

# Saint Titus Roman Catholic Church

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JANUARY 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE Tuesday: 6:30 PM Wednesday: 8:30 AM Thursday: 8:30 AM Friday: 8:30 AM Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM\*

\*Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered from September - May at this Mass.

BEREAVEMENT CARE AND CONCERN Call Karen Edwards at 827-2658.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome! Census forms are available at the Parish Office. Please contact our Administrative Secretary (ext. 2) in the event of an address or phone number change.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

To add a prayer concern to our list, contact Nancy Madden at 814-493-3841, Helen Quimby at 827-1437, or Darlene Aul at 827-7343.

# **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor	Reverend Walter E. Packard	
Deacon Assistant	Deacon Kevin Harmon	
Administrative Secretary	Brenda Lytle	
Religious Education Coordinato	rKathleen Puleo	
Music MinistersAnthony 'T.J.' Parks, Margaret Bernecky		
Maintenance	Greg Tress	
St. Catharine's Cemetery	Bob Beauchat	

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by arrangement.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please let us know when a family member or friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at the nursing home.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the ceremony.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in R.C.I.A, please contact our pastor.

# FAITH FORMATION

Religious instruction classes for youth take place at the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact the Rel. Ed. Coordinator (ext. 4) to register.

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Submissions for the bulletin must be dropped off at the Parish Office or sent via e-mail no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday.

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SOME THOUGHTS FROM FATHER PACKARD...

B-r-r-r-r! It's been cold outside....to say the least! But that's the way it can go in January. When you stop and think about it, ole man winter has been very kind to us thus far this winter. But, thanks be to God, we have had to do little of the shoveling of the white stuff. It could stay this way until April as far as I'm concerned. I shouldn't even be talking about the white stuff! A caution to everyone during this time of year – PLEASE be extra careful in the parking lots and on the sidewalks surrounding the Church. We do our very best in trying to keep the lots and walkways clear and ice free, but when temperatures drop while we're in Church, icy conditions can happen within minutes. Above all, be careful! Thanks for being cautious. "An ounce of prevention...!"

This week our Church's Liturgical Year has changed quite a bit. We have moved into an oddly termed season called **Ordinary Time.** I would like to say something about this season so we all will have a better appreciation of what it means.

First of all, <u>wasted time</u> is not a prized commodity in our American society. Let's face it, we are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as <u>gift</u> or <u>grace</u>. Our thankful response we call <u>worship</u> or <u>eucharist</u>.

We cannot speak of ORDINARY TIME without speaking of <u>Sunday</u>. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent – Christmas and Lent – Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimalize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion.

Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our Churches every Sunday is the fruit of our

<u>week</u>. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the <u>fabric</u> of Christian living!

A word to everyone from our **Knights of Columbus #492**: As you are in the process of putting away your Christmas decorations for use next year, please save the "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs so they can be used for the next Christmas season. Keep them only if they aren't weather-battered. Put them with your other Christmas decorations or hang them in the garage so they can be found and reused next year. Hopefully, we all can be a reminder to our community of the real reason for the season! Thanks for your help and cooperation!

It was nice to open up <u>The Titusville Herald</u> last Tuesday and see that the Titusville School Board honored some of their board members with honor roll certificates recognizing their service to the School District for quite some time, among them being our own **Kevin O'Neill.** Kevin has served on the Board for the past eight years. But that doesn't limit his service because Kevin is an active member of the Knights of Columbus; he can be seen in our Church as a regular Lector and Eucharistic Minister; Kevin also volunteers for many parish activities. Congratulations, Kevin!

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that the month of January is St. Titus parish's turn to collect donations for the **Backpack Program** sponsored by LOVE Inc. of Titusville. They have been doing this special ministry in concert with the Titusville Area School District for the past number of years. The items we need to collect to help fill the backpacks are: individual drink boxes, oatmeal variety packs, individual cereals, pop tarts, Chef-Boy-ar-Dee canned pastas, microwave mac & cheese and fruit/applesauce cups, non-frig Jello cups, hot chocolate packets, soups, Ramen noodles, instant lunches, and pudding cups. (no peanuts or peanut butter products.) There is a receptacle in the Gathering Space for your donations. Thanks for all your help with this important project!

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, is the anniversary of the death of Msgr. Robert McDonald, a native son of St. Titus. He was my headmaster when I was a student at Cathedral Prep. The McDonald family have been very generous to our parish over the years. They donated the funds for a new Baptistry in the early '60's, they donated the marble statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the outdoor shrine area, they funded the stone wall around the Parish Office. May all the deceased members of the McDonald family rest in peace!

This past Friday I "graduated" from Cardiac Rehab! Twelve weeks(3 months), three times a week, and I've never felt better! My sincere thanks to **Angie and Karen**, the nurses who manage the Cardiac Rehab program at Titusville Hospital. They are the BEST!

Have a good week! *Father Packard* 

# WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mon. Jan. 17 St. Anthony, Abbot
NOMASS
Tues. Jan. 18 Weekday
6:30 PM John Nikonchik (Chris Andres)
Wed. Jan. 19 Weekday
8:30 AM For Healing of Marian Adelman
Thurs. Jan. 20 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
8:30 AM Florence Gray
Fri. Jan. 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 AM Ethel Del Balso (Mike & Lisa Lewis)
Sat. Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children
4:30 PM James & Daniel Roessner (Monica Roessner)
Sun. Jan. 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Carol Patterson (Pennie & Larry Fledderman)
10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Titus Church

#### PRAYER LIST

For our Families and Friends: Pauline Milberger, Carreena Ewing, Teddy Muir, Nita Ashley, Brittany Johnson, Janet Anderson, Callie, Connie Phillips, Brother Timothy Waid, Pop DeMello, Paul Pennell, Rachel Knupp, Jean Spence, Gina Green, Todd Campbell, Ruth Goodwill, Clint, Clifford J. Kirvan, Jessica & Family, Rita Homer, Ricky Reed, Katelyn Dougherty, Ed Schneider, Colleen Hofmeister, Lori Crawford, Mary Haas, Donna Noel, Mary Anne Kopper, Frank & Cindy Ruppert, Maxine Gollehon, Tom Boyle, Ted Kubiak, Clifford Johnson, Bill See, Mary Perkins, Drake Fellows, Frank Tomaino, Charlotte Randall, Kyle Lukowich, Sherry Lynn Beach, Zach Thompson, Kathy Obert, Steven Gratkowski, Teresa F., Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Mike Wakefield, Jim Kocan, Linda Marsh, Sharon Wirkowski, Brud & Nancy Giffin, Lilly Bailey, Pat Maginnis, Loretto Parres, Bill & Robin Amore, Beth Davidson, Valerie Boyle, Margaret Collins, Bill Hensler, Bill Stumpf, Barb Gratkowski, Patrick J. Hynes, Jr., Nancy Prenatt, Patrick Cartney, II, Tom Hasbrouck, Mandy Hanely, Marian Adelman, Sara Master, Harriett Morris, Pat Schneider, Lucille Brown, Robert Caratelli, Mary Hall

#### <u>Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the</u> <u>prayer list.</u>

For our Servicemen and Servicewomen: Brock Benedict, James Moyer, Derek Baldwin, Andrew Baldwin, Casey Bargar, Destiny Nicol, Christopher Macko, Robert Macko, Mathew Longiotti, Luke English, Cory Bemis, Kayla Barrett, Dr. Joseph Shevchik, Travis Pearsall, Caden Mallory, Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Andy Ferguson, Michael Avallone, Matthew English, Kasey Sines

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS:** The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Rev. Lawrence R. Richards, Rev. Stephen L. Collins, Rev. Stephen J. Schreiber, Rev. Jerome S. Simmons, Rev. Mark A. O'Hern, Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney

Ministry Schedule (January 22 & 23)			
4:30 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM			
Lector: Deacon Kevin Harmon	Lector: Lisa Lynch	Lector: JoAnn English	
Sacristan: Brenda Lytle	Sacristan: Karen Edwards	Sacristan: Heather Roberts	

UFFERTURT REPORT 1/1	
Envelopes	\$ 327.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering	\$ 110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 341.00
Religious Education	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 818.00

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OFFERTORY REPORT 1/1 & 1/2			
Envelopes	\$ 2918.00		
Loose	\$ 209.00		
Candles	\$ 21.00		
Christmas	\$ 330.00		
Initial Offering	\$ 300.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 298.00		
Religious Education	<u>\$ 40.00</u>		
Total	\$ 4116.00		

\*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, 2022\*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**—Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

**LENTEN SMALL GROUPS**—The Diocese of Erie is offering two separate small group experiences this Lent exploring racial justice, sponsored by the Offices of Social Justice and Life and Faith Formation Parish Support. Those who are looking for Christian community, a place to ask big questions, and a way to explore the Gospel call to work for racial justice are invited to learn more and consider applying by visiting <u>https://www.eriercd.org/socialjusticelife/racialjustice.html</u>. Applications are due January 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions can be directed to the Social Justice and Life Office at SJL@ErieRCD.org.

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at <u>www.138women.com</u> for more information and to register."

