M and J)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	July 19—Weekday in Ordinary Time † August Azinger (Betty A. Jonnet)
FRIDAY 8:00 am	July 21—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Elmer Jonnet (Betty A. Jonnet)
SATURDAY 4:00 pm	July 22—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time The people of Christ the King Parish
SUNDAY 9:00 am 11:00 am	July 23—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Bob Myers (Sophie & Family) † Eugenio Cresta (Family)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

SATURDAY 5:00 pm	July 15—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Momoko Munnell (The Newell Family)
SUNDAY 9:30 am	July 16—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Lawrence McHugh (Janet & Jerry Monaco)
TUESDAY 10:00 am	July 18—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Henry Gailliot (Tom & Clare Byrnes)
WEDNESDAY 10:00 am	July 19—Weekday in Ordinary Time Jim Biernesser (Jan Gursky)
THURSDAY 10:00 am	July 20—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Sharon Kelly Daley (OLOMA)
SATURDAY 5:00 pm	July 22—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Adeline Alvino & Sons (Family)
SUNDAY 9:30 am	July 23—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Francesca Capozzi Alvin (Lorraine Capozzi & John Huber)



MADONNA OF JERUSALEM CHURCH

TUESDAY 9:00 am	July 18—Weekday in Ordinary Time † George Bubash (Lois Hudak & Family)
THURSDAY 9:00 am	July 20—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Debra Joan Andres (Franco Ferraro)

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 8:00 am	July 16—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Patricia Liberto (Valerie Hawkins)
FRIDAY 9:00 am	July 21—Weekday in Ordinary Time † Robert Vogel (Pat & Joe Hoffman)
SUNDAY 8:00 am	July 23—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Tom Smith (The Trails)

SAINT MARY CHURCH

SUNDAY 11:30 am	July 16—15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time The people of Christ the King Parish
SUNDAY 11:30 am	July 23—16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time † Eugene Gallenz (Rose Stegman)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emily Ann Severs • July 9, 2023

REST IN PEACE

Elizabeth Eisenman • July 4, 2023



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

God's Work 'Keeps On Keeping On!'

You gotta' love it. Jesus, the son of a **tekton** (*Greek for wood-worker, stone mason or builder/architect*), invited fishermen to follow him, and then went around telling stories about farmers, baker women, shepherds and rich land owners—not a carpenter in the collection.

Jesus' forays into the realm of other professions reminds us of 19TH century Catholic Sisters who did the work most needed at any given time and place. They turned schools into hospitals and their homes into orphanages. They did it all, certain that with God's help, they were capable of serving their neighbor, no matter their preparation or preferences. These Sisters exemplified the promise we hear from Isaiah: Like the rain, the word/work of God will never be in vain. If God calls you to do something, it will work out somehow—with or without your understanding.

Not only did Jesus talk about a wide variety of occupations, but he did it with parables—stories designed to leave people wondering. That was the key to his teaching technique. No pat answers, but examples that could be understood in a number of ways, all of them designed to knock people off their high horses. We know that if a parable doesn't upset or challenge us, we haven't heard it right.

That's part of what we learn from today's selection from Isaiah who assures us that no matter what we think is going on, as surely as rain waters the earth, God is working deep inside evolution. Although it may be subtle and slow, as frustratingly invisible as irrigation from snow melt, God's word is never without effect. It gradually draws all things toward their fulfillment. That is Paul's proclamation in today's selection from Romans. He paints the image of all creation groaning in giving birth to God's unimaginable future—the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Paul's image of giving birth is very much like Jesus' parable of the seeds. We plant something, believing that what will come of it will be much greater, newer and full of life than what we began with. In the interpretation the evangelists have given Jesus' parable of the farmer sowing seed, the focus is on the soil—on how God's word is received. But what if we looked for a minute at the sower?

Dom Helder Camara, the late archbishop of Olinda and Recife in Brazil, wrote one of his poem-prayers, "*King's Son*," in **The Desert is Fertile**, about God and

the seed. He began by asking God why creation is so wasteful, why fruits never equal the seedlings' abundance, why springs scatter water, and why we can never take advantage of all the energy the sun sends out. Instead of waiting for an answer, he prays, "*May your bounty teach me greatness of heart. . . seeing you a prodigal and open-handed giver, let me give unstintingly, like a king's son, like God's own.*"

We can think about our failures, the times we've been like seeds on the path and not paid reverent attention to someone. We can lament our lack of hope or courage to be faithful, the times when we've let stuff, popularity or status override our value systems. We can spend a lifetime bewailing what we have done and focusing on ourselves.

Suppose that instead we look to God's bounteousness? Suppose that we concentrate on that crazy sower who thinks he has enough seed to scatter it all over, figuring that what sprouts but doesn't nourish will provide nourishment to the soil and that the birds will carry seed to far off places that he could never reach on foot? Suppose we thought of God as giving us chance after chance, not worrying much about what withers but rejoicing in the thirty, sixty and hundredfold—or maybe even just ten?

What will make us more God-like? Focusing on our failures or exulting in those moments when we know God has worked through us to bring about something wonderful? That could be the birth of a child or the moment when the right word came to us to console someone. What if we took Isaiah seriously, believing that **God's work keeps on keeping on**, whether we notice it or not?

Jesus recognized and rejoiced in God's fruitful work in the world. He saw it in plants and animals, fishermen and bakers, the poor and the rich. Today he sees it in parents, teachers, garbage collectors and all sorts of others—including, of course, carpenters. Blessed are our eyes when we can see others as he did; for that's how the power of his word gets into us, making us and our communities fertile and fruitful, fulfilling the will of God who gives life.

2023 Mission Cooperation Appeal: We welcome two Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Greensburg who will speak at all the Masses next weekend, July 22-23. Sister Joyce Serratore and Sister Mary Clark will tell the story of the mission work of the Sisters of Charity in China, Korea and Ecuador. A collection will be taken at all the Masses that same weekend in order to show our support for their missionary work.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring Christ the King



Five sacred icons of Christ the King have been purchased and now ordered for the five churches of our parish that are used for public worship. Thank you to the individuals who were so generous with their treasure.



Christ the King Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 6, from 2:00-7:00 pm in the grounds behind Saint Joseph Church. Reservations for the picnic are required. The cost is \$10 per person, \$20 per couple and \$30 per family.

Look for sign-up tables after Masses throughout July. We would like to have all reservations in by July 30 so that we will know how many to plan for with the caterer. For more information call the parish office at 412-963-8885

Theme Baskets for the Parish Picnic are still needed. It would help enormously if the baskets were fully assembled and covered with clear cellophane with an attached description of what is in the basket. We request that completed baskets be brought to Saint Joseph Church by July 23. If you have questions, please call or text Elaine DuVall at 412-327-9567 or Janice Kerr at 412-953-1025.

Special Picnic Envelopes in the July monthly packets may be used by those who cannot attend the picnic but want to show their financial support. The envelopes are **not** to be considered as use for registration for the Sunday, August 6TH picnic. You may place the envelope in the collection basket when it is passed during Mass.

Go to ChristtheKingpgh.org/picnic or use the QR code to make your reservation, sign up to volunteer, or make a donation.



We need your dessert donations! Bring your handheld, single-serve desserts the day of the picnic for everyone to enjoy.

Christ the King Respect Life: Our next meeting is Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 pm in the Saint Scholastica social hall. All are welcome to come and share your ideas.

Over 1400 diapers, along with baby clothes, blankets, formula, books, and miscellaneous baby items, were donated to Catholic Charities during our baby shower drive. They were VERY appreciative. Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Joseph Preschool Registration for 2023-2024 is open for students who are 2, 3, and 4 by September 1. Please contact JCasile@ChristtheKingpgh.com or 412-963-8885 x107 for more details.



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CDTCA is hiring! We are seeking a full time administrative assistant to start for the upcoming school year. This integral part of our school community will work in conjunction with the principal, faculty and staff to operate and manage our preschool through 8th grade elementary school. The role requires excellent communication skills, both internally and externally within the school community. Interested parties should send their resume to Mark Grgurich, principal: mark.grgurich@cdtca.org.

Parish Support

Collection for:

July 1 & 2— \$22,851

Peter's Pence— \$5,823

July 8 & 9 — \$25,182

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Thank you for your generosity!*

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the CTK Saint Vincent de Paul Society at svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org or 412-254-4446.

Christ the King Parish provides a hot meal for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. We are always looking for new volunteers to help by donating a portion of the meal. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to ChristtheKingpgh.org/shelter-meals.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry welcomes recurring donations of non-perishable food items along with toiletries and paper products which may be placed in the bins found in our church vestibules or brought in-person Tuesday mornings to Saint Mary's Church in Sharpsburg (6th St. and Altmayer Way). Particular items needed include dish detergent, shampoo, packaged cookies and crackers, toothpaste and mouthwash. Volunteers are always needed and most welcome. You are invited to join us as we improve our community—come see how we sustain more than 50 families with food every month. We are also looking for volunteers to do home visits to assess need. Training will be provided. Call 412-781-2866 for details.

The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry supports numerous homeless individuals and needy families throughout our region and they are always happy to accept donations of non-perishable food. *They are particularly in need of powdered or shelf-stable milk, canned soup, canned meat (Spam, Vienna sausages) and toilet paper at this time.* Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are also welcome. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica Church office.



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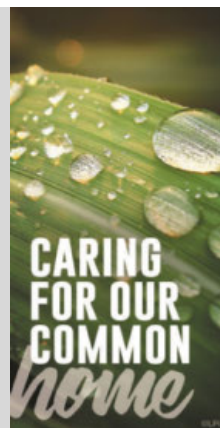
The Brother Mark Lowery Resource Library is open daily Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. All are welcome to browse literature or to seek help with resume writing, job searches, or housing searches.

Our first "Movie in the Yard" night will take place on Sunday, July 23, at 7:45 pm in the rear parking lot of St. Francis of Assisi Church. We will be watching, "My Name is Bill W.," a story about the life of AA founder Bill Wilson. Bring your own chair and snacks and come join us for a wonderful evening.

Next Monday, July 17, Father Michael will give a reflection starting at 7:00 pm in St. Francis of Assisi Church. The reflection will be based on Psalm 13 and the topic is "The Grace of Desperation." All are welcome to attend in person or on our Facebook page, Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh.

How very grateful we are to the Fugh Foundation for the additional grant recently received. We are also very thankful to all those who continue to support our work.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10. A.R.M. will sponsor a Celebration of Recovery starting at 6:00 pm in Atithi Studios, 1020 North Canal Street, Sharpsburg. Come join us for an evening of inspiration, food, and art.



Creation Care Corner

The Creation Care Team is so excited that, with your support, the garden for the food pantry is growing well! A few volunteers signed up to help with tending and harvesting. In order to have enough supplies for all, we are hosting a "Stock the Shed" event. If you have any used **garden equipment in working condition that you do not need**, please consider bringing it to the garden gate at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, July 22, 2023, between 2–3:30 pm. Specifically, we need: garden gloves (various sizes), small pruners, trowels, shovels, 2 metal lawn rakes, 2 heavy-duty hoses (no holes, please), and a garden hose wheel or hide-a-hose.

Additional volunteers are always welcome! A volunteer orientation is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, from 9–11 am. We will gather in the pavilion first, then move to the garden. In case of heavy rain or thunderstorms, those registered will be contacted to reschedule. If interested, please contact: Lauren Gagliardino at laurensuccop@gmail.com.

PARISH INFORMATION

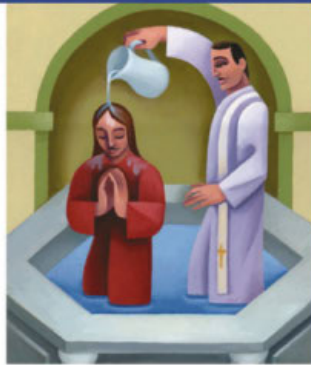
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, July 18	6:30pm	Parish Picnic Organizational Meeting	Saint Joseph, John Paul II Hall
Thursday, July 20	7:30pm	Respect Life Meeting	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Saturday, July 22	9:00am	Parish Garden Volunteer Orientation	Saint Joseph Pavilion
Saturday, July 22	2:00pm	Parish Garden Stuff the Shed Event	Saint Joseph Parish Garden
Saturday, July 22	5:00pm	Men's Shelter Meal	Saint Joseph, upper parking lot



July 23: Mission Cooperation Appeal
 August 6: Annual Parish Appeal
 August 27: Catholic Communication & Catholic University of America

Q What is Christian initiation?

A Christian initiation is the process of preparing for and receiving the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Those baptized as infants receive these sacraments over years—Eucharist at around the age of seven, and Confirmation anywhere between seven and sixteen. But in the ancient Church, these sacraments were received together. That still happens for adults who wish to become Christians. Their preparation may last one or more years; they learn about and apprentice in a life of faith in the community before receiving all three sacraments at once, usually at the Easter Vigil, on the night before Easter. This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Adults baptized in other Christian traditions prepare to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Depending on their background, this preparation may take a few or many months.



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RCIA Update: We are pleased to announce that Charles (Chuck) Schultz will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the 9:00 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church next Sunday. Chuck was baptized in the Methodist Church. He is retired and is already active in our parish, participating in the fall meetings of our men's group, and working regularly at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Next Sunday, he will make a profession of faith, be received and confirmed, and join us at the eucharistic table of the Lord. Please pray for Chuck and welcome him into our Catholic community!

If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic Christian, please invite her or him to come to our Sunday liturgy with you. If they would like more information, encourage them to contact Andrew Bechman on the parish staff. We will be happy to help them become more acquainted with the life of the Catholic community and to discern whether they are being called to join us.

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Mass Request Form for 2023

1. The \$10 stipend for each Mass must be attached to this form. Please bring or mail the form to the St. Joseph Administrative Office, 342 Dorseyville Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15215.
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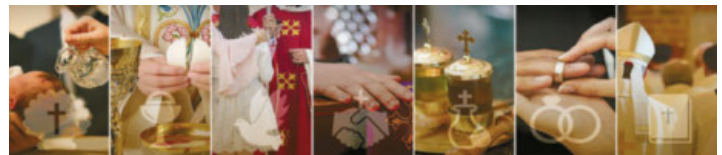
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Family Faith Formation: Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

Ministry Opportunities: All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our ministry opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See diopitt.org/compliance for details.

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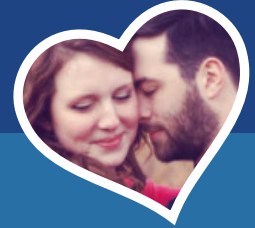
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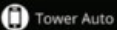
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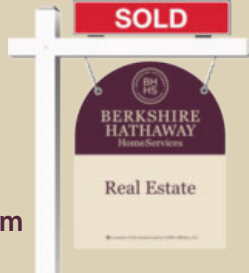
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