



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

Not In My Pew

Like most folks, I am a creature of habit. I tend to go through today much as I did yesterday and, God willing, much as I will tomorrow. That's probably why I tend to sit pretty much in the same pew every Sunday, give or take a pew or two.

But every now and then, feeling adventure-some, I'll move to a different part of the church to see how the liturgy looks from that angle. Or sometimes, I'll sit in a different part of the church so I can catch up after Mass with someone I need to speak to, but can't reach from where I usually sit.

It fascinates me that, in Catholic churches across America, people can be quite possessive about "my pew." This may reflect a time in decades past when some churches actually had pews reserved for certain families, most likely for their most generous benefactors or longest-living parishioners. You'd even see nameplates on the pews in certain cities, leading to inevitable skirmishes when a newcomer would inadvertently sit in a pew long since established as "belonging" to So-and-So.

As we all instinctively know, what matters is not where one sits, but the attitude and prayerfulness one brings to church in the first place. It's no easy task, in the midst of a busy week, to put ourselves into a spiritual frame of mind, one in which we can be receptive to the proclamation of the Scriptures and the homily before we focus on what is taking place at the Consecration. Making that shift from the frenetic pace of our day-to-day lives requires a genuine spirit of intentionality to quiet our minds and hearts before Mass begins.

In a larger sense, of course, none of us can really "possess a pew" because no matter what parish we belong to or where we sit, we are merely passing through. Inevitably, someone else will sit where we sit, pray where we pray, take our place as we move on in this spiritual journey toward the life to come.

Meanwhile, our worship experience can be greatly enhanced by taking time beforehand to read the Scriptures, especially the Gospel. You might say it's a question of detaching from our physical surroundings, pews included, to attaching to the awesome wonder of what is unfolding before us.

— Lou Jacquet

Pray For Our Faithful Departed

Judith Lazar

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 and brought to the site. Boxes of groceries will be available.

Parishioner Joe Vivacqua, an SVDP official, coordinates the event. Come to volunteer or simply to join the gathering. Information (Joe): 330-506-0879.

Ministry Schedule

July

Lector: Deborah Zalovcik

Eucharistic Ministers: Di Dultra, Deborah Zalovcik

August

Lector: Rosie Marich

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry and Amy Kernan

Please Turn in Keys

Father Jerek has asked that anyone who has a set of keys to the rectory, church or school should please turn them in at the rectory office Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thank you.

Sunday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Paul and Kathleen Limongi

By the Kinnick Family

Wednesday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Albert and Janette Forcier

By Lorraine Alarcon

Sunday, July 14

9:00 a.m. George and Mary Alyce Kinnick

By Kinnick Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

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

Schedule Your Masses Now

A very limited number of Masses are available to offer for your loved ones in the remainder of 2024.

Six Sunday Masses are available in November and December; about a dozen Wednesday Masses are available during the rest of the year.

Call Jackie Niznik, parish secretary, at 330-792-3875 Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) to schedule a Mass. The standard diocesan stipend is \$10 per Mass.

IHM Rummage Sale Set

The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Rummage Sale will be held July 19-20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and July 21, noon-4 p.m.

A large variety of home goods, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, furniture, clothing for all ages and more available. Foods, desserts and beverages available as well. Special cash bonus drawing: \$1000, \$500, \$250. Drawings begin 4 p.m. July 21. Large unique basket raffle and 50/50 drawing too.

Slovak Auction Seeks Fillers

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, at the site of the former St. Matthias Parish, is seeking donations for its annual Slovak Fest, to be held this year on August 11 at the parish.

Gift cards, baskets already made, and items that can be used to design a basket that will be put together are all helpful.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish rectory 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10, 17, and 24 or brought to the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Information: Denise Babik, 330-402-6023 for pickup arrangements.

Bishop's Golf Classic Date Set

The Second Annual Bishop's Golf Classic, benefiting seminarian formation and other needs, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, at the Youngstown Country Club. Register or sponsor today at doy.org/golf

Catholic Echo Seeking Recipes

The Catholic Echo Magazine, successor to the Catholic Exponent, would like to feature your favorite recipes in an upcoming print edition. All recipes are welcome. Recipes prioritized for which the Echo staff can find photos to accompany the entries. For more information or to submit a recipe, email catholicecho@youngstowndiocese.org

Sunday's Scriptures: A Faith Beyond Mere Practice

Today's readings for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time are from Ezekiel 2: 2-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Gospel of Mark 6:1-6.

Our culture has a bad habit of thinking that faith is simply believing that God exists. We often hear, "Oh, I believe in God" as if that is enough. Faith is not the simple intellectual certitude about the existence of God or Christ.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is sent by the Lord to the Israelites, who are described by God as "rebels who have rebelled against Me...hard of face and obstinate of heart...." Although Ezekiel's mission is difficult, he is commanded to speak in the Name of the Lord God. God further warns him that "whether they heed or resist...for they are a rebellious house...they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

In the Gospel for today, Jesus came to the town of his childhood and, on entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, begins to teach the people. Even though they are astonished at His knowledge and authority, they refuse His message. They justify their obstinance by reasoning that He is the boy they knew, the son of Mary

and Joseph: "And they took offense at Him. Jesus said to them, 'a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin.' As a result He was unable to perform any mighty deed there."

The Israelites in our passages today would have insisted that they had faith. They had a very basic intellectual level of faith that told them that they were the Chosen People and that they believed in the one true God. And yet, when God asks them to commit to a deeper faith which will demand a conversion, change of customary attitudes, and submit their lives to this awesome God, they harden their hearts. The great prophet Ezekiel and even greater prophet Jesus are sent, but they want to remain complacent with only a narrow and simple faith that does not cost them anything.

Where is our faith today? Is it deepening and growing in trust and dependence on God? Or stagnant and lacking in fervor? Perhaps the prayer to the Holy Spirit would help: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and rekindle in us the fire of your love. Amen."

— Geri Jacquet

Dor. Day House Seeks Volunteers

The Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, which provides services to the homeless and low-income in the Youngstown community, is looking for volunteers. We offer an evening meal service on Mondays through Wednesdays, with plans to begin a Thursday evening meal service at the end of July. We also have a need for volunteers to assist us with showers on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Dan at 330-770-3061, or email at: ddhyoungstown@gmail.com

Ox Roast Set in Mantua

St. Joseph Church in Mantua will hold its annual Ox Roast Fair July 19, 6-11:30 p.m.; July 20, 1-11:30 p.m. and July 21, noon-10 p.m. Sit-down dinners in hall; live entertainment; Friday night fireworks; rides, games, contests and raffles; truck, tractor and semi pulls; trade booths; handicap accessibility. Information: www.stjosephmantua.com/ox-roast-fair or call Marcy Fleming, 330-274-2253.

Shrines of Italy Tour Offered

A 14-day "Shrines of Italy and the Holy Stairs" trip with Deacon Michael Balchus will be held Oct. 2-15 with Catholic Cruises and Tours.

Visit the most-visited shrines in Italy, attend Mass, experience the Holy Shroud Museum, visit the papal summer residence, attend the candlelight procession at St. Padre Pio's San Giovanni Rotondo in Pietrelcina, attend a papal audience, and travel to Turin, Pavia, Pompos, Ravenna, Rome, Mont Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Cascia and Rome. Land starts at \$3,399 based on double occupancy. Call 1-860-399-1785.

Prayer to St. Benedict

"O God, who made the Abbot St. Benedict an outstanding master in the school of divine service, grant, we pray, that, putting nothing before love of You, we may hasten with a loving heart in the way of your commands. 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 11. Died c. 550



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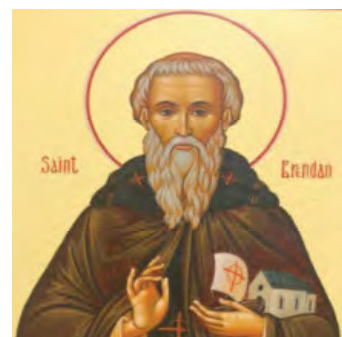
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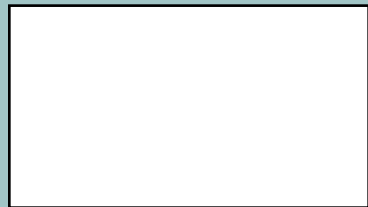
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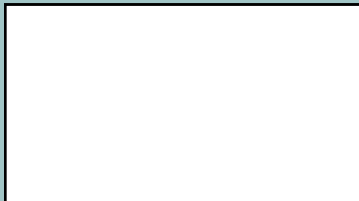
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