



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



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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***

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## *An Under-Appreciated Role*

It's hard to believe that it has already been a year since the Diocese assigned Permanent Deacons Ron Layko and Mark Kiraly to St. Brendan's as part of a team also serving at St. Christine and Our Lady of Sorrows parishes.

Like so many Permanent Deacons, these men have gone about their ministry quietly, efficiently and prayerfully. Their friendly presence has been a true blessing for our parish. It has also reminded me of a path my life might have taken but did not.

Like most Catholics, I had been well aware of the presence of Permanent Deacons in many of our parishes since the Church restored this ancient ministry following the Second Vatican Council. After I came back to Youngstown in 1991 and joined St. Brendan's, Father Richard Brobst asked me to consider applying for the diaconate program run by the Diocese. It just so happened that I had made a few weekends unofficially studying with what was then the current class, so I had some familiarity with the program and its demands. The men I had met impressed me deeply with their spirituality and faith knowledge.

But at the time, my life was filled with other pursuits, and I did not feel I was called to the Permanent Diaconate. I also carried some baggage from seeing how Permanent Deacons were looked upon by some members of the clergy in other dioceses where I had worked in the Catholic press. In a word, they were sometimes seen as "second class clergy" and that bothered me.

For reasons now clouded by the years, I never applied for admission. But I always continued to admire the role of the Permanent Deacon and many of the men who have served in our Diocese. Permanent Deacons are most prominent in their role at weekend Masses, which often involves preaching duties. But many of the men hold down full-time jobs in addition to serving their parish in non-liturgical roles, too. Depending on their background, some teach CCD, lead Youth Ministry, or handle sacramental prep. All of that in addition, in many cases, to their primary role as spouses and fathers.

That the Permanent Diaconate has been an under-appreciated role at times is not in doubt. But with men like Deacon Ron and Deacon Mark, there is plenty to appreciate about their service to the Church and to our parish.

— Lou Jacquet

## *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 21**

**9:00 a.m.** Daniel and Brian Patrick by Family

### **Wednesday, July 24**

**9:00 a.m.** George and Mary Alyce Kinnick  
by Family

### **Sunday, July 28**

**9:00 a.m.** Catherine Rosser  
by Jack and Toni Shina

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

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

## *June 30 Fish Event at St. Christine*



**Thanks to the generosity of Fr. John Jerek, this year's St. Brendan Fish Dinner Crew was treated to an Appreciation dinner on Sunday June 30 at the St. Christine Parish Hall. Some 50 crew members enjoyed the event. Photos by Deb Zalovcik**

## *Happy 30th Birthday, Bible Study!*

There was a diocesan survey conducted some years ago in which our parishioners were asked to list areas of parish life that needed to be added. Several members of our parish listed "a Bible study".

This came as a surprise to Geri Jacquet, who had been running Bible studies at the parish since 1993. Over 30 years, dozens of parishioners' lives have been enriched by these 90 minute sessions of Scriptural exploration and application.

The studies developed in response to the request of some sponsors and candidates of the RCIA program, who had enjoyed the RCIA and the friendships formed and longed for more study. They suggested the Bible as a topic.

That was 1993 at the time. Geri was director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry in addition to Music Director/organist.

Some of the initial members were Barb and Chuck Colantone, Ed and Nancy Bielik, Barb and Ralph Perry, Mary Sabo, Louise Ruchtie, Rose Dunlap, Janette and Rick Koewacich, Carol and Joe Pilz, and Geri and Lou Jacquet. Members met in each other's homes.

As the years went on, some members left for reasons of health or jobs or family and were succeeded by new members, including Deb Brown, Joe Kachurek, Sonny and Judy Lazar, Barb Dunlap, Carol Martin, Sue Pasquale, Mickey Stas, Muriel Galias, and Mary Capogreco. Members of other parishes also joined in.

More recently, newer members have included Butch Frank, JoAnn Yurcho, Rosemary Cervone, Adrianna and Tony Slivkoff, Jack and Toni Shina, and John Tokar and Chris Benson from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

With an outpouring of God's grace, some of the people at St. Brendan's have been enriched by the Bible for 30 years, with the exception of 2020, when Covid struck the world.

While all of this was happening, two other Bible studies were likewise held at our parish, one facilitated by Fr. Bill Loveless and the other by Joan Lawson during her time as Religious Education director here.

The Bible study now meets on Wednesday mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass. Meetings are held in the rectory. All are welcome to come, join and grow!

## *Filling The White Boxes*

By now you have probably noticed the two big white boxes and display at the entrances to the church.

It's part of the "We Care Sock and Underwear Drive" for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, being coordinated at St. Brendan's by Joe Vivacqua for the next couple of weeks. All items collected will be distributed to youngsters in Mahoning County.

Parishioners are asked to bring packaged underwear and socks today and on July 28 , 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" and dropped into the Sunday collection are also welcomed to purchase needed sizes. Contact: Joe Vivacqua, 330-506-0879.

## *Prayer to St. Mary Magdalen*

"O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalen before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come see Him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: July 22

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

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

### **Week of July 14, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$3,922.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$105.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$6,187.00

**2 week total \$11,320 .00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

**\$18,120 .00 short**

**WE COUNT MEMBERS BECAUSE MEMBERS COUNT**

**Mass 9 a.m.**

**7/14- 100**



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### *MISSION STATEMENT*

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God by living the Gospel,  
celebrating the sacraments  
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

### *PARISH STAFF*

#### **Pastor**

Father John Jerek

#### **Parochial Vicar**

Father Stephen Zeigler

#### **Parish Office Manager**

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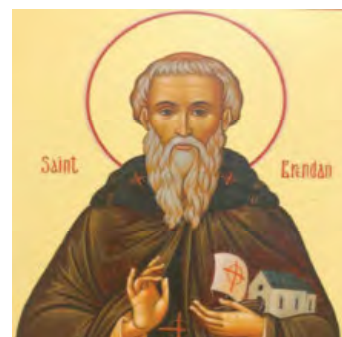
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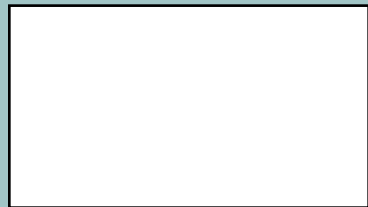
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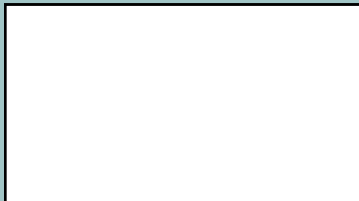
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