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August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. (Proverbs 9: 1-6).

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: Be filled with the spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5: 15- 20).

GOSPEL: I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6: 51-58).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Sunday's Scriptures are especially timely, as the United States has embarked on a Eucharistic Revival. The media has been full of stories of processions and liturgies, of monstrances raised and heads bowed, as Catholics have reaffirmed faith in the Blessed Sacrament. We've seen dramatic images from around the country of people falling to their knees in devotion. It's helped to remind us that the bread of life is also the bread of love. We have been blessed these months with many opportunities to realize anew the singular power of this extraordinary gift: Christ himself, coming to us in something as simple as bread. "This," Jesus explains, "is the bread that came down from heaven." But as much as this Sunday's readings are an affirmation of faith, they are also an invitation. "Taste and see," the psalmist says, "the goodness of the Lord." "The one who feeds on me," Jesus adds, "will have life because of me ... whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Lector	<u>Saturday – Aug 24th</u> Volunteer	9:00AM Lector:	<u>Sunday – Aug 25th</u> Linda Lopez
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 19th – Aug 25th)

MON	08/19	7:00AM. . . + M/M Joseph & Therese A Tran – M/M Thien Tran
TUES	08/20	7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar)
WED	08/21	7:00AM. . . . For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gard;ill Family – (Family)
THURS	08/22	7:00AM. . . + Mrs. Theresa Luyen Tran – (M/M Thien Tran)
FRI	08/23	7:00AM. . . + Louise Ann Maser – (Eleanor Beltz & Family)
SAT	08/24	5:30PM. . . . Pro Populo
SUN	08/25	9:00AM. . . + Holy Souls of Purgatory – (Bob Kuhns)



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Stewardship Reflections: Jesus said to the crowd, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...” We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement – eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give – Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS August 10th & 11th, 2024

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,459.00
Monthly	\$ 45.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne’s Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

KOC Council 10409 is having CPR, AED and First Aid Training on Sept 21st from 9AM – Noon in the St Therese Church Hall. Training is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost \$15 per person. Contact Joe Hochstein at 814-536-0455 or Brian Mikolich at 814-418-4570 to register and pay fee.



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2024 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.**

Couples may attend Sunday, **Sept 8 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday, **Sept 15 in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 27th.

The Lazer Room a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial manufacturer, is offering to contribute a percentage of 20% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line to <https://thelazerroomstore.com> or <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLazerRoom>. Do not forget to use the code – (St Anne) **SAN20**

Catholic Ministries Drive Encountering Christ.

Thank you to all the families who have pledged through **July 31st** a total of **\$4,450** towards our target goal of **\$8,276**. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne’s Parish.



We would like to extend a great Big Thank You to our Knights of Columbus council #10409 for purchasing the new tables for Church Hall. Your financial support that you offer our parish is extremely appreciated. May God’s Blessing be with you all.



American Red Cross

Thank you for your donation.

The KOC council #10409 along with the Hutchison Family would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Blood Drive in honor of Dan. In only a few hours we were able to collect 18 units!! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who made the drive run so smoothly, thanks for all your help.



Chrisitan Mothers will be taking orders for “**RADA**” thru the month of **August**. Catalogs can be found in the back of Church. Please submit your order with payment in the collections jar, or to any Christian Mother. Many items have been discounted in this catalog. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Olshefski.

Community News & Events

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is inviting parishes to their upcoming speaker series with Fr. David Michael Moses on Wednesday, **Sept 4** at 7 PM. Fr. David is from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and is very popular on social media and works extensively for Pro-Life Efforts. On **Sept 23 & 24** at 7 PM, Fr. Dan Reehil from the Diocese of Nashville will be giving a parish mission. He was a former Wall Street banker who had an amazing reversion experience back to the Catholic Church. He is now the exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville.

On Monday, **Oct 7** at 7 PM Jessica Cox will be giving a talk on her Catholic Faith. This remarkable woman is a motivational speaker, martial artist, and airplane pilot, and she does all this with no arms. Please mark your calendars now and take part in these three missions.

Families and the Gospel

John 6: 51-58

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

SAVE THE DATE!-- A Women's Day of Reflection

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Award Winning Author and Speaker, Liz Kelly for A Women's Day of Reflection, "Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament" This one-day event will be held from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Sept 28, 2024. The day will start off with taking a fresh look at the encounters that women had with Jesus while you grow in confidence and skill praying with Scripture and making the Gospel your own. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This event is Free and open to all, A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

ABORTION; "The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Tim Francis, a national speaker out of Fort Worth, Texas, who gives parish missions on Eucharistic Miracles and how the science has led people to faith, will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Saturday, September 14th** following the 6 PM Mass from 7:30-10:00 PM and Sunday, September 15th following the 5 PM Mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, September 16th from 6:00-8:30 PM at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel

40 HOURS DEVOTION at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly (608 Main Street). All are invited to 40 Hours Devotion in Lilly on the following days: Sunday, September 8th to Tuesday, September 10th Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a Devotional Service each evening at 7:00pm. Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. will be the guest Presider and Homilist each evening. Confessions will be offered at the end of each Devotional Service. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY –

St. Francis of Assisi will have a Fish Fry on **Friday, September 13th**, at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, NO SUBSTITUTIONS) will be offered from 11AM until 1:00 PM (TAKE OUT ONLY). The full menu will be served from 2:00PM – 6:00PM, eat-in or takeout.

Meals will be served while supplies last.

****DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED!!****

