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JULY 31, 2022
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 8:30 AM
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 Assistant (ext. 2) in
the event of an address or phone
number change.

PRAYER CHAIN
To add a prayer concern to our list,
contact Helen Quimby at 814-827-1437
or Darlene Aul at 814-827-7343.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....**Reverend Christopher M. Barnes**
Deacon Assistant.....**Deacon Kevin Harmon**
Administrative Assistant.....**Brenda Lytle**
Religious Education Coordinator.....**Kathleen Puleo**
Music Ministers.....**Anthony '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 9:00 AM on Tuesday.

WALKING MEDITATION

There is a Buddhist exercise that teaches us to appreciate the sacramentality of nature and living in the present moment. It is called “walking meditation.” It is designed to stop us from hurrying, pacing, dashing, and rushing, when our “steps print anxiety and sorrow on the Earth.” In this meditation we walk slowly, alone or with a friend, preferably in a beautiful place. We walk as though we were the happiest person on earth. We walk, not thinking about the past or worrying about the future. We walk, not trying to get from here to there. We stop our minds from darting around. We transform our walking path to a field for meditation—our feet taking every step in full awareness. Breathing and stepping are in harmony. Then we can pray, perhaps with the poet, Gerard Manly Hopkins:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil:

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil...

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things...

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GOSPEL DIFFERENCES

Question: Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Answer: Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales. The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 31, 2022

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE**Mon. Aug. 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 AM E. Frances Coyle McNutt (Daniel & Patricia Crannell)

Tues. Aug. 2 Weekday

6:30 PM Walter & Regina Andres (Chris Andres)

Wed. Aug. 3 Weekday

8:30 AM Bryce Brown (Family)

Thurs. Aug. 4 St John Vianney, Priest

8:30 AM Jerry English (Diane & Pete Burke)

Fri. Aug. 5 Weekday

8:30 AM Don Lesko (Fred & Sue Faivre)

Sat. Aug. 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:30 PM Margaret Lamenskie (Karen Henry)

Sun. Aug. 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Titus Church

10:00 AM James Lamberton (Jane Lamberton)

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, 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, Bill Hensler, Bill Stumpf, Barb Gratkowski, Patrick J. Hynes, Jr., Nancy Prenatt, Patrick Cartney, II, Mandy Hanely, Marian Adelman, Sara Master, Harriett Morris, Pat Schneider, Lucille Brown, Mary Hall, Kate Donovan, Randy Bernecky, Bill Fitzgerald, Kathy Watson, Sandy Hepler, Carolyn Bienio, Marie Nikonchik, Sandy Madden

Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.

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, Tobin Schafer

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: Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brugger, Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. Walter E. Packard, Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney, Rev. Christopher M. Barnes, Rev. Thomas Curry, O.S.B.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn the month of August in memory of **Dave English** requested by Barb and Family.

Ministry Schedule (August 6 & 7)

4:30 PM

Lector: David Badowski
Sacristan: Ellen Byrnes

8:00 AM

Lector: Karen Metzgar
Sacristan: Regina Watkins

10:00 AM

Lector: Devone Pepple
Sacristan: Neil & Sharen Romaniszyn

OFFERTORY REPORT 7/16 & 7/17

Envelopes	\$ 2450.00
Loose	\$ 226.00
Candles	\$ 64.00
National Needs	\$ 927.00
Religious Education	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 3691.00

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

PARENTING POINTERS—"One's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) Try telling that to your child! Children might have snatches of time when they recognize the value of parental love and commitment, but they still like toys. Challenge your family to a day without toys or tech stuff and create your own fun. Can you do it?

MAY HE REST IN PEACE—In your charity and prayers please remember the soul of **William Huffman**, brother of Kim Oviatt. May God grant him eternal rest and bring peace to those who mourn him.

ROSARY—Tuesday, **August 2, 2022** the Rosary will be recited at 6:00PM prior to the 6:30PM Mass. Please join us as we pray for peace and healing in our world.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING— Tuesday, **August 2, 2022** at 7:20PM at the Faith Formation Center.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE— A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge/gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our assessed goal is **\$43,484** and to date the amount pledged is **\$41,503**. Payments received thus far are **\$28,343**.


STUDY THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS with Sr. Tina and Sr. Marian at the K of C (downstairs), 111 Petroleum St., Oil City, PA. 10:00AM - 11:30AM Fridays Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept 16 and Sept. 30. All are welcome!

FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL & QUECREEK MINE DAY TRIP—Join Tidioute Family and Friends for a Day Trip to the Flight 93 Memorial and Quecreek Mine on Saturday, **October 15, 2022** by RS Tours & Travel. Departure time is 5:30AM from St. John's Church, 25 1st St., Tidioute, PA. Return time approximately 10:00PM. Please contact Linda Scott at 814-730-2555 or email scottie23@verizon.net. **Check the poster on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering space for more details.**

Win a Corvette Stingray Coupe 1LT in the Annual Charity car raffle sponsored by St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold. The raffle benefits the parish food pantry, Catholic Education, and the St. Jude Cares initiative. For details and to purchase tickets and/or download a ticket order form, go to www.winavette.com.

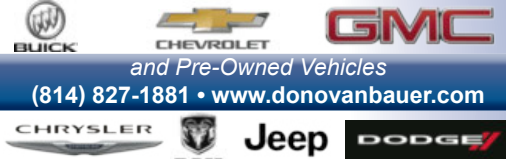
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