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### AUGUST 14, 2022

### TWENTIETH 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.

**A LETTER FROM BISHOP PERSICO**

August 1, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic Church in Latin America is more than ever facing challenges in the work of evangelization. Shortages of resources and pastoral workers, as well as poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. As members of the same family of faith, we are called to help our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, scheduled to take place in our Diocese on the weekend of August 20-21, is one way to support them. Your participation in this collection is a meaningful and practical expression of solidarity with people in these regions. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection also assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

Please be generous toward this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in need. Your financial support, and just as importantly, your prayers, will truly make a difference. For more information on the Church in Latin America, and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Be assured of my own prayers for you and your family,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**+Lawrence T. Persico**

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico,

JCL

Bishop of Erie

**ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**

**August 16**

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022**

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**August 14, 2022**

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

**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. 19, Sept 2, Sept. 16 and Sept 30. All are welcome!

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE**Mon. Aug. 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM Clifford Strickner (John &amp; Patricia Hoden)

**Tues. Aug. 16 St. Stephen of Hungary**5:00 PM **Mass at St. Stephen/Sloandale**

Deceased Members of the Sloan Family

**Wed. Aug. 17 Weekday**

8:30 AM Rev. Msgr. Gerald Ritchie

**Thurs. Aug. 18 Weekday**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Butler (Vincent &amp; Frances Barry)

**Fri. Aug. 19 St. John Eudes, Priest**

8:30 AM Pat &amp; Dewey Williams (Diane &amp; Pete Burke)

**Sat. Aug. 20 St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

4:30 PM Eugene McNamara (Family)

**Sun. Aug. 21 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Richard Taylor (Judy Taylor)

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Titus Church

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TUESDAY'S MASS TIME & LOCATION\*\***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 VOCATIONS**

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS:** Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. Walter Packard, Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch, EV, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Justin Pino

**Ministry Schedule (August 20 & 21)****4:30 PM**

Lector: Margaret Fiely  
Sacristan: Deacon Kevin Harmon

**8:00 AM**

Lector: William Adelman  
Sacristan: Melissa Singh

**10:00 AM**

Lector: JoAnn English  
Sacristan: Dianne & Tim McCandless

OFFERTORY REPORT 7/30 & 7/31

Envelopes	\$ 3502.00
Loose	\$ 397.00
Candles	\$ 87.00
Religious Education	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3991.00</b>

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**— Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

**PARENTING POINTERS**—“What’s so sacred about dinner? It happens every day. We face one another. We eat. We talk. It doesn’t matter that some of the talk is trivial or full of complaints. We share our day, warts and all. It doesn’t matter if the food is plain or even unappetizing. We have food. It doesn’t even matter if we come to the table angry with one another or if we get angry as a result of being together. We have to deal with the people who push our buttons – and then push beyond it. We might even find the grace to forgive.” (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference* by Susan Vogt)

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—“[God] has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things. (Luke 1:52-53) Mary identifies with the lowly and hungry even as she accepts her role as being the mother of Jesus. Sometimes our deficiencies can show the power of God working in us. How does your beloved lift you up when you feel low?”


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 492 PICNIC** will be held on **Saturday, August 27th** at Burgess Park (Pavilion close to the Pond) The event will start at noon and is open to St. Titus parishioners. Please bring a dish to share. **RSVP to the Parish Office by August 22nd** and indicate your choice of steak or chicken. See you there!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who donated your loose change to the “fill the baby bottle” campaign led by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 492. A total of \$1,600 was received from our parishioners and friends. The Grand Grand Grand Knights donated an extra \$100 for every \$500 raised. So a combined total of \$1,900 was donated to the **New Life Center** in Titusville. Thank you again for your generosity!

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIROMENTS-**


**Documentation for working with children:** Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**




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