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**SAINT MARY,
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
KITTANNING**

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday & Friday.....8:00 am
Wednesday.....7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays...6:00 to 6:45 pm
or by Appointment

**St. Joseph & St. Mary
Cemeteries**

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**SAINT MARY,
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....6:00 pm
Sunday.....11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday...8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays...9:30 to 10:30 am
or by Appointment

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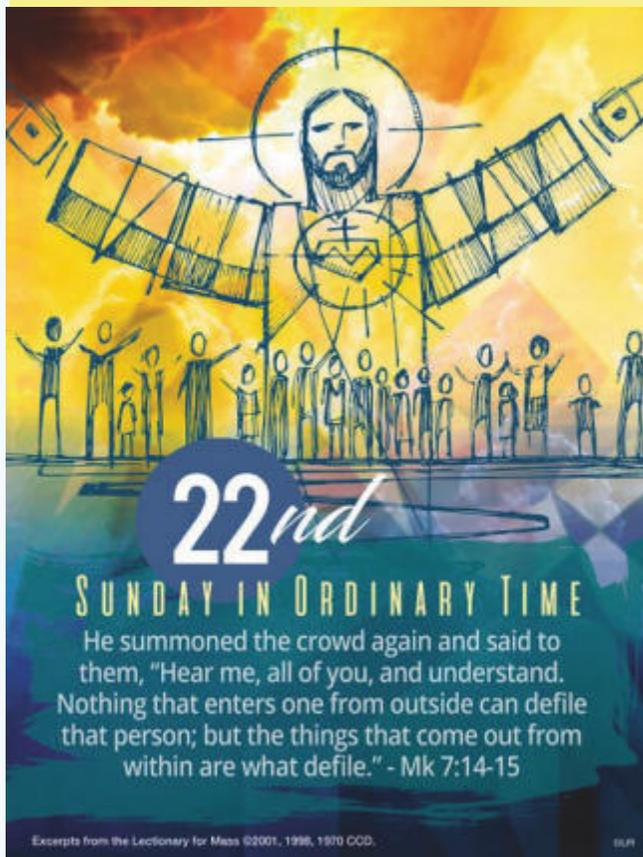
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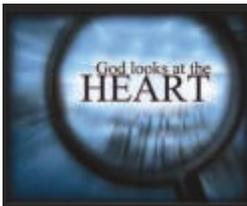
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 29, 2021



Worship Aid

Partner Parishes of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Mary, Mother of God
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B—August 29, 2021

ENTRANCE: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

COMMUNION:

Your Words are Spirit and Life

Refrain:

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting.**

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SENDING FORTH: Christ Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD,
your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor
subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the
Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding
yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

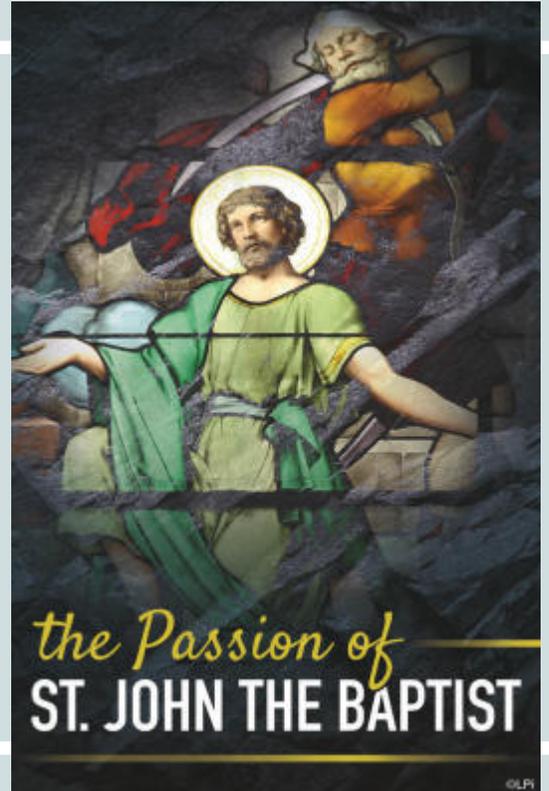
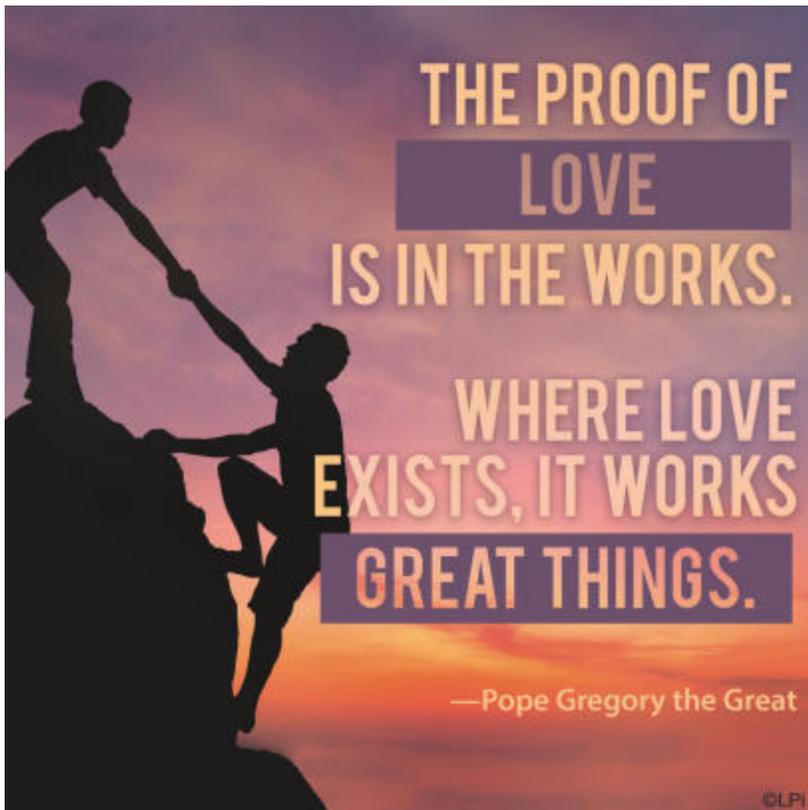
GOSPEL:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to
human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

SECOND READING

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

GOSPEL READING

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?



Two weeks ago, I had the chance to join a retreat with my fellow Filipino priests. It was great to have a few days of break from the routine in the parish. I had the opportunity to relax and reflect that can be of help in my priestly ministry.

Fr. Thomas Hart, an Oblate of St. Benedict from Latrobe led our whole retreat. He began by presenting the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 25*** in relation to our priestly ministry which gives the pastoral principle that concerns of doctrine and its teaching that must be directed to love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of the Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love.

He said it is good to be reminded of this principle “to begin with love, proceed with love and end with love” because that is what our ministry is all about. And I totally agree with him. However, I believe that this principle is not only for the priestly ministry but for everybody.

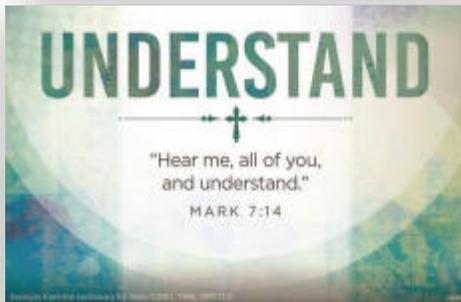
Can you imagine if all of us learn to practice this principle every day, what a beautiful family, community and society we will have. With love it makes a lot of difference. It is encouraging and empowering others to do the same. It makes us appreciate what we do and not just do for the sake of doing because we are obliged to do it.

Like for example the gospel that we have this Sunday. The Pharisees and the scribes were so legalistic with the observance of external ritual of cleanliness. They criticized the disciples of Jesus because they did not observe washing of hands before eating. For them it was a big no and against the law. Jesus got their point. But He exposed them to their hypocrisy because while they observe the external ritual of purification, their hearts are far from God. In other words, they do things only for the sake of fulfilling the law and not as an expression of love for God.

Again, when there is that aspect of love in everything that we do whether in dealing with our work, with our family or anybody, we end up appreciating what we do because we put our hearts into it. It becomes special even if it is a small thing and the more you appreciate it if you make others happy.

Life is indeed more meaningful when we learn to love and do things out of love.

Father Ron



What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mark Shablesky**, brother of Yatesboro parishioner Shirley Odooso, who passed away recently. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

The Sanctuary Candle in Kittanning is burning this week in **Birthdays Remembrance of Angie Turco** by Husband, Angelo Turco.

The Tabernacle Candle in Yatesboro is burning this week in **memory of Darlene Frantz** by Mark & Veronica Cecchi.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 28		Vigil
4:00 p.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	In Thanksgiving for the 60 th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry & Joyce Shuster by Family
6:00 p.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	Richard Kuffa by Family
Sunday, August 29		Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	For All Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 a.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	Leslie Firment by Bob & Peggy Skamai
Monday, August 30		Weekday
8:00 a.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	Living and Deceased Members of the Henry, Lavick, Levkus, and Prunty Families by Gary & Gerianne Prunty
Tuesday, August 31		Weekday
8:30 a.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	Deceased Parents of John & Jennie Hudak by John & Jennie Hudak
Wednesday, September 1		Weekday
<i>3:00 to 6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Kittanning</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<i>6:00 to 6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Kittanning</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
7:00 p.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	Angela M. Turco by Husband, Angelo
Thursday, September 2		Weekday
8:30 a.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	Peter Serbin (62 nd Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) by Wife, Donna
<i>9:30 to 10:30 am</i>	<i>Yatesboro</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Friday, September 3		Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	Raphla Jean Wasnak by David & Josie Dodd
Saturday, September 4		Vigil
4:00 p.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	John Ghezzi by Wife, Joanne
6:00 p.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	William & Adella Lazzeri, Sr. by William Lazzeri, Jr.
Sunday, September 5		Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	<i>Kittanning</i>	Barb Angelo by Husband, John & Grandchildren, Samantha, Nathan, Jacob and John
11:00 a.m.	<i>Yatesboro</i>	All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Helpful Phone Numbers

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg	724-548-1009
Divine Redeemer Regional Catholic School	724-763-3761
St. Mary Parish Hall Rental, Kittanning	724-548-7649
St. Mary/St. Gabriel Hall Rental, Yatesboro	724-783-7191
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline, Kittanning	724-543-2134
Prayer Chain, Yatesboro	724-783-6717 or 724-354-4545
Good Samaritan Ministry, Yatesboro	724-783-7936

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish News

Join Us for First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Wednesday, September 1
3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
6:45 p.m. Benediction

*To ensure a continuous presence during the Adoration,
please sign up on the sheet located in the church.*

**Come & spend some quiet time with the Lord.
Listen. Adore Him. Pray.**

Our Heartfelt
Congratulations to
**Pete and Susan
Benvenuti**

who celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on Saturday, August 21
at the 4 p.m. Mass
at St. Mary,
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Church, Kittanning.



Our Sincere
Congratulations to
Anika Iris Cobbett
Daughter of
Brandon & Marissa (Rivers)
Cobbett
who was baptized
on Saturday,
August 21, 2021 at
St. Mary, Our Lady of
Guadalupe Parish,
Kittanning.



American Red Cross would like to thank all who donated blood at recent Kittanning Community Blood Drive held on August 19 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Kittanning and helped make it a big success!



Blood Drive Goal - 22 Units
33 donors scheduled appointments
27 total units were collected
123% of the goal!!!
81 lives will be saved!!!

The most important statistic is the last one and could not be achieved without your support, the service of the CD of A and our partnership with St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Mark Your Calendar!

Our next Blood Drive will be held at
St. Mary Parish Hall, Kittanning on
Friday, October 1, from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is accepting donations of non-perishable food items for our local Food Bank in Kittanning. Your donations may be placed in the containers located in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to those most in need in our area.



Next meeting of the Knights of Columbus, Council #1011 will be held on Thursday, September 2, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SUMMER BONANZA RAFFLE

\$1,000 IN CASH PRIZES

1st Prize: \$300
2nd Prize: \$250 4th Prize: \$150
3rd Prize: \$200 5th Prize: \$100



\$2 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 12

Remember to return your raffle tickets!

*Ticket stubs may be returned to the Parish Office
in Kittanning via the offertory basket or mail.*

**The proceeds from this raffle directly benefit
our parish. Thank you for your support!**

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish News



ALTAR SERVERS – NEW AND OLD - SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH NEEDS YOU!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Saturday, September 11 – 7:00 p.m.



Fr. Ron will lead a special training session for all **new altar servers** as well as a refresher for **active servers and those who have not served recently.**



Boys and girls in Grade 3 through high school are invited to become servers.

Adults are also welcome to serve in this most important ministry.

Regardless of age, the ministry of altar server is an excellent opportunity to answer God's call to serve.



We wish those parishioners celebrating at least their 80th Birthday in September a very Happy and Blessed Birthday.

Faye Beresnyak 4th, Frank Duddy 12th, Janet Yanik 12th, Frances Kovalchick 16th, Marion Lucas 16th, Maryann Catanese 20th, Fred Mattilio 23rd, Frances Crownover 24th, Shirley Bailey 26th.

Please remember these parishioners in your prayers on their special day.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FAITH FORMATION

REGISTER TODAY!

Faith Formation registration packets were mailed this week to all families with children in our partner parishes attending public or private (non-Catholic) schools. If your child falls into this category and you did not receive the registration information in the mail, please contact the parish office in Kittanning or Yatesboro as soon as possible.

Parents, please take time this week to fill out the Faith Formation registration forms and return them to your parish office via mail or the collection basket.

Registration Deadline: September 13.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Or are you already Catholic but missing Sacraments?

You are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

This program is for:

1. Those who have never been baptized, who wish to become Catholic.
2. Those who have been baptized in a Protestant church, who wish to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
3. Those who have been baptized Catholic, but never made the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion and are ready to practice their faith.

Sessions will begin soon in our partner parishes.

For more information, contact the parish office in Kittanning at 724-548-7649 or in Yatesboro at 724-783-7191.

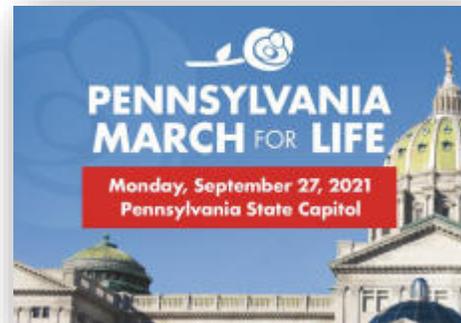


Special Collection September 4 & 5 to Help the Church and the People of Haiti

The USCCB has asked every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection to help the Church and the people of Haiti who were devastated by the earthquake that occurred there on August 14, 2021. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage across one of the poorest countries in the world.

The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2021.

Please pray for those who have lost so much, and thank you in advance for your generosity.



Buses planned for Pennsylvania March for Life September 27

Four buses, one from each county of the Diocese of Greensburg, are planned for those who would like to attend the Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, September 27, in Harrisburg. The day will include a rally on the Capitol steps and the march at noon. Those who would like to attend can register with one of the following coordinators/parishes: Armstrong County, Mary Anne Galonski, 724-664-4878; Fayette, Chuck Kosco, 724-437-3943; Indiana, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, 724-465-2210; Westmoreland, St. Agnes Parish, 724-863-2626.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of August 21 & 22

ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH KITTANNING

Weekend Offertory	\$2,659.00
Online Giving	\$1,344.50
Total:	\$4,003.50

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH YATESBORO

Weekend Offertory	\$2,522.00
Online Giving	\$310.00
Total:	\$2,832.00

Thank you for your support!



Annual Diocesan Collection for the Benefit of The Catholic University of America and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg This Weekend - August 28 & 29

The Catholic University of America is unique among the Catholic institutions of higher education as the national university for the Catholic Church in the United States. Its mission is to prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation who are formed in the Catholic tradition that faith and the intellectual life enhance each other.

This year fifty percent of this collection will be used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese where parents of students in our 12 schools sacrifice to send their children to a Catholic school because they recognize how important academics and Catholic values are to their child's lifelong success. Our Catholic schools are centered in Christ's teachings and Catholic doctrine. We recognize that each student is created with unique talents and intellect.

Please give generously!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 1-5, 2021

ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH, KITTANNING

	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	Lector	Cantor	Hospitality Ministers
Wed., Sept 1 7:00 p.m.			Patty Swartzlander		
Sat., Sept 4 4:00 p.m.	Ed Ashley	Dolores Croyle Carla Slanicka	Bruce Fleeger	Jim Gaggini	Penny Ashley Dolores Croyle
Sun., Sept 5 9:00 a.m.	Dylan Gaggini Michael Grantz	Bob Ashley Pete Benvenuti Cindy Milz	Damon Formaini	Emma Boylan	Cindy Milz Patty Swartzlander

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH, YATESBORO

	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	Lector	Cantor	Hospitality Ministers
Sat., Sept 4 6:00 p.m.	Derek Lybarger	Kathy Renosky	Rose Marie Andryka	Tami Bernot	Carmen & Vicki Gett
Sun., Sept 5 11:00 a.m.	Hunter Foster	Bob Skamai	Anna Skamai	Tami Bernot	Leslie, Sarah & Aaron DiMaio

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Purity is not an abstinence test

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). *"Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."*

Monday, Aug 30, 2021

Remember your name

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021

Hope works

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"*

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021

Living waters run deep

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

Thursday, Sep 02, 2021

Get unstuck

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"*

Friday, Sep 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Keep it all in balance

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."*

Saturday, Sep 04, 2021

The fruits of creation for all of creation

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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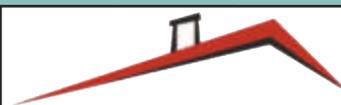
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