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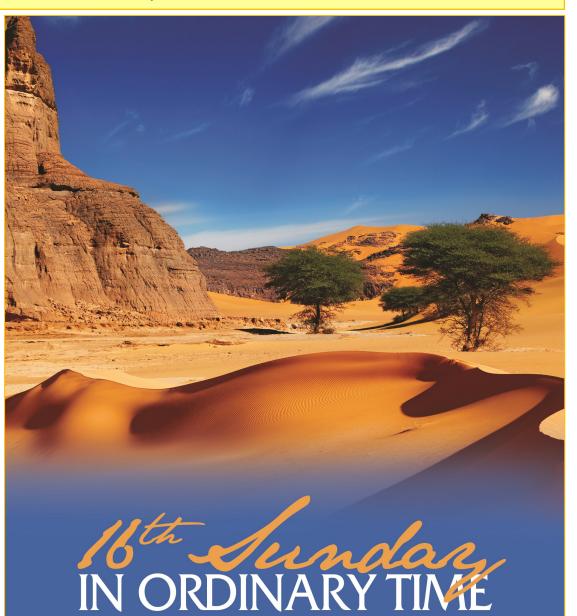
SUNDAY JULY 18 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE Weekend Masses Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon Weekday Masses Monday: 7:30 am Tuesday: 9:00 am Wednesday: 7:30 pm Friday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 9:00 am PARISH STAFF Pastor Fr. Richard Allen Deacon Mr. Frank Hannah Director of Religious Education Mr. Joseph Ranelli **Director of Adult Education** Mrs. Kathy Higgins Liturgy/Music Coordinator Mrs. Gretchen Wagner Secretary Mrs. Carrie Hannah **Religious Education Secretary** Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak **Business Manager** Mrs. Ann Miller



He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34	
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42	
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50	
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9	
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23	
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30	
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15		

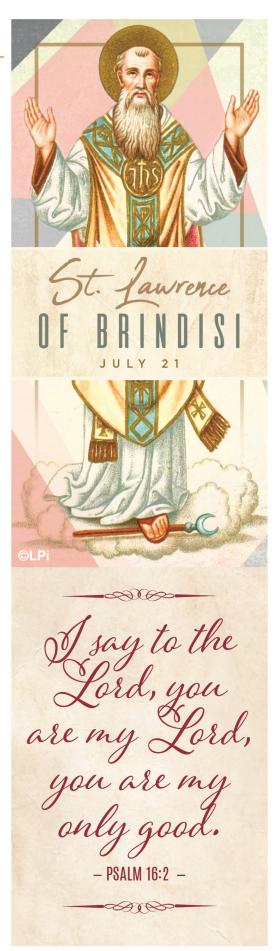
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday:	St. Mary Magdalene	
Friday:	St. Bridget, Religious	
Saturday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM	
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?





FIRST READING

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)



PSALM The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)



SECOND READING

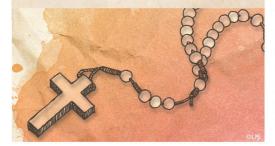
In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)



GOSPEL

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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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



MON 7/19 7 ³⁰ AM	Patrick Mastrian
TUES 7/20 9AM	Eric Radachy [Emil & Lisa DeBonis]
WED 7/21 7 ³⁰ AM	Msgr. Max Karg
THU 7/22 5 ³⁰ PM	Margaret Muncey Schneider [Emil & Lisa DeBonis]
FRI 7/23 9AM	Mary Rose Szugye [Jerry & Ginny Viselli Family]
SAT 7/24 9AM	Bob Nicolls
SAT 7/24 4PM	Mary & Louis Szugye [Marianne Bianco]
SAT 7/24 6PM	John & Dorothy Meier [Daughter, Mary Tyillian]
SUN 7/25 8AM	Mass for the People
SUN 7/25 10AM	JoAnn "Kitty" & Michael Henry [Jim, Kathy & Liam Ryan]
SUN 7/25 12PM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory



Connor Heinz Koch, June 27, 2021 Son of Karl Koch and Brittany Marrie

Raelynn and Brodie Harmocy, June 28, 2021 Daughter and Son of Lauren Burcham

Altar flowers this weekend are donated In thanksgiving to God and in Memory of

Robert Michael Stawaisz

On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family

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William L. White, Sr. [the anniversary of his birth and death] On Behalf of: The Family

MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that most of the covid restrictions have been lifted and we move back into our somewhat normal setting during Mass, we are in need of more help in all ministries; Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries during a Mass time of your choice, please call the parish office 724-981-5566.

Training will be provided.

WE NEED YOU!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

> Thomas Robert Zorzi Kathleen Chittenden

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.



SAT 7/24 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara

EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / C. Esmond A. Scoccia / T. Spatara ALTAR SERVER M. Becker

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M. Tarbay

C. Boren

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SAT 7/24 6PMLECTOREUCHARISTIC MIN.J. FeeneyEUCH. MIN. NEEDED

SUN 7/25 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey

SUN 7/25 10AM

SUN 7/25 12PM

LECTOR NEEDED

LECTOR K. Wagner

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EUCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / A. Joseph T. Pagiaroli / R. Vetica

EUCHARISTIC MIN. M. Ballish / A. Costar

K. Davenport / M. Goncz

EUCHARISTIC MIN. S. Hohman / M. Hohman R. McGoff ALTAR SERVER
SERVER NEEDED

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **salad dressings**. The upcoming item will be juices and powdered drinks.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." (Mark 6: 31) Sometimes vacations can be busy and full of visiting people. That's not bad, but is your marriage in need of some quiet time away together - just by yourselves?

HOME ENTHRONEMENT

Home Enthronement is a form of consecration of the home and family to Jesus and his Blessed Mother. This three to seven day experience is an opportunity for a family to spend time each day in prayer together and is meant to be a reminder that the home is a place of holiness, and that the family is meant to imitate the love, devotion and self-sacrifice modeled by Jesus and Mary.

An interested family receives a statue honoring The Immaculate Heart of Mary for the number of days chosen and is given a series of devotions to pray together during the days of consecration. At the end of those days, Fr. Allen and a lay volunteer arrive with a statue honoring The Sacred Heart of Jesus and will stay for a prayer service that includes a blessing of the home and family.

If you are interested in scheduling this prayer experience, please call our parish office at 724-981-5566.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WHAT IS RCIA? THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

IS RCIA FOR ME? If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, please call Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund
Budgeted Received

Peter's Pence

\$40.800

Received \$39,112 \$739

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

TAKE OUT ONLY

Sunday, July 25 11:30am to 2:00pm St. Anthony Church 804 Idaho St., Sharon [use Sherman Ave. entrance] Dinner Includes: 1/2 Chicken ● Green Beans ● Croatian Potato Salad \$12

Whole Chicken Only **\$10** Haluski

PRE-ORDERS ONLY To place an order call: 724-342-2489 or 724-347-2721

Croatian Potato Salad **\$4**

\$4

Deadline to place an order is Monday, July 19 If you are fully vaccinated masks not required.

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	314
Amount of Pledges	\$119,385
Amount Received to Date	\$80,740



Bethany Retreat Center 1031 Germania Rd. Frenchville, PA 6836

EATS & SWEET TREATS! Wide variety of foods * drinks * blueberry pie Belgian waffles w/ice cream & blueberry sauce *Blueberries for Sale

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

July 31st / 10am to 7pm

FAMILY FUN Pick Your Own Blueberries * Silent Raffle * 50/50 Arts & Crafts for Kids * Hand Painting * AND MORE

> LIVE MUSIC Featuring Local Christian Bands Heavenbound from 2—4pm and A Day Awaits beginning at 4pm

Bring a lawn chair or blanket

For more information call 814-263-4855 or visit us online at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org