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August 25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

- FIRST READING:** Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).
- PSALM:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
- SECOND READING:** Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).
- GOSPEL:** Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In the Gospel today, the disciples ask Jesus, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" While he is speaking of the Bread of Life, that we must partake of his Body and Blood to see salvation, his lesson should not be lost on us. Christ has taught us the path to his Father. St. Paul, in his letter, is helping to illuminate that path. The path to holiness and to follow Christ is hard. Many followers of Christ have abandoned him, just as they did in today's Gospel. As a human being, I can imagine the pain in Christ's heart as he turns to his apostles and asks, "Do you also want to leave?" It would do us well to remember the words of St. Peter's response. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." When we encounter teachings that challenge us, such as today's teaching from St. Paul, we must remember that all that is in scripture is for our salvation. They are the words of eternal life. Sometimes they take some time to comprehend. But where else would we go? There is no other path to salvation.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM
Lector

Saturday – Aug 31st
Ed Olshefski

9:00AM
Lector:

Sunday – Sept 1st
Denise Lakatos

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 26th – Sept 1st)

MON 08/26 7:00AM. . . + Msgr Joseph O'toole – M/M Thien Tran
TUES 08/27 7:00AM. . . + Sophie Mulvehill – (Marian Oravec)
WED 08/28 7:00AM. . . + Sue & Frank Karmanocky – (Family)
THURS 08/29 7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Membes of the Family of Cirila Graicar
FRI 08/30 7:00AM. . . + Mr. John Binh Pham – (M/M Thien Tran)
SAT 08/31 5:30PM. . . + (B) Matthew Schlosser – (Family)
SUN 09/01 9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)



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Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today challenge us to reflect on how we are living as disciples of Christ. They offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make radical changes in our lives – reminding us to serve only our one Lord and to serve our spouse and our family faithfully.

With these readings in mind, we must strive each day to live intentionally as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment – incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal where to go next.

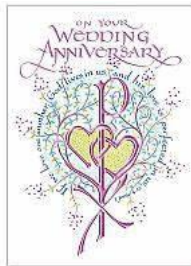
Today, let us pray for the strength to live our lives as Joshua proclaimed, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
August 17th & 18th, 2024

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,304.00
Monthly	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 256.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Initial Offer	\$ 2.00

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!



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.

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/person. Contact Joe Hochstein at 814-536-0455 or Brian Mikolich at 814-418-4570 to register and pay fee.

The Christian 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 basket, or to any Christian Mother. Many items have been discounted in this catalog. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Olshefski.

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.**

Community News & Events

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!

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.

Families and the Gospel **John 6: 60-69**
Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult,” He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.” is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.