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Evangelion

(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



"Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes," by Alonso Cano, c. 1652-7

HE is HERE! | July 25, 2021 | 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + JULY 25, 2021

FIRST READING—2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha,
the man of God,
twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits,
and fresh grain in the ear.
Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."
But his servant objected,
"How can I set this before a hundred people?"
Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."
"For thus says the LORD,
'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"
And when they had eaten, there was some left over,
as the LORD had said.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING—Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

SCRIPTURE SPEAKS

Let God reveal Himself to you in His Word. As you reflect on these readings, feel free to use available space to make notes, mark, or highlight anything that speaks to you.

GOSPEL—John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip,

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”

He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.”

One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”

Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,

“Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.”

So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,

“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”

Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



WORLD DAY for GRANDPARENTS and THE ELDERLY



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

Our Pope launched a new celebration for this July to honor our Grandparents.

Pope Francis called for a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This celebration is to take place annually around the feast day of Jesus' grandparents—St. Anne & St. Joachim—July 26. The Pope declared that the fourth Sunday in July is the date for this day to pray and cherish how "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the Elderly." He wanted to offer them a day of encouragement, solidarity, and consolation. 



Miriam Rose Donahue, 40th grandchild of my parents and 163rd great-grandchild of my Grandma!

Here is a recent pic of my dear Grandma with some stats!

Find information about Pope Francis' Apostolic Decree:

pillarcatholic.com/p/call-your-grandma-get-an-indulgence

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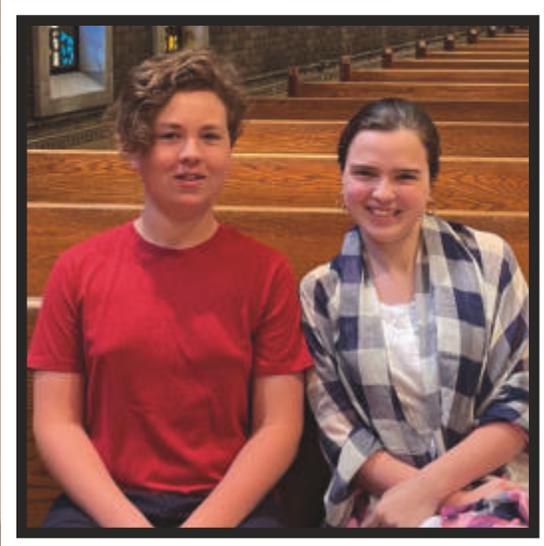
Would you consider giving a few hours a month back to the Lord, and assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Then we have a job for you! The requirements are easy: to be able to understand the responsibilities of the ministry and carry them out well and with proper reverence.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with two of our veteran altar Servers, Josh, and Oliva Carr. Josh is an 8th grade student at St. James and has been a server for five years and Oliva is a senior at *Aquinas Academy* and has been a server for eight years.

When asked why they wanted to become Altar Servers, it was the influence of Ms. Martha Piontek, their grandmother who always pointed out to them the importance of the Mass and what the priest was doing. Josh says he owes it to his sister, as she always spoke about the importance and the honor of being a server. Josh stated that he started counting down the days after his Firstst Communion until he could start serving. To Olivia the importance of serving is the connection to the Eucharist and being closer to the faithful, serving out her baptismal promise to be a faithful follower of the faith.

Josh says, "Try it, you will like it!" Don't be afraid of making mistakes, it is all for the glory of God.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Deacon Tony at agiordano@greatgrouping.org or (724) 385-8628. Training sessions will be announced soon.



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, JULIE!



On May 11, 2021, the OLOP Christian Mothers conducted their final meeting of the season.

Traditionally it is a catered dinner with a May crowning and review of the year's accomplishments, but this meeting was very different. Longtime *Christian Mother*, Julie Smelko of Conway, was turning 100 years old on July 22! That milestone birthday could not be ignored. The board of directors, led by President Connie Takacs, voted unanimously to throw a birthday bash for Julie... even though it was a couple months early. After the gloom of pandemic dominated 2020, everyone needed a joyous celebration.

Julie was accompanied to the meeting/party by her granddaughter-in-law, Colleen Keller, as well as her two great granddaughters, Chloe Keller and Mackenzie Keller Fajtak. Along with the 40-plus Christian Mothers in attendance, there were a few special guests who stopped by to wish Julie a Happy Birthday.

Current clergy team members Fr. Jack Batykefer, Fr. Mike Roche and Deacon Tony Giordano visited as well as former pastors Fr. Bob Guay and Fr. Paul Kuppe, OFM Cap.

Although Julie thought it was "a lot of fuss," she enjoyed the refreshments, beautiful cake, loads of cards and of course the honor of crowning the Blessed Mother. It was a memorable evening for everyone.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE DIACONATE? COME AND SEE!

Three information sessions are planned for Catholic men of the Diocese of Pittsburgh interested in learning about diaconal ministry in response to Bishop Zubik's recent call for a new class in the Deacon Formation Program. Wives of prospective applicants are most welcome to attend. All sessions will be held in O'Connor Hall at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205:

SATURDAY, JULY 24—9-11:30 AM

THURSDAY, JULY 29—6:30-9 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3—6:30-9 PM

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—Michael Deem
Saints John & Paul



Do you have a heart for others?

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM



OBLIGATION REINSTATED

Bishop David A. Zubik is overjoyed to join all the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania in reinstating the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, starting **August 15**.

ADORATION

Why Adoration? A parishioner shared with us *"The silence soothes my spirit. I feel a peace at Adoration that is nowhere else. He speaks right to my heart."* Come and feel the soothing silence for yourself! Adoration is available **Monday-Thursday from 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace in Conway.**

CONFESSION

Confession is available after every daily and weekend Mass, Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at Good Samaritan, and Saturdays at 3 PM at both Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Baptist.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our greatest need at the moment is Altar Servers. Any youth from 3rd – 12th grade is invited to become trained to help the priest during Mass. Anyone interested is asked to contact Deacon Tony to schedule a training session at agiordano@diopitt.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year. We offer classes from Birth to 8th grade. greatgrouping.org/formation.

SUMMER STORY HOUR

Summer Story Hour for children 2-10 years old will be on Wednesdays in August from 10:00-11:00 AM at Our Lady of Peace. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to stay.

YOUNG LIFE

We will be partnering with Young Life to offer a Christian high school program with a Catholic flair beginning next spring. There is a lot of work that needs done in preparation for kicking off Young Life in the Beaver Valley Parishes. If you are interested in joining the Young Life Team and help our young people get to know Christ, please contact Cindy Deschaine at cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org. The next planning meeting for Young Life is on **Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 PM.**

OLOP 80TH BIRTHDAY

Save the Date! On **Saturday, August 14**, we will celebrate the 80th birthday of Our Lady of Peace with a Liturgy at 4:00 PM followed by a reception in Stephens Hall. All are welcome!

ALPHA

We will be starting a new Evangelization program in the Beaver Valley parishes called *Alpha*. *Alpha* is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha programming will begin in January 2022. In September, we will be running training sessions for anyone interested in joining the ALPHA Team in any capacity. If you feel called to join in on the team please contact Cindy Deschaine at cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org.

LIFETEEN SUMMER EVENTS

All high school teens in the grouping are invited to join us for our High School Bonfires and Breakfast Club events during the summer. Bonfires are on **Tuesdays at 7 PM at Saints John & Paul** and **Breakfast Club are on Thursdays beginning with 9 AM Mass at Saints John & Paul.** Questions? Contact Nick at nsciarappa@greatgrouping.org

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Please join us at Saints John & Paul on **Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 PM** as we discuss current mental health needs in our children, adolescents, and adults. We will also discuss the relationship between faith and mental health as well as how to access needed resources and supports such as strategies to find a good counselor. Ideas on how to deepen the mental health ministry within the Great Grouping are invited and appreciated. The presenters plan to keep our time together informal, conversational, with opportunities for Q & A.

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Six Steps to SANITY Ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance abuse. The next session is starting at Saints John & Paul **Wednesday, July 28** at 7:00 PM in the lower level of the CDC Room 8 & 9. All are welcome, you do not have to be a parishioner to join this program. Please contact Chico (724) 612-6991 or ChicoFicerai1@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, JULY 26 (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • John "Jack" Dunn (Dunn Family)

TUESDAY, JULY 27 (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Deceased of the Albert & Frances Krol Family (Krol Family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 (Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Robert "Pap" Besong (Becki Kuklish)

THURSDAY, JULY 29 (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Jn 11:19-27)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Jacob Andolina (Andolina Children)

FRIDAY, JULY 30 (Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Gay Bohinsky (John & Kathy Vrabely)

SATURDAY, JULY 31 (Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Michael Cristallino (Wife, Carol & Children)

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist • Robert Ferry, Sr. (Deacon Tony)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • In Remembrance of Paul Bohn's Birthday (Linda & Family)

9:00 AM Good Samaritan • Florian Jurcak (Shirley Heater & Barb Jurcak)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • Richard Verigood (Bob Mutschler Family)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Francisco Diaz & Antonia Gonzalez (Gil Diaz)

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Joseph Galant

Brother of Blanche Hovanec

Ethan John Kuniewicz

Grandson of David & Shirley Kuniewicz

Edward Neville

Parishioner of Our Lady of Peace

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Dolores Fitzgerald
by Marlene

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Annette Hramika
by Sally Kuhel

GREAT GROUPING MERGER

Many questions and concerns have been raised regarding our merger process we would like to answer them for you. Questions can be submitted to questions@greatgrouping.org. Information about the merger and frequently asked questions can be found at greatgrouping.org/merger.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 26

8:30 AM Prep Stuffed Cabbage for Festival (GS)
6:30 PM Grief Share (GS)

Tuesday, July 27

8:30 AM Prep Stuffed Cabbage for Festival (GS)
10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (SJ)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)

Wednesday, July 28

Nothing Scheduled

Thursday, July 29

Nothing Scheduled

Friday, July 30

8:00 AM Alpha Core Team Meeting (OLOP)
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, July 31

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)
3:00 PM Confessions (SJB)

Sunday, August 1

Nothing Scheduled

25th Annual PARISH FESTIVAL 2021
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September 2-5

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Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Our Lady of Peace
3:00 PM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Good Samaritan
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
11:00 AM Good Samaritan
11:00 AM Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.

