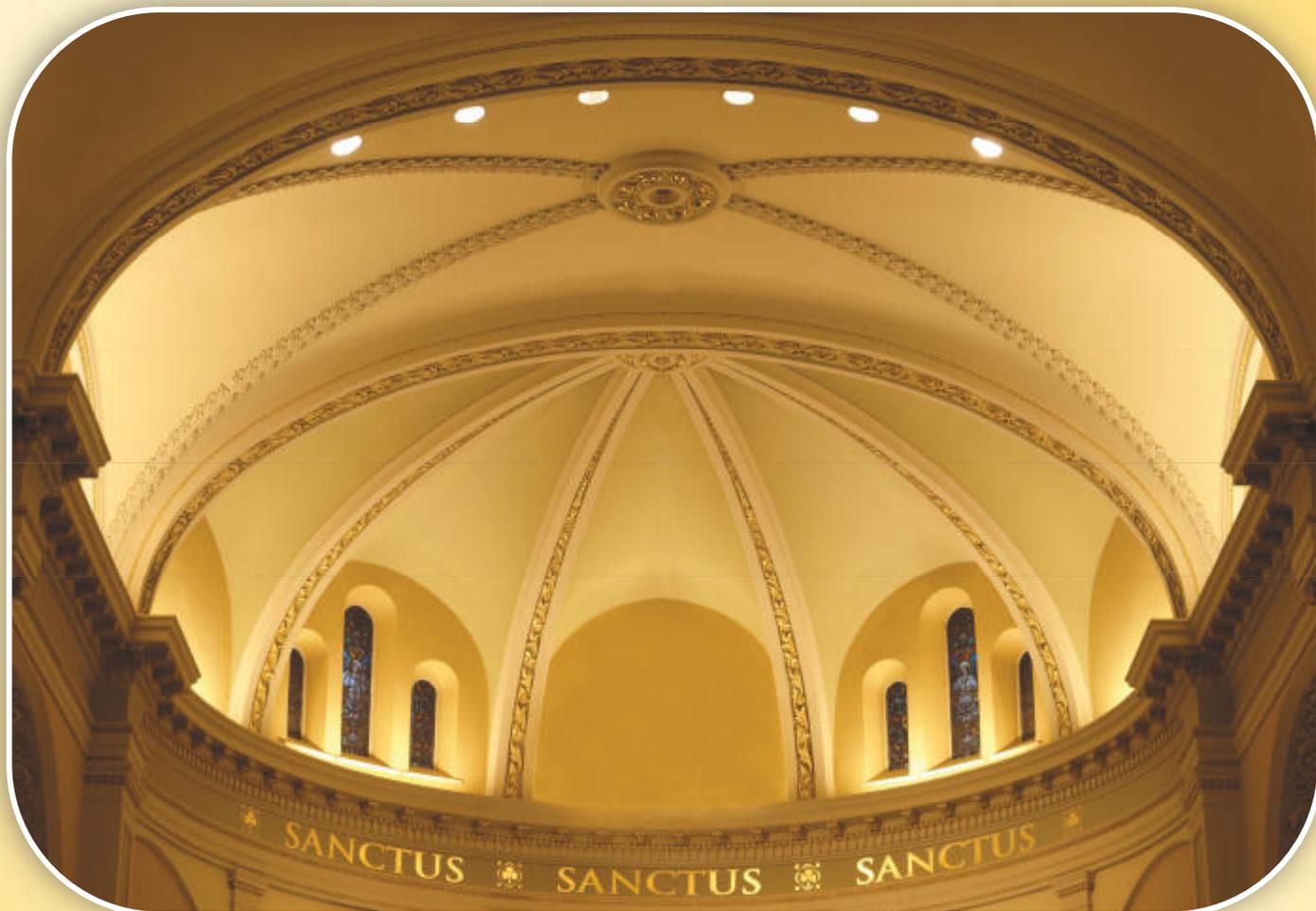


Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021



The Sanctuary Dome
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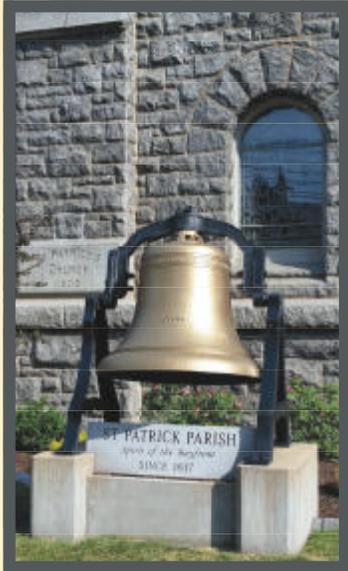
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

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Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear stories first about Elisha, a prophet in the ninth century BC.

We read about a generous man who brought 20 loaves of bread made from fresh barley, the first fruits of the harvest. Barley was a flat bread, the bread of the poor. Notice the hostile reaction of the servant when Elisha commands him to distribute bread to the people who are gathered. But at the end of the story everyone has enough to eat with plenty of leftovers.

Our reading from Ephesians is one that is not familiar to most of us, but during Ordinary Time, the church tries to introduce us to areas of the scripture so that we can hear as much of it as possible in the three year cycle. Today's theme is unity in Christ. The author, not Paul, is evoking Paul in the opening sentence to live moral lives as one body in Christ, a common theme in Paul himself. The virtues we need are listed (forbearance is another term for moderation). Note that there are four. Second, the author describes the nature and extent of the unity we share. The author then describes the extent of the unity we share: one body, one spirit, etc. Note that there are seven descriptions. In biblical terms, four is a universal, all-encompassing number, and seven is a number of fullness or perfection.

The story of Elisha's multiplication of bread reminds us of the gospel story when Jesus multiplies loaves and fishes to feed the crowd. The Gospel of John only shares a very few stories with the other three gospels, but this story is found in all four. One detail that differs is that John has the bread be barley, tying it into the first reading. Also unique to this story is that in John, Jesus himself distributes the loaves while in the other three gospels, the disciples do this. We're told that before distributing the bread, Jesus gave thanks. The Greek word is *eucharisteeo*, a reminder of the Jewish prayer before meals and points to the Bread of Life discourse which will follow. While all four gospels mention 12 baskets of leftovers, only John tells the disciples to gather the fragments so that none will be wasted. This same language is found in the Didache, a second century church Eucharistic prayer which mentions that the broken bread (fragments) was scattered

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

over the hills and was gathered together again and became one. "So let your church," reads the Didache, "be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom."

Pope Francis has summoned all of the Polish bishops to a meeting at the Vatican to discuss sexual abuse cases in the Polish church, which, in many instances, the bishops have ignored. Several Polish bishops have already resigned because of allegations against themselves or because they are accused of looking the other way when an abuse victim came to them.

Mass attendance in Poland, the highest in all of Europe, has slipped from 50% to 37% in the past decade. Less than 30% of people under the age of 25 are attending Mass. Vocations to priesthood and to Poland's 106 female religious orders have also plummeted. Fifty percent of Poles, interviewed in a survey, said "the church holds no authority" over them.

As with the American church, once the present generation of Catholics who attend Mass and support the parish die off, we're going to witness an incredible drop in numbers. The church has failed young people and is not meeting their needs. They want to know Jesus, how to have a relationship with him, they want to know the scriptures, and we simply are not giving them that. When people are not being fed, they go somewhere else looking for a meal. The new norm, I fear, is going to be dramatically smaller numbers of people attending weekend Masses, getting married and buried in the church. We are already witnessing a drop in weddings and funerals.

At the request of an anonymous parishioner, Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Human Development, will celebrate a Mass in Rome on August 15th for the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish.

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She asked, "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"



Save the date!!!
Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 10, 2021



Saint Patrick News



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Todd Mellow, Anniv. 7/27
from Janine Carch Sliker



Let us Welcome
Violet Barbara Fetzner
child of Rick & Laura (Reitinger) Fetzner
who will be baptized on Sunday, July 25, 2021

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- July 24 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM JIM & ROSEMARY KAVENEY
(MIKE & JOANNE SAMSEL)
- July 25 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM JOE KOPEC (SHELLEY & STEVE EVANS)
10:30 AM JIM HERDZIK (FRANK & DIANE TUTTOILMONDO)
- July 26 Monday, Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 AM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)
- July 27 Tuesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM THOMAS COOK, WEDDING ANNIV. (LYNDA COOK)
- July 28 Wednesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM COL. DENNIS MCSWEENEY (ERIN & WILLIAM RUSH)
- July 29 Thursday, Saint Martha**
8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR., ANNIV. 7/30
(BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)
- July 30 Friday, Weekday**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 31 Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM KATIE ABBOTT (MOM & ELLIE)
- Aug. 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KONTUR FAMILY
(ANGIE KONTUR)
10:30 AM BETTY SCULLY (CHILDREN)

Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
Lector: Mary Kearney
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kearney, Vickie Lampe,
Shirley Winschel, Diane McCarthy
- Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 8:00 am**
Lector: Lisa Straub
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Straub, Chris Sanner,
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella
- Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 10:30 am**
Lector: Michele Wheaton
Eucharistic Minister: Megan Gilmore, Kathleen Pae
Candy Bukowski, **1 NEEDED**

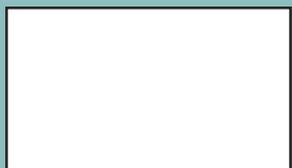
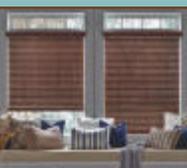
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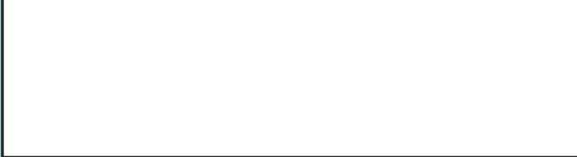
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