



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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***MASS:***

***Wednesday 9:00 a.m.***

***Sunday 9:00 a.m.***

***Parish Pastoral Council:***

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## *Backyard-Kind-of-Guy*

Not that anyone would be particularly likely to demand it, but there was a time circa 1975-2016 that anyone seeking to describe yours truly might have legitimately said, "that man loved world travel."

Over those years I was privileged to visit some 20 countries, half on my own and the rest via the courtesy and cash of the Diocese of Youngstown, which funded my coverage of the diocesan pilgrimages. It was a special joy to have my spouse travel with me.

In any case, what brought this to mind was looking out our back kitchen window to the trees, grass, flowers and a stream below. Out of nowhere the words came to me: "You might once have been a world traveler, but now you're strictly a backyard-kind-of-guy."

I'll admit there was pride in my travel days as I enjoyed praying at holy sites, covering diocesan news made there, and savoring the photos and stories we captured there for the diocesan newspaper. Especially when I was in my mid-20s, my health permitted amazing forays over rugged terrain in places I can never dream of replicating in my 70s.

If we're talking genetics, my mother was the family hiker extraordinaire, my father the world traveler. I did not get my mother's gene; my father had been to 27 countries working on a steamer ship in the 1920s. Although I'm not wildly comfortable on the open seas, I did get Pop's genetics with a lust for travel, even if I always traveled in comfort and never got to see some of the exotic locales he did. Never rode horseback for two weeks in Glacier National Park in Montana like he did in the 20s either.

How this "world traveler" morphed into a "backyard-kind-of-guy" mystified me a bit until I recalled that my parents went through the same trajectory in life. Adventuresome and fit in their 20s and 30s, they had seven children, lived a full life, and ended up remembered by our relatives as two elderly silver-haired folks sitting side by side reading in living room chairs.

Life is all about phases and transitions; Ecclesiastes had it so right about there being "a time for everything" as I contemplate more and more often in my backyard these days.

—Lou Jacquet

## **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

**John J. Mikovich**

## *Pantry Needs Items For 7/30*

Fred and Shirley Merlo, in charge of our parish Food Pantry, urge parishioners to please donate from the enclosed list of items for the St. Vincent de Paul Community event on July 30 here at 5 p.m. Leave Items at back of church at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Items needed include:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly (jam)
- Personal and Paper products
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Granola Bars and the like
- Pasta and Jar Sauce
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Stuffing, Rice and Sides
- Anything else will also be greatly appreciated.

## *Community Outreach Scheduled*

Please be sure to mark Tuesday July 30 on your calendar from 5-6:30 p.m. for the St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Community Outreach evening in our gym.

Groceries, hot meals, and free clothing will again be offered to West Side residents at no cost. Dinners will be cooked by Father Jerek. Boxes of groceries will be available.

Parishioner Joe Vivacqua, an SVDP official, coordinates the event. Information (Joe): 330-506-0879.

### **Sunday, July 28**

**9:00 a.m.** Catherine Rosser

by Jack and Toni Shina

### **Wednesday, July 31**

**9:00 a.m.** Carol Ann Pilz by Joseph Pilz

### **Sunday, August 4**

**9:00 a.m.** Andrew and Mary Mayerchak

by Yurco Family

## **Please Pray For Our Sick**

**Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas**

## *Surprise, Surprise*



The 10th National Eucharistic Congress drew thousands and thousands of Catholics to Indianapolis, Ind., last weekend for four days of prayer, worship, talks by notable Catholics including Bishop Robert Barron and actor Jonathan Roume, who

portrays Jesus in "The Chosen," the series on the Apostles seen worldwide by millions.

A particular highlight of the event was an hours-long procession through the streets of downtown Indianapolis with thousands of participants and many, many persons lined up by the side of the road to pray (some kneeling on concrete) and worship as the Holy Eucharist was carried by held high. Many of those present for the procession and the powerful events

inside Lucas Oil Center had come from the four corners of the country. Among those were hundreds who had hiked from starting points across the nation.

This unforgettable event was carried live on the Eternal Word Television Network for four days. But surprise, surprise, it was completely ignored by NBC, CBS, ABC, MSNBC, CNN, and FOX and everyone else. It was as if an event that was attended by thousands in any downtown of a major U.S. city had never happened. Yet when a handful of protestors light fire to downtown buildings or shut down a city with openly committed crimes, the events are covered for days.

Such is the state of journalistic integrity in our country. As these networks would have it, if it is not covered by their cameras and commentators with their own slant on the news, it did not happen. Yet Jesus Christ, who was celebrated by thousands and ignored by the networks, will be with us when the industry that ignored anything to do with His honor will be forgotten from the earth.

— Lou Jacquet

## *Sunday's Scriptures: Unbelievable Abundance*

Today's readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time are from 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel of John 6:1-15.

Today's scriptures center around the topic of God's providence. As the psalmist says in Psalm 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs."

The history of God's people in the Old Testament gives multiple examples of God feeding those in need. In their journey through the wilderness the Israelites run out of food. God provided heavenly bread (manna), water from a rock, and quail to satisfy the peoples' hunger and thirst. His care is generous; there is always more than enough.

In our reading from the Second Book of Kings the people listening to Elisha need food. A servant brings to the prophet 20 barley loaves knowing that this is not enough to set before the crowd of 100 people. Elisha trusts in the Lord God and instructs his servant to just distribute it to the crowd. "For thus says the Lord, 'they shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over as the Lord had said. God's providence is generous and abundant.

The Gospel of John centers on the famous miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. The crowd has come to Jesus as He was curing the sick. It is near the Feast of Passover and they cannot buy food enough to feed such a large group. A young boy gives the Apostles all he has, five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus gives thanks to His Father and confidently passes out the loaves and fish. Not only is everyone fed, but 12 wicker baskets are filled with the leftovers.

These two miracle stories prepare us for the ultimate and life-transforming miracle. On the night before He dies, Jesus takes bread and wine and transforms them into His Body and Blood. Anyone who eats the bread which has become His body and wine which became His blood will live forever with Jesus.

This Eucharistic food nourished the Apostles not just one time on a physical level. It has also fed millions of Christians for over 2,000 years. His flesh is real food and His blood real drink, and we are made one with Him forever. That is unbelievable abundance. Thanks be to God.

— Geri Jacquet

## *Ministry Schedule*

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

**August: Jerry and Amy Kernan**

**September: Fred Merlo and Amy Pollice**

### **Lectors:**

**August: Rosie Marich**

**September: In process**

## *Filling The White Boxes*

The "We Care Sock and Underwear Drive" for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society is under way. All items collected will be distributed to youngsters in Mahoning County.

Parishioners are asked to bring packaged underwear and socks today and on August 4, and August 11 (the final day). Items needed are Boys and Girls packaged underwear for ages 3-18, sizes 3 Toddler to Adult XL; and Boys and Girls packaged socks for ages 3-18, size Toddler to Large.

Monetary donations payable to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" are also welcomed to purchase needed sizes. Contact: Joe Vivacqua, 330-506-0879.

## *Prayer to the Saints*

"Grant we pray, Almighty God, that the example of your saints may spur us on to a better life, so that we, who celebrate the memory of saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus may also imitate without ceasing their deeds. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever." Feast Day: July 29

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For July 2024 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of July 21, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$2,075.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$00.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$4,235.00

**3 week total \$15,555.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

**\$13,885.00 short**

**WE COUNT MEMBERS BECAUSE MEMBERS COUNT**

**Mass 9 a.m.**

**7/21- 102**



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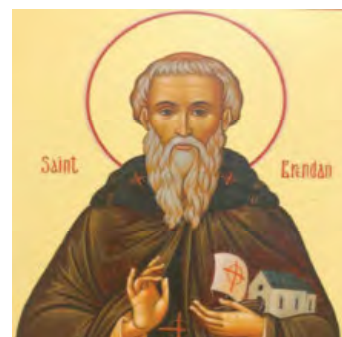
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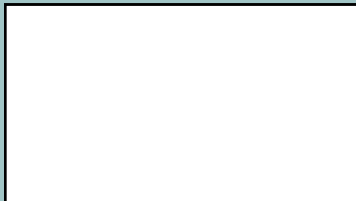
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