



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.

August 25, 7 PM
Confirmation

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

TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44

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JULY 26, 2020

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP



4:00 PM | Saturday, July 25
 Lector
 George Thuransky
 Eucharistic Minister
 Ginger DeBlasio
 Altar Servers
 Volunteer

11:00 AM | Sunday, July 26
 Lector
 Bill Hughes
 Eucharistic Minister
 Tina Quinn
 Altar Servers
 Gina Beneccio

4:00 PM | Saturday, August 1
 Lector
 Pat Beneccio
 Eucharistic Minister
 Mary Houseman
 Altar Servers
 Hannah Seitzinger

11:00 AM | Sunday, August 2
 Lector
 Sienna Lehner
 Eucharistic Minister
 Armand Luzi
 Altar Servers
 Raphaela Lombardozzi

Saturday, July 25

Vigil-17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Living & Deceased Members
 of Holy Family Church*

Sunday, July 26

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Betty DeMarchi

By Nancy Cross

Tuesday, July 28

Weekday

Michaelene Nohavicka

By Family & Friends

Wednesday, July 29

Weekday

Ann & Frank Balash

By Family

Saturday, August 1

Vigil-18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Living & Deceased Members
 of Holy Family Church*

Sunday, August 2

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

David Ferguson

By Barbara & Melvin Sleith

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	7/25		
SUN	7/26	Pauline & Don Kosor	
MON	7/27	Steven Fanala. Sr.	Fr. Harry Parsons
TUES	7/28	Anna Honaker	Joseph D. Castellana
WED	7/29	Dr. Joseph Schwerha	
THURS	7/30	Tina Delduca	
FRI	7/31	Cenaida "Sandy" Sherbondy	
SAT	8/1		Joseph & Michael Keegan
SUN	8/2		

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time –

If the Lord appeared to you and asked: "Ask something of Me and I will give it to you," what would you ask for? That is the question posed to Solomon in this weekend's first reading that we read about in the Book of Kings. Solomon was a young man when he inherited the throne from his father – King David. He had no ruling experience and had much to learn in his youth. And so, Solomon's response to the Lord is not for wealth or power over enemies. Instead, he asks for Wisdom – Wisdom to rule well, and for the ability to discern right from wrong. What an answer! What a gift to ask for! And yet, when we think about it, such a gift cannot have a monetary value placed upon it. Wisdom is more valuable than riches, or any power or force. To be wise is to possess a power to guide the way we live our lives so as to bless and benefit others at the same time. It's no wonder that people were always flocking to and gathering around Jesus. His was a wisdom, a guidance from His Heavenly Father, that the people never experienced before. Today's Scripture Readings tell us that accepting Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure in the world. In another words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus and sharing His view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world.

The first reading from the Book of Kings tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God's will. From the selection of Paul's letter to the Romans we learn that God is calling us through various stages of spiritual growth. Paul assures the Roman Church that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." And in the Gospel selection from Matthew Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that its possession calls for total commitment on our parts.

In the Church, we still need wise preachers of the Word of God. We marvel at men such as St John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his word of wisdom in his writings and homilies, as well as our current Pope Francis and the simplicity with which he approaches all situations. Each of them has brought a different angle of the Gospel message to the world. And yet, there are many other preachers in the world. Besides us priests who wear a special collar, the people in the pews are also called to spread the Gospel message. How? Not necessarily with words from a pulpit, but words that encourage, words that comfort, words that forgive, words that let others know that someone cares for them. Our example and the things that we do on a daily basis help to spread the message of Jesus: lives of caring and giving, and service to those around us.

I'm sure that if we take the time to think about it, we can come up with a list of countless people who fit into such a category – lives of caring service. The love of God alive in their hearts blesses the lives of so many each and every day. Such people truly reflect what the love of God is all about. And the Wisdom of God is evident within them.

Now it is up to you and me. When we wake up in the morning and say our prayers (assuming that we pray), do we ask for God's guidance and guardianship over our thoughts, words and actions for that day? We should. Because if we do, we are not far from the prayer of Solomon. When we ask for His guidance and guardianship, we are asking for the help/ the wisdom we need to decipher right from wrong; and more – to have a heart free of fear, able to love others simply and sincerely.

Even though we are believers, we sometimes fall into the trap of asking for other things – maybe a long life with good health, maybe wealth to see us through hard times. Today, we are being challenged to reflect and realize the infinite value of what God offers to us in the Kingdom. Today we are being called to live lives wholeheartedly for God.



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