



Holy Family CATHOLIC CHURCH



Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

July 19, 11 AM
First Holy Communion

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Wednesday
8:00 AM

Confessions
Saturday
3:00-3:30 PM

*Holy Days
Vigil-7:00 PM

***See Insert for detailed information**

Weddings—Baptisms:
Contact Parish Secretary for appointment. 724-872-6123 or email hfamilywn@comcast.net

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“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

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JULY 12, 2020

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP



4:00 PM | Saturday, July 11
Lector

Pat Beneccio

Eucharistic Ministers

Barry Beneccio

Altar Servers

Gina Beneccio

11:00 AM | Sunday, July 12
Lector

Aleta Keegan

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Balenovich

Altar Servers

Jacob Boyer

4:00 PM | Saturday, July 18
Lector

Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Ann Landini

Altar Servers

Ginger DeBlasio

11:00 AM | Sunday, July 19
Lector

Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers

Aleta Keegan

Altar Servers

Noah Lehner

Saturday, July 11

Vigil-15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joseph W. Demczyk

by Jaye Ann Demczyk

Sunday, July 12

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Steve Halahurich

by Wife Lillian

Tuesday, July 14

Weekday

Dorothy Alford

By Family

Wednesday, July 15

Weekday

Michaelene Nohavicka

By Friends & Family

Saturday, July 18

Vigil-16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Living & Deceased Members

of Holy Family Church

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Robert Kemmery

By Family

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY		12:00 PM	6:00 PM
SAT	7/11	Clem Markfosky	
SUN	7/12	Ettore Rossetti	
MON	7/13	John Toman	
TUES	7/14	Jim Palmieri	Janet Palmieri Brinker
WED	7/15		
THURS	7/16	Rose P. Wilson	
FRI	7/17	Ann & Walter Angelcyk	Stephen G. Fanala, Jr
SAT	7/18		
SUN	7/19	Lynn & Jim Shrump	

Blank spaces are available for celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Faith is a mysterious thing. Many devout parents have to bear the sorrow of knowing that the faith that they love and cherish has not passed down the generations. Despite their having done everything possible, their children have chosen not to embrace the faith in which they were raised. It's easy for people in such circumstances to blame themselves: maybe we should have tried harder, maybe we should have set a better example, among a list of so many reasons we may mention. It's often said that faith is caught, not taught. This may be true in many cases, but families where a vibrant and healthy faith is the norm and prayer a regular practice can still produce atheist children, whereas families where there is not an ounce of obvious faith can produce children who grow to be ardent Christians. Ultimately, it's a mystery known only to God.

Yet we need not despair, even if we have a certain sense of regret or failure. One of our Eucharistic prayers for Mass reminds us that we not only pray for the shepherds of our Church, whose faith sustains that of the whole community, but we also pray for those whose faith is known to God alone. The many millions of people in the world who can be described as "people of good will" have that good will because of God's grace.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus preaches in parables and His disciples question why He does this, rather than in "black and white." Faith does not always offer easy solutions to complex questions, and the "gray areas" of life are often precisely where there is room for faith to grow and mature.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus does not focus on any particular group of people, but on the thwarted tendency to good that lies in every human heart. God's good news, in whatever form it comes, is thwarted by superficiality, complacency, lack of confidence, and the desire for a security based on consumption and status. These are universal human dilemmas. Our response to grace is part of the freedom given to us from the beginning of creation. He will not force His way on any of us. That's why it's called "free will." It's our choice if we want to follow or not. God is a God of surprises, but He is also ready to be surprised by us.

It is a great blessing to us to have heard the message of Jesus and responded to it in faith. This is not the result of our virtue but of God's mercy. Why some people believe and others don't is a mystery known only to God. It is not our place to judge, but we are invited to do what we can to make the faith attractive to others. For some people, we are the only Gospel that they will ever hear. We are the only letter from God that they will ever read. Each of us is called to be a disciple and an evangelist in our own way. Even if we never see the fruits of our labors, we can trust that the closer we come to Jesus, the more like Him we will become.

Saint Celebrations this week - July 14 - St Kateri Tekakwitha – was canonized on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. She was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks." She is the first Native American to be declared a Saint, and she is the patroness of the environment and ecology as is St Francis of Assisi.

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel- The prophet Elijah ascended Mount Carmel to pray for the heavens to open when the country around him was dry and without water. Finally, he saw a small cloud coming in from the sea bearing life-giving rain. In the twelfth century, Christian hermits came to live and pray on this mountain. In their vision, the cloud was a symbol of Mary, the Mother of God, who brought life to a parched world. They honored her under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and they later founded an order devoted to prayer under her patronage.

Word has been received from Bishop Edward Malesic of the following: Effective Saturday, July 25, 2020 - The Reverend David J. Nazimek, Administrator of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, while continuing as Pastor of Saint Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish, West Newton.

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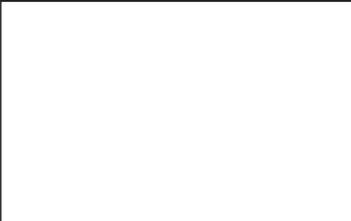
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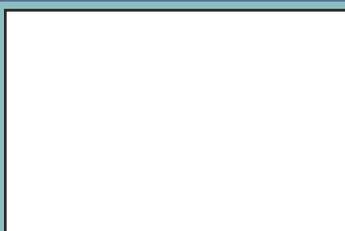
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