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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

FIRST READING: — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

SECOND READING — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

GOSPEL — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46])

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: A SHARE IN GOD’S KINGDOM -- Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today’s first reading: “Ask something of me and I will give it to you” (1 Kings 3:5). Today’s parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, “A share in your kingdom, O God!” Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God’s kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	07/27		
TUES	07/28		
WED	07/29		
THURS	07/30		
FRI	07/31		
SAT	08/01	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	08/02		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 27th– Aug 2nd)

MON	7/27.....	7:50AM.....	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
TUES	7/28.....	7:50AM.....	+ (B) Margaret Friedman – (Daughter, Patty)
WED	7/29.....	7:50AM.....	+ Jim Udouch – (Family)
THUR	7/30.....	7:50AM.....	+ Matilda Simcic – (Family)
FRI	7/31.....	7:50AM.....	+ (WA) Jack Trabert – (Karen Lehman)
SAT	8/01.....	4:00PM.....	+ (WA) Bill & Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
SUN	8/02.....	7:30AM.....	+ (B) Ethel Petek – (Family)
		... 10:30AM.....	+ (A) Zach Bretz – (Family)

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

When we pursue Godly - rather than worldly - priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading from Romans, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." All things - not just the major, life-altering decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(July 18th – July 19th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3,651.00
Building Fund		\$ 60.00

Religious Ed Registration News



All students entering our program will need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include all students in the ninth grade - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.



Weather permitting, Fr Karmanocky will have Sunday Mass at 10:30 outside in the breezeway. Please bring your lawn chair



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **73** families who have pledged as of June 30th a total of **\$11,820.00** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Fr Bernards hope is for parishioner participation; we are now at **31.06% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full



Cash Give-a-Way

We are selling tickets for a
CASH GIVE- A- WAY

Winning number taken from first PA Pick 3
Drawing at 7PM the month of October 2026.
Tickets are \$10.

You can purchase tickets before all Masses or call the office if you would like a couple to sell.
This is a church Fundraiser

We will be hosting ta group from the **Holy Grotto Wood Carving group** from the Holy Land on **Aug 8th & 9th**

Christian families in the Holy Land continue the ancient tradition of carving olive wood, using trees grown in the land where Jesus lived and walked. Today, these families face great challenges, and this craft remains one of their primary sources of income. Your support through the purchase of these handmade items helps sustain their faith, their families, and their presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for standing with them in prayer and love.

A work of Faith & Hope.

Families and the Gospel Matthew 13: 44-52
The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. Aug. 12th at 3pm and also 6:30pm. Don't hesitate! Come join us and bring a Friend! Best HOUR, well spent, that goes so quickly !!