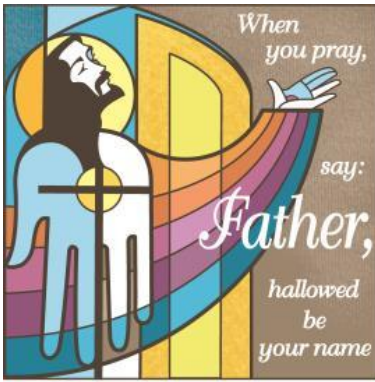


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July 27, 2025

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Today’s Scripture Readings

**FIRST READING:** Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32)

**PSALM:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**SECOND READING:** Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

**GOSPEL:** Jesus speaks of God’s sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION: CONVERSATION WITH GOD**

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord’s Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke’s Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being.

Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Lector:	Linda Lopez	Lector:	Denise Lakatos

### Mass Intentions for the Week: (July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>)

MON	07/28	7:00AM. . . + John & Maria Hoa Pham— (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
TUES	07/29	7:00AM. . . + Betty Dukery— (Family)
WED	07/30	7:00AM. . . + Ed Pavlosky— (Family)
THURS	07/31	7:00AM . . . + For Deceased Members of the family of Cirilia Graicar
FRI	08/01	7:00AM. . . + Matilda & Martin Simcic
SAT	08/02	5:30PM. . . + Martha Lopez— (Sam & Chris Wisor)
SUN	08/03	9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek— (Ester & Hank Hughes)

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Stewardship Reflections:

The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today’s readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others. The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer. In this passage, some of Jesus’ disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus offers them the beautiful prayer which we call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward’s prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours) and that His kingdom come (not ours). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more “basic” for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door. He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go and be a blessing to others. Stewardship is really just that simple.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS  
July 19<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,222.00
Poor Box	\$ 120.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 20.00

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 is sponsoring a Blood Drive in memory of **Dan Hutchison on August 8, 2025 from 11:30 - 5PM**. For an Appointment, Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StTherese or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



St. Therese Grand Prize Drawing

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000	- Marge Hutchison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize -- \$ 500	- Ron Podvojsky
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$ 300	- Judy Mislavovich
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$ 100	- Pam Gehlmann
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$100	- Fr. Balestino

We would like to thank everyone for making this Raffle drawing a Success!!!

A Family Perspective (Luke 11:1 - 13)

Today’s gospel guarantees if we “ask” we will “receive,” perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust “Our Father.”

Mass for Graduating Seniors & Their Families --

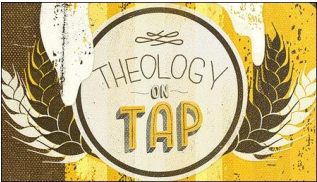
Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors **at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM**. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.

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 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.

Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 28 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 Friday, September 12th.

Community News & Events

**BASKET RAFFLE: Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore** will host a basket raffle on Sunday, July 27 from 12-2 PM with 200+ baskets, small games of chance, and homemade hot concessions. 185 Church Hill Road, Wilmore.



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Theology on Tap on August 8<sup>th</sup> is a Rosary and Bonfire at Greenhouse Park at 6pm, and August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hike at Laurel Highlands Trail Route 56 Trailhead. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com).