

Blessed Sacrament Church

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July 11, 2021



15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission Statement

To nourish our love of God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Centered in the Eucharist, we are developing a faith community through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God's love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all His people.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office 814-454-0171
 Parish Office Hours:
 For Summer: Monday—Friday 7:30am—3:30pm
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♯ HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE
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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Jan McInchak from her family.

CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Nancy Dougan from Bob and Jill Peasley.

SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Candle will burn this week in loving memory of the Onorato Family from Daniel and Anita Rogowski & Family.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“...take nothing for the journey.” (Mark 6:8) What? During summer when many people take trips isn't this foolish? Perhaps the lesson for those at home is *hospitality*. How can we as a couple provide needs and comfort for those who have nothing or who are traveling?

PARENT POINTERS

Scripture tells us that prophets are often not recognized or valued in their own area. (Mark 6) So too it is with parents. Our kids don't always recognize that we ask them to do hard things for their own good. You may not always be appreciated, but don't give up.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 17 @ 4:00pm

Lector: Mary Ann Tempestini

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Scalise, Patty George [S]

Altar Servers: **servers needed**

SUNDAY July 18 @ 8:30am

Lector: Jim & Janine Calabrese

Eucharistic Ministers: Gerri Piecuch, Mary Lou Peterson[S]

Altar Servers: Simon & Kate Kunik

SUNDAY July 18 @ 11:00am

Lector: **Lector needed**

Eucharistic Minister: **EM needed**, Denise Lif [S]

Altar Servers: Maria Bruschi

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 12—Weekday

8:00 +Elizabeth Lydic / Family

Tuesday, July 13—Weekday

8:00 *People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wednesday, July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 +Frank & Martha Schlak / Carolyn Johnston

Thursday, July 15—St. Bonaventure

8:00 +Mary Vanchieri / Family

Friday, July 16—Weekday

8:00 NO MASS

Saturday, July 17—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 +Rose Falvo & Lucy Notoro / Scalise Family

Sunday, July 18—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Palma Fronzaglia / David & Marianne Zimmerman

11:00 +Archer Owen Lynch / St. Vincent Lab Employees

7:30 +Jan McInchak / Husband

* Living

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass in the Church at 8am Monday -Thursday

On the first Friday of the month...Mass at 8am

followed by Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-9:30am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am and 7:30pm****

****these Masses will be livestreamed on our parish website & Facebook page**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm and by appointment

Unvaccinated people should wear a face mask.

Social distancing is still encouraged.

The priests, deacon and all Eucharistic Ministers

will continue to wear face masks

when distributing Communion.

Please note the new summer office hours:

Monday—Friday 7:30am—3:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:00-12:30pm

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Question for Children: To whom would you announce the Good News about Jesus? Who do you think most needs to hear this message?

Question for Youth: When Jesus sent the disciples out, he was preparing them for the future when he would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

Question for Adults: Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

From Our Pastor

Pope Francis has had a few minor bouts of illness and sciatica throughout his eight-year pontificate, but last week marks the first time he has been admitted to the hospital since his election in March 2013. The surgery came as a surprise to many, since the Vatican had not announced it beforehand. As of my writing this, all reports are that the Holy Father is recovering well. Let us be sure to keep Pope Francis in our prayers for a full recovery.

With everything beginning to look like it used to before the pandemic, our Mass attendance has not really caught up nor has the collection. I am sure some are still afraid to take the risk to venture out, since there are still cases of the virus out there and those under 12 years of age are still not able to be vaccinated.

Lack of attendance at Mass isn't a new item. There has been a downward trend in most parishes of our diocese and in this region of the nation. One contributing factor probably is the cultural methods of passing on the faith from one generation to another have been disrupted by new ways people grow, live and learn. Some people want to look back to the glory days of the 1950s, but we cannot look backwards. What worked then will not meet the needs of today's parishioner. What it means to be Catholic and to be a Catholic parish is going to look different in the decades ahead.

First, the lack of priests will be the initial challenge. Then the need for the family to be a better conduit of faith than what we have experienced thus far. I really believe that no Religious Education Program, no Catholic school can teach someone how to be Catholic. This comes from the family modeling faith at home.

Over the next several weeks I will be reflecting with you what a parish can do to help parishioners become the disciples Jesus Christ has called the baptized to be.

We are looking for some people to help with caring for our parish grounds. If someone needs service hours this would be a great opportunity. Perhaps you just like to work outside, we could use your energy. Anything you might need to do this will of course be provided.

Peace,
Fr. Phil

"A Polish immigrant went to the license bureau to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eyesight test. The optometrist showed him a card with the letters "CZWIXNOSTACS". "Can you read this?" the optometrist asked. "Read it", the Pole replied. "I know the guy"!!



BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament benefitting the school's Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday, August 6, 2021** at the Whispering Woods Golf Course. In the past this event has produced a significant amount of scholarship money to help Blessed Sacrament students. The continued success of this event is dependent upon the generous support and participation of parish members, friends of the school, and business partners in the community. If you are a past contributor, sponsor or golfer, please accept our sincere thanks. We hope that we can count on you again this year to support this event. If you have not been involved in the past, please consider supporting us this year by being a sponsor, donor, or a golfer. There are sponsorship opportunities available at several levels. Another way you can help is by forming a foursome and participate in the outing. Price is \$110 per golfer which includes lunch, dinner, beverages and golf. Registration starts at 11:30am, shot gun start 1:00pm. You can also donate non-monetary items and items for our Basket Raffle.

This event is an opportunity for you to have a good time, benefit a good cause, and promote your business as well. Through your generous support we will make this a memorable and successful event for the students and families of Blessed Sacrament School. Sponsor forms and registration forms are available in the School and Parish Offices. **Deadline to register is July 23.** For more information contact Jay Bish at jaybish80@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Jason Bish & Blessed Sacrament Golf Committee

*Thank you for supporting Blessed Sacrament's Advancement Fund,
making a brighter future for our children!*

2021 DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese:

Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.

31 CLUB Pray for Vocations

July 12 Mary Alice Haibach
July 13 Mary Lou Schroeck
July 14 date available
July 15 Patty George
July 16 Jan Peck
July 17 Kevin Kunik, Debbie Levesque
July 18 Joyce Wickles

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass **and/or** offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayers, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Please call the Parish Office if you want to be in the 31 Club and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

SAVE THE DATES

July 24—Block Party featuring the Pop Rockets
August 6—Golf Outing at Whispering Woods
August 22—Parish Picnic
September 19—Fall Fest
October 29—Bulldog Halloween Bingo Bonanza
November 26, 27 & 28—Craft Show
November 30—I Give Catholic Giving Day

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
WHAT WE CARRY FROM TOWN TO TOWN**

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take. ©LPi

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.
AMEN*



**THE YEAR IN
HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH**

The Holy Father's Intention is that "every member of the faithful following Joseph's example may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

ST JOSEPH ALTAR

On our St. Joseph Altar is a basket for your prayer requests and a beautiful St. Joseph memorial candle. If you would like to have the candle as a memorial for a loved one, call or stop by the Parish Office and let us know which week you would like. Donations are \$10.

"St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. It is precisely in this way that, as the Church's Liturgy teaches, he 'cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation' and is truly a 'minister of salvation.' His fatherhood is expressed concretely 'in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it ...'"

Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Custos, 8

USHERS' CORNER

Saturday, July 24 is a busy and important day for the Ushers. It is the Installation Dinner followed by the Block Party. First, will be mass at 4:00 p.m. It is important that as many Ushers, young and old, attend the mass. It has been a special tradition for the Ushers which we all should observe if possible.

Immediately following mass will be the Installation Dinner in the cafeteria. It is only \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per couple. We will give out the Usher of the Year award and Introduce the new Officers and Board of Directors. Please consider attending and contact myself or the Parish Office for reservations.

Finally, the Block Party will follow the Installation Dinner. Francis Kloecker will open at 6:30 p.m. for the Pop Rockets. He is a very talented musician and an alumni of Blessed Sacrament School. Following Francis the Pop Rockets will play until 11:00 p.m. Anyone who has attended the Block Party the last several years knows how good they are. So please set this one night aside to spend with your friends and family at Blessed Sacrament.

Peace,

Pete Sala

\$\$\$\$ RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY \$\$\$\$

06/29 #305...#306...#304 no winners
06/30 #203...#204...#202 no winners
07/01 #278...#279...#277 no winners
07/02 #765...#766...#764 no winners
07/03 #177...#178...#176 no winners
07/04 #797...#798...#796 no winners
07/05 #448...#449...#447 no winners

JULY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

\$5 per ticket 93 chances to win this month

If you want tickets, call Diane in the Parish Office at 454-0171 or send an email dfisher@bserie.org and leave a message with your choice of numbers and we will mail them to you. You can mail back your stubs and money or drop off at the office. We appreciate your support.

THANK YOU to the City of Erie Fire Department for bringing their ladder truck to Blessed Sacrament so our maintenance staff could repair the rope on our flag pole. The rope broke when the guys were replacing the flag that had become worn and frayed.



SCHOOL SUPPORT ENVELOPE In your envelope packet for July and August is the new goldenrod colored School Support envelope. The donations from this envelope will aid the parish to achieve our past due assessments toward supporting Blessed Sacrament School. Anything you can do to help is appreciated. Currently each month the parish pays approximately \$12,000 towards this past due amount and our current assessment. \$671 was donated this past week.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We are looking for some volunteers to help pull weeds around the church and school grounds! This can be a great way to earn some service hours for our students. Get your hours done now so you aren't looking for things to do at the last minute!! It is also a great thing for our families to do together. Summer is a busy time for our maintenance staff so if we can get some volunteers to help out that would be great, we have such a beautiful complex, it just needs a little care right now. If anyone is interested in helping out, please call the Parish Office 454-0171.



Keep informed about what is going on in our parish

Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app to your cell phone. Select our parish after opening.

Bulletins are also posted online on our parish website: www.bsparisherie.org



INTERSTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?
What is RCIA? Is RCIA for me?

**If you answer yes to any of the following questions,
 then the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.**

- *A non-baptized person?
- *Baptized Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- *Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- *Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, contact Fr. Phil or Deacon Kevin. Classes will start in the Fall.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Holy Father is constantly encouraging us to remember the poor and the marginalized. In his Homily on World Day of the Poor last year the Pope prayed: "Rouse us, Lord, from our idle calm, from the quiet lull of our safe harbors. Set us free from the moorings of self-absorption that weigh life down; free us from constantly seeking success. Teach us to know how to 'leave' in order to set out on the road you have shown us: to God and our neighbor," Today I am asking you to continue on that road to God and neighbor by considering a generous gift to the National Needs Collection.

This year the National Needs Collection will take place the weekend of July 17-18.

This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal – supports, among other things, education for seminarians, which is a significant expense for poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection also supports training for lay ministry, Hispanic ministry, catechesis and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection – supports the work of the Church among the African American, Alaskan Native and American Native peoples in the United States.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 17-18. Your help does make a difference.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 +Lawrence T. Persico
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

Novena to Good St. Ann

All are invited to attend the 102nd annual novena in honor of St. Ann July 18-26 at St. Ann Church, 921 East Ave. (E. 10th and East Avenue). Redemptorist Father Dennis Sweeney from Washington, D.C., will be the guest preacher, confessor and celebrant for the nine days. Daily Masses will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday Masses are 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Sunday Masses are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The following special celebrations will be held at each Mass on the dates noted:

- Coffee and donuts, St. Ann Social Hall, July 18
- Anointing of the Sick, July 21
- Blessing of religious articles, July 23
- Blessing of children, July 24 and July 25
- Blessing with relic of St. Ann, July 24, July 25 and July 26
- Blessing of parents and grandparents, July 26 (Feast of St. Ann)

For more information, please contact Father Jerry Priscaro at 814-464-6913 or JsPriscaro@eriercd.org.

Sunday, July 11, 2021**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Each one, bring one**

A lot of things in life are lonely. Being sick, being wrong, and being broke are hours difficult to share with anyone not inside the experience. Happily, religion isn't intended to be a solitary undertaking. Jesus formed a community before he engaged his ministry, and he urged his followers to go out in pairs. If you're struggling to ground your prayer life, make a deeper commitment to Bible study, or get a work of service or justice off the ground, remember: Companions in faith make the way more joyful and fruitful.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104)*. "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."

Monday, July 12, 2021 Cross purposes

No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "If we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What's more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389)*. "... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Tuesday, July 13, 2021**MEMORIAL OF HENRY Words matter**

Holy Roman Emperor Henry II championed the Nicene Creed. He encouraged its official recitation during the Mass, a practice that didn't gain papal approval until the 11th century. And he promoted the *filioque*. *Filioque* is Latin for the four small words—"and from the Son"—used in the Nicene Creed to describe the origin of the Holy Spirit, who, Catholics and Protestants believe, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." Draw strength from our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, and honor the Blessed Trinity today by praying a "Glory Be."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390)*. "Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented."

Wednesday, July 14, 2021**MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN****See with the eyes of faith**

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391)*. "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

Thursday, July 15, 2021**MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Bask in reflected glory**

Understanding and proving the existence of God has been a human pursuit since the beginning of time. For medieval Franciscan philosopher Saint Bonaventure, vestiges of God's existence are found in all God's creatures and, indeed, in all creation. Thus, he posits, we see God, "through a mirror." As our understanding of God increases, we begin to see God "in a mirror"; that is, we see the image and likeness of God in all things. For Bonaventure, signs of God's existence are all around, and God is present in each of us. "Therefore," says Bonaventure, one "who is not brightened by such splendors of created things is blind." Open your eyes to our all-around God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392)*. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Friday, July 16, 2021**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL****The view from on high**

If there were such things as spiritual "power points" on Earth, Mount Carmel would have to qualify as one. A range on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel, Mount Carmel has been a crossroads for religious traditions, military strife, monastic life, biblical archeology, and now, modern urban living. There is something for everyone on Mount Carmel, which is perhaps why it has a long and contentious history. Today, join your prayers for peace in the Middle East with those of Carmelites the world over. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393)*. "If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men."

Saturday, July 17, 2021 No one is without dignity

Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks were commonly discarded in ancient society because they were no longer useful for the purpose they served. People were often treated the same way. If a person was blind, lame, or suffered leprosy, they were essentially discarded by society because they were seen as a burden that couldn't be sustained. But Jesus taught of the sacred dignity of all human life regardless of health or usefulness, and that our final judgment would be based on our treatment of the least among us. Can you take a moment today to in some way lift up a lowly or outcast person?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394)*. "A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."



*Daily renewal for busy Catholics.
Invest just five minutes a day,
and your faith will deepen and grow
a day at a time.*

PARISH FAMILY

Pray for all those in our parish family who are hospitalized, ill, homebound and in nursing homes as well as those who care for them.

Pray for members of the military.

Pray for peace in our country and for God’s protection and guidance over our country.

Pray for those who have suffered the experience of abuse, may they find through Christ’s presence, deep healing and peace.

Baptized into the Christian Community through the waters of Baptism:

JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH DURNEY

Daughter of Matthew and Jennifer [Kline] Durney and

LYDIA CATHERINE ARGENY

Daughter of Michael and Lauren [Geary] Argeny

Congratulations to the following **Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Students** who received honors in the 4th Quarter:

FIRST HONORS:

Toriana LaCastro, Maddix Landahl

SECOND HONORS:

Rachel Kreidinger, Caitlin O’Brien, Sarah Komorek, Emily Piecuch, Paige Belton, Camryn Chimera, Katherine Raleigh, Colin Bish, Logan Nikolai, Mason Orlando, Nicholas Lydic, Michael Grychowski, Conor O’Brien

125th Annual Frenchtown ham/chicken dinner
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7/04/2021

Adult Offering:	\$ 5,725.53	200	[632]
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Online:	\$ 2,821.00	126	[250]
Assumption:	\$ 26.00		
Ascension:	\$ 20.00		
Youth Offering:	\$ 52.00	11	[400]
Total:	\$ 8,989.53		
School Support:	\$ 671.00		

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Pledged to Date:	\$ 75,185.00	[229]
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Assessment:	\$ 71,158.00	
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 21,225.00	



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