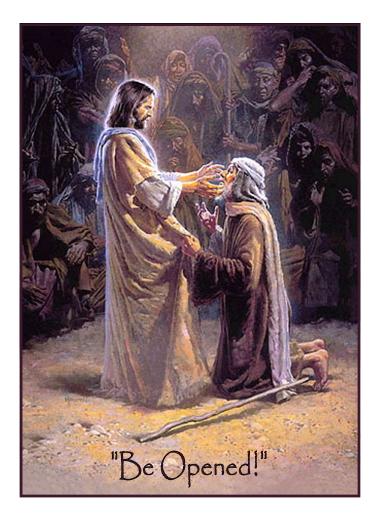


Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH

Mailing: Christ Our Light Parish Office, 701 Gomber Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725 Phone: (740) 432-7609 Fax: (740) 439-0800 Email: col office@catholicweb.com Website: www.christourlightparish.com

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 5, 2021



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Chapel. **BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays, inserts a week early, and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Live-Streamed Mass every day. "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH." HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m. And by Appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call

Fr. Hrezo for information. SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

| Pastor | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fr. Paul Hrezo | ohrezo@diosteub.org |
| Pastor Emeritus | |
| Fr. Robert D. Borerrd | laleb9940@gmail.com |
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| Sister Sharon Paul | 2 (cell-740-680-1297) |
| Sacristan / Events Coordinator | |
| Jacob Padden 740-421-1393, jpad | den@muskingum.edu |
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| Bulletin Deadline | Noon Wednesday |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bulletin Inserts must be sub | mitted at least one week early. |
| St. Benedict Church Social Ha | all 740-432-6751 x 123 |
| Parish Offices | 701 Gomber Avenue |
| Office Hours | |
| Convent | 319 North Seventh Street |
| Franciscan Sisters of Christian | |
| St. Benedict School | 220 North Seventh Street |
| Phone | |
| Web Site | www.stbenedictschool.net |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | |
| Web Site www.colsvdp.org | Phone 740-432-7609 x 207 |

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 5, 2021

| Saturday, September 4 | 5:00pm | SB | † Dorothy Lackney (Birthday, September 5) by Daughters and Sister, Edna |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| Sunday, September 5 (Tw | enty-Third 8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm | l Sunday SB SB SSPP | y in Ordinary Time) People of Christ Our Light Parish † Frank and Laura Yusup by Dan and Mary Ann Dzurec † Kate Diegmiller by Shirley Scholik and Family |
| Monday, September 6 (La | abor Day) 9:00am | SB | † Agnes, Irene and John Hodock by Clare Becker (Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cambridge, weather permitting) |
| Tuesday, September 7 | 8:35am | SB | † Tom Zembar by Family |
| Wednesday, September 8 | 8:35am | SB | † Deceased Members of the Christy, Kalill and Clemenson Families by Rosemary Christy Clemenson |
| Thursday, September 9 | 8:35am 9:45am | SB SB | † Fred Warner (Birthday) by Daughters, Karen and Barbara † Larry Michelli by Fr. Hrezo (School Mass, not open to the public at this time) |
| Friday, September 10 | 8:35am | SB | † Martin Lehotay by the Roger and Dorothy Vincent Family |
| Saturday, September 11 | 8:35am 5:00pm | SB SB | † Mike Long by Lila Webster People of Christ Our Light Parish |

Sunday, September 12 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

| 8:00am | SB | † Gilbert Barczak (Birthday) by Maria Barczak |
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| 10:30am | SB | † Madeline Warner (Birthday) by Daughters, Karen and Barbara |
| 12:15pm | SSPP | † Ted Bailey by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jirles |

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday and Sunday, September 11-12, 2021

| | Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m. | Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m. | Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m. | Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m. |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | Kathy Graham (B) | Theresa Poulos (B) | Deb Mingroni (B) | Becky Warner (B) |
| Lectors | Mike Kuklica | Nancy Hoffer | Gene Mailot | Cathy McIntire |
| Altar Servers | Ashlynn Kuklica | Samantha Delik | Kelly Goggin | Ben Jackson |
| | Elijah Kuklica | Patrick Ross | James Goggin | Volunteer |
| Ushers | Jacob Padden | Victor Orange | Alan Bay | David Casasanta |
| | Bill Ditto | Bud McCutcheon | Mark Anker | Eugene Duke |
| | Buddy Brill | Volunteer | Gary Klamut | - |
| | John Jamail | Volunteer | Anna Pavlov | |
| Cantors | Audrey Kuklica | Mary Schlacks | Choir | |



Labor Day Mass

Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Cambridge Monday, September 6, at 9:00 a.m. For your comfort, please bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church.

Table of Plenty

For the month of September, Grace Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce in cans, soups, and mac and cheese. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Marian Room.





Sunday, September 5

| Before Masses | Pro-Life Rosary |
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| | Monthly Collection for Those in |
| | Need |
| | Scrip and Reverse Raffle Ticket |
| | Sales (SB Marian Room) |
| 11:45am | Confession (SSPP Oratory) |
| | Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales |
| | (SSPP Oratory) |
| Monday, Septemb | · • / |
| | Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, |
| | Cambridge |
| | Samaritan Center Meeting (SB |
| cicopini | Conference Room) |
| Tuesday, Septemb | <i>,</i> |
| • • | Rosary (SB Church) |
| Wednesday, Septe | |
| | Rosary (SB Church) |
| | Eucharistic Adoration (SB |
| - | Chapel) |
| | Evening Prayer & Benediction |
| 4.50pm | (SB Chapel) |
| Thursday, Septem | · • • · |
| | School Mass (SB Church, not |
| 9.4.Jaill | open to the public at this time) |
| 6:20mm | Pro-Life Meeting (SB Marian |
| 0.50pm | U (|
| F | Room) |
| Friday, Septembe | |
| | Rosary (SB Church) |
| Saturday, Septem | |
| | Rosary (SB Church) |
| - | Confession (SB Church) |
| 6:00pm | Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (SB |
| | Marian Room) |
| Sunday, Septembe | |
| After Masses | Scrip and Reverse Raffle Ticket |
| | Sales (SB Marian Room) |
| 11:45am | Confession (SSPP Oratory) |
| 1:15pm | Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales |
| | (SSPP Oratory) |
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The Bereavement Haven <u>Will Not</u> meet this month.

If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please contact Fr. Paul Hrezo or Sue Anne Chewning for support.

(RCIA) Interested in the Catholic Faith?

On Thursday, October 13th, we will begin a course of instructions known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is not a "hard sell" program, but one which can allow the participant to explore



the Catholic Faith and their own faith needs. If you are interested in attending or know someone who is, please contact Fr. Paul at the parish office 740-432-7609, Traci Mitchell at 740-432-6751, or Jacob Padden at 740-421-1393.



The Pro-Life Committee

will meet September 9th in the Marian Room at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the upcoming "40 Days

for Life" campaign and more. Please join us in this ministry. Contact: Joyce 740-584-3780

Guernsey County Right to Needs Your Help at the Fair

The county fair is September 13-18. We will have our booth under the grandstand. **Volunteers to man the booth** are appreciated. We will adapt the shift schedule to your convenience. Each shift is given a pass for fair entry. Please call Ted at 740-680-1499 to schedule a time.

2021 Ohio Knights

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Pro Football Sweepstakes Fundraiser

- \$2,500.00 in Weekly Prizes
- \$25,000 in Total Prizes
- 23 chances to win per week for 10 weeks
- Tickets are only \$20: that equates to \$2 per week
- Each Ticket Provides 4 Random Pro Football Teams per Week
- Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus programs
- Contact a Knight or: John Sprouse 740-432-3254 Ron Engott 740-685-5759



With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

Larry Michelli



Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Justin Allen, Dorothy Bates, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Whitney Benson, Kathy Billi, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Diane Carkin, Patti Cartner, the Chesler Family, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mrs. Theresa Cochran, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Lucy Davis, Maxine Davis, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Morgan Ann Downerd, Karen Drabick, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Fran Frohman, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Judy Hayes, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Karen Jakubisin Hinrichs, Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally and Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, David and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Nate Kamban, William Kyser Jr., Dennis Landingham, Ron LaPage, Amara Larrison, Jane Larrison, Mary Long, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Larry Michelli, Haley Morris, Irvin Moxley, Florence Neff, Gerald O'Connor, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Dick and Frances Pavlov, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Joe Ravak, Donald Robinson, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe and Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Leibert Stanko, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Debbie Tostenson, Margaret Urdak, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Theresa Welker, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don & Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others, especially those connected to our parish: Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar,



Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray

Please Pray for our Priests

| September 5 | Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton |
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| September 6 | Rev. Dale Tornes |
| | Rev. John Mucha |
| September 7 | Rev. Timothy Davison |
| | Rev. Stephen Hwang, ec |
| September 8 | All Priests |
| September 9 | . Rev. Jonathan St. Andre, TOR |
| | Rev. Jonathan McElhone, TOR |
| September 10 | Rev. Timothy Shannon |
| | Rev. Vincent Huber |
| September 11 | Msgr. Donald Horak |
| | Rev. Timothy Kozak |
| September 12 | Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon |

Two Adorers Needed

Two scheduled Eucharistic Adorers are needed every Wednesday at the Noon hour beginning in September. If you would like to spend one hour a week with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, or if you would like to be on our substitute list please contact Fr. Hrezo at 740-432-7609.



The Mass of the Ages, the Latin Mass,

is celebrated every Sunday at noon in Steubenville. If you would like to carpool/caravan to attend this Mass, a group will be going September 19. We will leave from the Steubenville/Seventh Street parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Questions? Text Joyce at 740-584-3780.



Ticket Price: \$100.00 Only 100 tickets will be sold!



Tickets may be purchased after weekend Masses and at St. Benedict School.

Congratulations to Charlie Beaver the 1st \$50 winner!

Make checks payable to:

- St. Benedict School
- \$50.00 Weekly drawings for 10 weeks Tickets go back into the drawing. You can win more than once!
 Second Drawing Date: September 7, 2021

Grand prize will be awarded **Sunday, November 7, 2021** at St. Benedict Social Hall.

- A catered dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. to ticket holders.
- Guest meals available for \$15.00.
- When purchasing tickets, please indicate if you will attend the catered dinner.
- Additional \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the dinner.
- Dinner reservations are required by October 25, 2021.

For reservations & info, call:

- Nicole Forbes (740-338-9061)
- Jennifer Delik (740-255-4227).

Sponsored by the Leps Pride. Proceeds benefit St. Benedict School. Winners need not be present.

Mass of Anointing Sunday, September 26, 2021 2:30 p.m. at St. Benedict Church

This Mass is for Catholic parishioners in Guernsey County who are in need of physical, mental, spiritual, psychological or emotional healing. It is also for those weakened by age, facing surgery, or with a lifethreatening illness, a heart condition, or a chronic ailment. The Sacrament of the Sick is for healing, strengthening, and comforting.



Volunteers are needed to provide transportation. Please call Sister Sharon Paul (740-255-5912 or 740-680-1297) or the parish office (740-432-7609) if you can help.

This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.



Are You Ready for a Humanitarian Mission Adventure?

Hurricane Ida Response Volunteers are Needed!

Help strike back after disaster strikes. Become a volunteer with the **American Red Cross**. Volunteers are needed to train now and be ready to deploy:

- Shelter Service Associate In person shelter support to assist with reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks to help those we serve.
- Disaster Health Services Health professionals are needed in shelters to provide hands on care, health education, health assessments and additional health related support.

Visit: www.redcross.org/volunteertoday

Offertory for August 28-29, 2021

| Collection | \$5,060.00 |
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| Miscellaneous | 20.00 |

Weekly Budget Amount Needed.......\$9,000.00

READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 12, 2021

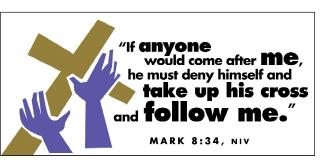
We hear a message we associate more with Lent than with Autumn. Jesus tells us we must deny ourselves and accept our crosses willingly. Each person carries their own personal cross, but in his letter, St. James writes that Christianity is not a private

relationship only between each person and God, but must involve the care of others. Let us ready ourselves to hear the voice of God speaking to us.

Our focus is the call to truly express our faith in Christ. It is of little use to say we believe in Christ but not in his cross, as St.

Peter seem to do in the Gospel reading. Acceptance of Christ means acceptance of his cross and also of our own cross in union with him. To reject the reality of suffering is to reject the reality of the crucified Christ.

In the reading from James, we are told that it is false to say we believe in Christ if we do not live as Christ lived, namely, for others. To reject the reality of service in the Chritian life is to reject the reality of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. Furthermore, James calls us to live knowing that Christ died for all. Therefore, we are all sisters and brothers of the same family, the Family of God in Jesus Christ!



Christ's death on the cross is the culmination of his life for others. For us, too, the cross and service must go together.

Isaiah 50:4c-9a The Suffering Servant. How have I suffered in my attempt to live out my faith?

James 2:14-18 Faith without works is dead.

Who witnesses to me their faith? How do they witness it?

<u>Mark 8:27-35</u>

If you wish to follow Jesus, you must take up your cross.

What is the main "cross" in my life?

Having our hearts and our intentions consistent with our actions: this is the hallmark of a disciple of Jesus. Our Sunday readings over the next several weeks, both in these chapters of the Gospel of Mark and in the Second Readings from the Letter of James, are about "discipleship formation."

What are some steps of Christian discipleship formation expressed in these readings?

<u>Step one</u>: have ears and hearts **open** both to listening attentively to God's word and to accepting God's word. <u>Step two</u>: **believe** in *Jesus* as the Messiah, the one who has been sent by the Father to save us from our sins; that's the very content of His word.

<u>Step three</u>: accepting God's mercy and being set free from our sins, we are to have the same **courageous compassion** for others, helping them to be open to our Lord's saving graces and be prepared for the gift of eternal life as well. This Sunday, September 5th, we hear in the Gospel about Jesus opening the ears of a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. The prophet Isaiah had foreseen that God would visit his people and his "vindication" would include healing. This healing would be of people's ears and hearts being opened, of their oppression ending (meaning especially oppression from sin and evil), and of new life bursting forth in places where it had not seemed possible before. This mirrors in a prophetic way the steps of discipleship.

Next Sunday, Jesus teaches us that a true disciple will have the *courage* and the *compassion* to take up their cross and follow him. It takes courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus in freedom from sin. It also takes compassion. As Jesus calls us to freedom from sin, he shows us the surprising way to grow more deeply into that freedom. Very often the cross we are called to bear is courageously offering mercy to someone against whom we'd rather hold onto a judgment. We sometimes find that as we grow in the wonderful experience of freedom from sin we grow impatient with the sins of others. "Why can't they see and appreciate the change I have experienced," we might say to ourselves, "and change from *their* sins?" St. James speaks very straight forwardly about compassion for the poor in our midst. So often when we see the poor we jump to the conclusion that it is their sinfulness that is the primary cause of their poverty. We are called, then, to offer assistance beyond material assistance. We try to offer assistance towards freedom from sin. That kind of assistance isn't always so readily accepted. That's where the courage, compassion and perseverance that feel like carrying the cross are needed. This is experienced as a grace – a gift that we receive and then hand on to others.

May the grace of God and the gift of being a community of faith help us to be open to the growth as disciples the Lord wants us all to experience, preparing us for the life of Heaven.

Pastor's Letter

Thank you very much for both the birthday prayers and greetings and the prayers for a quick recovery from the bout with the delta variant. These past two weeks have had such a complete range of experiences and feelings for me personally, for many others in the parish and for our nation as a whole! What a great blessing to celebrate a birthday with a First Friday Mass this past Friday. In fact, my understanding is that my mother had attended a Mass on a First Friday back in 1965, and soon after the Mass concluded she went into labor. That means that the last umbilical nutrition I received from her was fueled by the Eucharist!

Please continue to keep our parish as a whole in prayer for all who have been affected by the recent delta variant. I can attest both to the efficacy of the medical therapeutics available, the professionalism of the medical personnel in our area in responding to this virus and to how deeply lousy this coronavirus can make a person feel! The whole process of healing from the virus, with the effects of the virus and the impact of the therapeutics and medical care, was profoundly humbling!

Please note three changes in some upcoming plans.

First of all, we <u>are</u> still planning to go ahead with the photo sessions for a new picture directory. However, **the photo sessions have been moved to November** to be sure we have sufficient time to promote the sessions, to conduct the sign-up process more completely, and to give parish households time to plan for the photo sessions. Two of the sessions are the week before Thanksgiving, which should give some households an opportunity for college students to be home for the sessions as well.

Secondly, we are <u>not</u> planning to have our Bereavement Haven group next weekend and this month. There are enough delta variant concerns to warrant waiting for October for the next gathering. For those who might have some grieving issues this month, please feel free to contact me so that we can connect you with the support you need.

Finally, the journey to the Holy Land and Egypt is postponed for a third time! At this point, we're planning for June 2022. The situation there is facing the double concern of coronavirus cases in Israel and Palestine and the threat of terrorism in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt.

Bishop Monforton has asked that we participate next weekend, September 10th/11th, in a **national collection for the people of Haiti**, to help with earthquake rebuilding needs. As you know over 2,000 people died and more than 10,000 people were injured in last month's earthquake. We'll have other details developing in the next several weeks for our parish's connection with St. Elisabeth Parish in Caracol, Haiti, as well.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ help us to experience the transforming power of His mercy as He helps us to be always ready for the gift of eternal life in Heaven!

August Mass Attendance

Weekend Attendance

5:00 p.m. Saturday 79 8:00 a.m. Sunday 113 10:30 a.m. Sunday 130 12:15 p.m. Sunday 82

Average Attendance

| July 31 & Aug. 1 434 | |
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| August 7-8425 | |
| August 14-15 429 | |
| August 21-22 421 | |
| August 28-29 308 | |
| Weekly Average 403 | |

