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SUNDAY AUGUST 13 2023

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am and 11 am
Weekday Masses
Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
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PARISH STAFF

<u>Pastor</u>

Fr. Richard Allen <u>Deacon</u>

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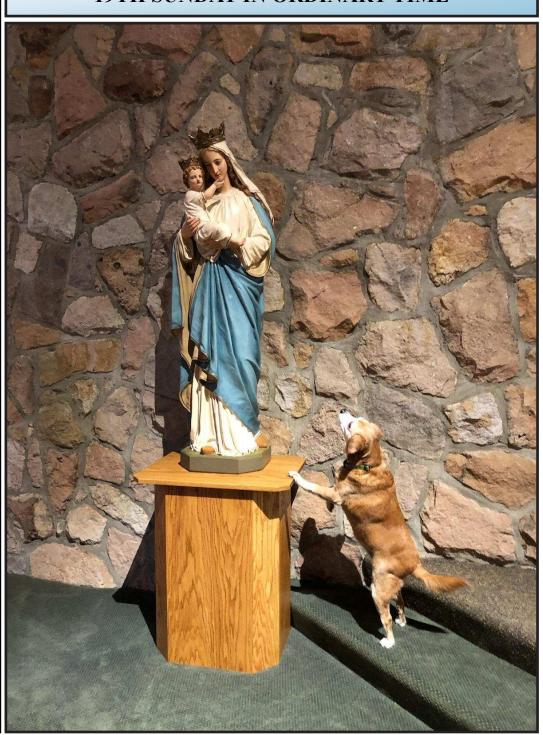
Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





VIDEO MASS 8/13 +Dolores & John Granito, Celebrating 70th Wedding Anniversary

MON 8/14 7PM +Frances M. Brestelli [Family]

TUES 8/15 9AM +Denise Condo [Fran Foust]

WED 8/16 NO MASS

THU 8/17 9AM +Walter Trkula [Wife, Evelyn]

FRI 8/18 9AM +Danny Buzzeo [Mother, Olimpia]

SAT 8/19 9AM +Marylyn Linzenbold [Joe Ranelli]

SAT 8/19 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions

SAT 8/19 4PM +Edward Stanton [Helaine Ferringer &

Family]

SUN 8/20 8AM *Mass for the People

SUN 8/20 11AM +Victoria Dignadice [Ada & Wally Novero]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **TOILET PAPER.** The upcoming item will be sandwich, quart, and gallon size storage bags.

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



Coltin Ellis Bayer
July 30, 2023
Son of

Lainey Alexis Bayer July 30, 2023 daughter of

Derek and Ann Bayer





SAT 8/19 4PM LECTOR T. Bain	EUCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Goclano P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 8/20 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCHARISTIC MIN. A. Joseph / B. Rossi J. Trenga / J. Trenga	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 8/20 11AM LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / M. Hohman S. Hohman / C. Nawrocki	ALTAR SERVER T. Bonner A. McDonough
MON 8/14 7PM	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
LECTOR M. Bradac	EUCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu D. Boller / D. Boller	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY:

MON, WED, FRI TUES

7:30 AM 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND:

SAT SUN 5:30 PM 9:30 AM

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of

Roger Novelli Robert Smith

in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"



Altar flowers this weekend are donated in Memory of

Albert R. Nigro

On Behalf of: Joann Nigro & Family





WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2023

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31

WORSHIP & MEDITATION WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

Elijah looked for the Lord in the strong winds, earthquakes, and fire before discovering the Lord in a light silent sound. Why do you think it is easier to find God when it is quiet?

Second Reading:

Paul had "great sorrow" for his fellows Jews (God's chosen people) who did not believe that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah. How do you feel about family or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel:

Peter cried out to the Lord for help when he feared he might drown. What fears do you have that you could pray to the Lord for help this week?

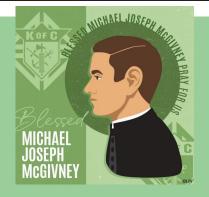
GOSPEL MEDITATION

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer

Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <u>https://</u> <u>www.fathermcgivney.org/</u>

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August 26th **Following** 4pm Mass

4:00pm Mass will be celebrated in the Church. Meal will be served at 5:30pm, along with games and crafts. Meat and drinks will be provided, and we ask that you provide a side dish or dessert according to the first letter of your last name with

A-G providing a dessert H-N providing a salad O-Z providing a hot casserole

We plan to have games and activities for all ages. If you have a craft or game you would like to oversee or have a teenager who would like to man one of the activities, please sign up in the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers for other duties, so please check the sign-up sheets. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and make new friends!

We are also looking for \$5 gift cards that we can use for prizes. These can be dropped off at the church office Mon - Thur 9am-12pm or 1-3pm by August 21st.



Thursday, August 17th / 6:30 PM NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, The Prayer Box, by Lisa Wingate.

A few books will be available outside the parish office.

Please join us!

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S SHENANGO VALLEY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Alzheimer's isn't stopping and neither are we.

Families facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia need us now more than ever — and with your help, we can be there for them. Every dollar you raise through the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's benefits the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Here are three ways your congregation can join us:

- 1. Participate: Start a Walk to End Alzheimer's team for your community.
- **Volunteer.** The Walk Committee is at the heart of every Walk event. This dedicated group of volunteers drives the event's development and growth, advancing the fight against Alzheimer's from the ground up. Encourage friends and family members to join the committee or volunteer on Walk day. We always need volunteers to spread the word about Walk by putting up posters and distributing flyers and other information around the community.
- Educate: Offer Alzheimer's Association resources to your community. We offer numerous services and programs that can help your family and complement existing health ministries. In addition, our comprehensive website, <u>alz.org</u>, and free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) are available around the clock, 365 days per year, providing reliable information, resources, and support.

Visit act.alz.org/shenangovalley2023 for more information.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Requirements for working with children: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

Job Opportunity - The parish is looking to hire a person to perform maintenance activities. This is a part time position. Responsibilities include setting up and taking down tables and chairs for parish events, performing minor repairs, monitoring the overall facility, and maintaining records as required.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the parish office at 724-981-5566