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### AUGUST 21, 2022

### TWENTY-FIRST 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.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****August 21**

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

**GRATITUDE**

**Question:** How can I practice gratitude in my everyday life?

**Answer:** God has given each of us many blessings. Fostering an "attitude of gratitude" might be easier than you think. Simple, concrete practices can help us to be more thankful more often. Incorporate it into your dinner with your spouse, or as you tuck the kids into bed at night. "What are three things you're thankful for today?" Make a habit of writing one note a week to someone special in your life, thanking them for how they've impacted you. This is also a good practice in the workplace. Consider opening your weekly meetings with a quick round of gratitude sharing. "I'm grateful John helped me with that last-minute change to my presentation last week. I wouldn't have finished it in time for the meeting without him."

Another way is to designate a few minutes to thank God. This could be the first bit of your daily prayer time or after you receive communion on Sundays. You can also integrate it into your daily routine. How about while brushing your teeth? There's probably nothing so important it can't wait two minutes. Brush your teeth, quiet your mind, and thank God from your heart for His blessings throughout the day. Get creative! Any moment is an opportunity to praise and thank God.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022****Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26**Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14**ST. ROSE OF LIMA****August 23**

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**—If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. Have you been praying to bring someone home to the Church? Pass this invitation on to them. Starting on Thursday, Sept. 22, The Epiphany of the Lord Parish will conduct a free series of informal listening sessions, titled "Catholics Returning Home," for 6 weeks at 7 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in Meadville. The series is an invitation to non-practicing Catholics to renew their relationship with the Catholic Church. These listening sessions will be conducted in a support-group format, with updates on the Catholic faith. Former non-practicing Catholics or converts will facilitate the evenings. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 814-336-1112.

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

**WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE****Mon. Aug. 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM Ethel Del Balso (Helen Quimby)

**Tues. Aug. 23 St. Rose of Lima**

6:30 PM Elizabeth &amp; Claude Grove (Jane Lamberton)

**Wed. Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:30 AM Mary Alice Crawford (The Fiely Families)

**Thurs. Aug. 25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

8:30 AM Greta Lytle (Kathy Roggenkamp)

**Fri. Aug. 26 Weekday**

8:30 AM Don Lesko (Maggie Bernecky)

**Sat. Aug. 27 St. Monica**

4:30 PM Crissie Voisin (Robert Voisin)

**Sun. Aug. 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Dave English-Anniversary (Barb &amp; Family)

10:00 AM 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, 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, Larry Licht

**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. Philip Billotte, Rev. David Perry, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, Rev. Msgr Joseph Riccardo, VF, Rev. Gregory Passauer, Very Rev. Robert Horgas, V.F., Rev. Joseph Dougherty

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Ministry Schedule (August 27 &amp; 28)

**4:30 PM**Lector: Dolores Logan  
Sacristan: Brenda Lytle**8:00 AM**Lector: Lisa Lynch  
Sacristan: Karen Edwards**10:00 AM**Lector: Kevin O'Neill  
Sacristan: Heather Roberts**OFFERTORY REPORT 8/6 & 8/7**

Envelopes	\$ 4200.00
Loose	\$ 344.75
Candles	\$ 69.00
Assumption	\$ 33.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00
Religious Education	\$ 238.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4904.75</b>

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap

**PARENTING POINTERS**—"...for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Hebrews 12:6) What does discipline look like in your family? As a parent is it easy for you to find effective ways to correct a toddler or teen? As a child do you resent a punishment or get over it quickly. Are there any changes that any of you would like to make?


**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—"Yeah, you won," said the irate wife to her husband, "and now you get to live with the loser." - [Retrouvaille \(https://retrouvaille.org/\)](https://retrouvaille.org/) leader on why win/win outcomes are a better way to resolve disagreements.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our parishioners who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by attending the 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies. They are Steve & Sharon Andrako, May 6th, Larry & Pennie Fledderman, December 29th, and Bill and Mary Ellen Stumpf, December 29th. Wishing you continued happiness and blessings in the years to come!

**LAST CALL for the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 492 PICNIC** that 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 and **RSVP to the Parish Office by August 22nd** and indicate your choice of steak or chicken.


**SECOND COLLECTION**—This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in this special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**—Venango Region Catholic School, a private, educational institution of the Diocese of Erie for students Pre-K through Grade 12, is seeking to fill the position of president to lead and direct operations of the school system, fulfill the educational needs of students in accordance with the mission of the school, implement its philosophy and meet its objectives. A complete job description can be viewed at [www.eriecd.org/employment.html](http://www.eriecd.org/employment.html). Interested candidates should forward a completed application packet to President Search Committee at [VRCSsearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:VRCSsearchcommittee@gmail.com) or by mail to 1505 W. First Street, Oil City, PA 16301. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



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