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January 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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Office Hours: Thursday ONLY: 9am—4pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our
Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments,
to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community
and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

God is Good, All the Time.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 8:00am

Thursday — 6:00pm

Adoration: First Friday of the month following morning Mass

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Confessions: Saturday — 3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

The Church is open Monday — Thursday,

9am — 4pm for private prayer



Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 24

8:00am Norm Sheba — Legion of Mary

2 SM 5: 1-7; 10, MK 3: 22-30

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, January 25

8:00am Rudolph Sansotta —

M/M Michael DeCarlo

ACTS 22: 3-16, MK 16: 15-18

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Wednesday, January 26

8:00am Leo Schlecht — Brian and Sally Kearney

2 TM 1: 1-8, MK 4: 1-20

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday, January 27

6:00pm (B) Robert L. Harris —

Wife Jo Anne Harris and Family

2 SM 7: 18-19; 24-29, MK 4: 21-25

Saint Agnes Merici, virgin and Religious Founder

Friday, January 28

8:00am (A) Alycia Gryn — Charles Gryn

2 SM 11: 1-4; 5-10; 13-17, MK 4: 26-34

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,
Religious and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 29

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Frank and (B) Tess Falcetta —

Joy Gallagher

2 SM 12: 1-7; 10-17, MK 4: 35-41

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JER 1: 4-5; 17-19, 1 COR 12: 31-13: 13, LK 4: 21-30

8:00am Rose Johns — Tony and Anita Elisco

11:00am For the Living and Deceased

Members of Our Parish

Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

Beloved Disciple Youth Group

WINTER OLYMPICS



Middle School • Friday, Jan. 28 • 6:30-8:30 PM

High School • Sunday, Jan. 30 • 6-8 PM

Join us for an evening of Winter Olympic fun with dinner, an opening ceremony, fun games and the awarding of medals! Feel free to bring a friend! This night will take place at Beloved Disciple and is FREE, but you must RSVP:

BelovedDiscipleYM@gmail.com

LIFT 2021-2022 Schedule

February 6/8 Teaching Session
 February 20/22 Intergenerational



"One Sacred Community" by Mary Southard, CSJ,
 courtesy of www.MinistryOfTheArts.org

Theme: The Creed—I Believe in God

March 6/8 Teaching Session
 March 20/22 Intergenerational
 April 3/5 Teaching Session
 April 24/26 Intergenerational

LECTORS! *We are in need of Lectors for weekend Masses. Proclaiming the Word of God at Eucharistic celebrations, lectors read the two readings at Mass. If you have thought about this ministry, training is available for both youth and adults willing to serve.* Please contact Mikey Bancroft at the parish office at 724-748-6700, ext 100 to be trained.

Seventh Annual 138 Women's Conference

"**Say Yes!** to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th! MEN 2022 CONFERENCE

8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon. Event At St. Jude Parish, Erie, and at local parishes in NW PA and NE

Ohio Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be broadcast out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.

Calling all Men, high school age and older of all faiths to the 9th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday Feb 12, 2022

livestreamed at St Michael Parish in Greenville as satellite host.

Register online at 2232men.com Select St Michael Greenville as site to view conference and GROUP8 (\$5.00 discount) using Group Name "St Michael Greenville" Mass at 7:30AM; Refreshments in McElhinny Hall 8:15AM. Questions - Call Deacons Marty Aubel 724-866-7432 or Frank Luciani 724-854-1579.

**Speakers for the 9th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference****BEAR WOZNICK**

World Champion Surfer, motorcycle enthusiast, skydiver, martial artist and evangelist? It's true! This Hawaii 5-O stuntman will help you find God in places you never imagined. Bear is a truly unique Christian man. Full of life and full of humor, he will deliver a talk that you'll be thinking about for a long, long time.

FATHER ANTHONY BAETZOLD, CFR

Father Anthony Baetzold, CFR, is a unique Catholic speaker with an unusual background. He grew up in Rochester, NY, attended Penn State University, and worked as a clinical research scientist before joining the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in 1996. He was ordained a priest in 2005.

2232 Men's Official Prayer

Holy Father, thank you for your love in making us adopted sons in Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we learn to repent and grow in holiness. Teach us to become the men you created us to be. Help us to strengthen our brothers and live Your will. We ask this through our Lord and brother Jesus Christ. Amen



Prayer Opportunities On Line: Please look at schedule weekly in the Bulletin, website, Facebook and Parish App to keep current. Join us as you can for Evening Prayer. If you have question or concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary or Deacon Owen (ext. 110).

Topic: CBD Evening Prayer for the week of January 23rd
January 24th, 26th & 27th **7:00pm**
Meeting ID: 886 8616 5343 **Passcode: 189407**

Parish Book Club News:

Book Club Update: Our next book is "The Silent Patient " by Alex Michaelides. The Silent Patient is said to have dark twists and delightful turns to follow and secrets are revealed. It should be thrilling but since I haven't read the book yet it remains an open search for reading adventure. It can be bought on line for as low as \$4.95 from various online book stores. Our next online meeting will be February 23rd at 11:00 AM (information on how to join will be available before the next meeting). An evening session is not scheduled at this time, but can be scheduled with enough interest. Join us if you can. Contact Deacon Owen in the Parish Office with questions or concern. hope to see you.

Liturgical Environment – Our Advent and Christmas environment was beautifully presented by parishioners. Wreaths, flowers, trees, lights, bulletin boards, and Nativity display were joyfully brought to you by Jenna, Emma Kate, and Anna Magee, Dave and Candy Clausen, Dave and Gail Telesz, Brian and Maura Hroncich, Charlotte McKinley, the Mapes family (Matt, Michelle, Aaron, Claire) Nativity crew, Nelsa, Elisa, and Ian Armour (fabrics crew), Jane Culmer, Pete and Jackie Pumphrey, Carolyn Paterson, Mary Jo Palmer, Karen Daley, Maddie Jack, Jim Shuey, Tony Bancroft and Mike Schleigh. Evergreens for our Advent wreath and Christmas arrangements were donated by Dave and Karen Morse. Each added their special touches to make our environment meaningful and truly holy and happy. Thank you for your time and talent!

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Sunday's Readings - First Reading: Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (NEH 8:8) ***Psalm:*** Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (PS 19) ***Second Reading:*** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 COR 12:12) ***Gospel:*** He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (LK 1:21)

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means “beloved of God,” a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi

Questions of the Week — First Reading: Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture (“the book of the law.”) What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life? ***Second Reading:*** Paul used the human body as an analogy for the “many parts” of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the “one body” of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community? ***Gospel:*** Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

Saint of the Week

Examples of our Faith

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

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Joseph Bandi, ext. 113 *Director of Liturgical Music*Mikey Bancroft, ext. 100 *Parish Secretary, Outreach*

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*Sacramental Prep: 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation*Lisa Bablak, 115, *LIFT Secretary*Dianne Schleigh, *Liturgical Environment*Victoria Wagner, 116, *LIFT Team, Outreach*Lorie Wizorek, 724-748-6868 *Little Disciples Pre School*Gina Beggan, *Pre School Aide*Tony Bancroft, *Custodian***Sacrificial Giving the Week of***Online Giving is Available***Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.**Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 333
Envelopes Used: 75 Online Givers: 27**Yearly Budget: 535,176.00****Weekly Budget: 11,149.50****January 16, 2022****Our Total — 10,160.00****Offertory — 7888.00****Loose — 187.00****Monthly — 877.00****Sister Parish — 105.00****Capital Needs — 1208.00****We have met 91% of our budget!****Thank you so much for your continued generous support!**

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New to our Community? Join our Parish!

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.

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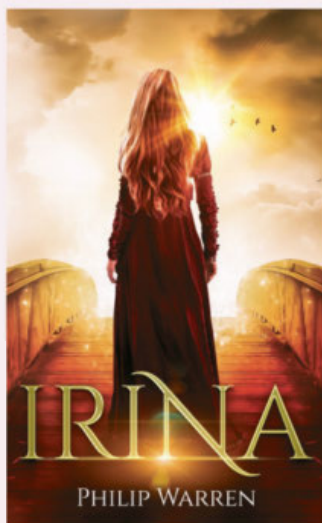
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