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SUNDAY
JULY 23
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: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm - Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

YOU ARE
Good

PSALM 86

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time



VIDEO MASS 7/23 +	
MON 7/24	NO MASS
TUES 7/25 9AM	+Eileen Hillman [Kaczmarczyk Family]
WED 7/26	NO MASS
THU 7/27 9AM	+John Z. Roshala [Family]
FRI 7/28 9AM	+Pam Cianci [SJP II Staff]
SAT 7/29 9AM	+Frank Matune [Edward & Autumn Kocis]
SAT 7/29 *3-3:30PM* Confessions	
SAT 7/29 4PM	Skip & Emily Darlington [Ray & Gale Kocis]
SUN 7/30 8AM	+Donna Logan [John Logan & Family]
SUN 7/30 11AM	+Margaret Papay [Papay Family]

Prince of Peace Center



We are asking for your participation in donating underwear for the many needy children the Center serves through our food programs. These are items that we take for granted everyday but can mean so much towards the confidence of others.

The second week of August, Prince of Peace Center will distribute the following items:

- New Underwear:
 - Children and Adult sizes
 - ❖ Girls/Women: various styles
 - ❖ Boys/Men: boxers

Saint Philomena Healing Mass

All are invited to a special Healing Mass in honor of Saint Philomena on

Thursday, July 27, 2023

7:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
100 Penn Ave
Mercer, PA 16137



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 7/29 4PM LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller S. Gociano	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 7/30 8AM LECTOR B. Moder	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu A. Joseph / B. Rossi	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 7/30 11AM LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / C. Nawrocki A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY: MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions
WEEKEND: SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **PAPER TOWELS**. The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

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

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS IN MERCER COUNTY

YOUNG ADULT COOKOUT

Friday, July 28, 2023 @ 6pm

We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, we ask everyone bring a dish to share.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
100 Penn Ave, Mercer PA 16137

RSVP to cyam@ihmercer.org or (724) 662-2999

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Tuesday: St. James, Apostle
Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I *love* a good devout Catholic parish. I *live for* a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. *But*.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel:

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt 13:30)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world. How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— *Father John Muir*



Saint of the week

Blessed Stanley Francis Rother spent most of his priestly life serving the Tz'utujil people of Southwest Guatemala, whom he loved. He was shot and killed by non-native guerilla forces in their attempt to terrorize the community. He is the first U.S.-born beatified martyr.

Prayer

O God, fount of all holiness, make us each walk worthily in our vocation, through the intercession of Your Saints, on whom You bestowed a great variety of graces on earth.

Having graced Your Church with the life of Your priest and martyr, Blessed Stanley Rother, grant that by his intercession this humble flock may reach where the brave shepherd has gone.

Grant that Your Church may proclaim him a saint living in Your presence and interceding for us.

*Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

(Prayer Source: <https://archoke.org/prayers-for-blessed-stanley-rother/>)

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Church of Notre Dame VACATION BIBLE CAMP

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Learning to Love Like Jesus
Facilitator: Mrs. Pat Polesnak & Team

August 7-11, 2023

9:00am-12:00pm

PreK - Sixth Grade

Cost: \$10 per student

SJPII School Multipurpose Room

Questions contact:

Religious Education Office 724-981-5566 or

Email: Religioised@notredame-pa.org

A TIME FOR FUN

**JOINING OTHER YOUNG
PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT
OUR LOVING GOD THROUGH
SINGING, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND
OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.**

PLEASE JOIN US!!!



We're Growing at Willow Join Us!



We are moving into a new building in Hermitage, PA!

As we continue to serve women facing unexpected pregnancies, our ongoing mission is that women of our valley will find us first when they need critical testing and helpful consultation. We'll work through renovation and begin expanding our services - all because of you!

Growth is happening at Willow for informed and valuable reasons. Based upon our patient's concerns, we found a new home that is close to areas of personal convenience and public transportation. We also need to be relevant to the ongoing changes in our laws which have already led to a termination provider attempting to set up office in our neighborhood. Willow family, we're needed in our area *right now*. These are just some of the reasons we've launched forward. Changes were needed and many of you helped sort thru the decisions and weigh the abounding choices! There's more to be done!

Will you help us strengthen the roots of Willow?

Beyond the renovations of the new facility, your gift will help us to expand and add these multifaceted dimensions to our services:

On Site:
Parenting Classes &
Abortion Recovery Program

Telehealth with an RN
Expanded Staff

STD Testing & Treatment

Material Goods Expansion

Miscarriage Support

Walk In Hours



Yes! Of course, I want to help Willow Grow!

YOU SHOULD KNOW:
We won't share your information with anyone.

Name(s):

Address:

City, ST, Zip:

Email:

Best Phone:

One Time
Gift ☐

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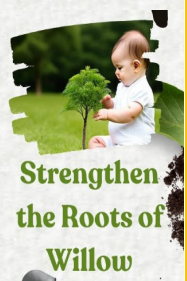
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Online Giving

Go to team willow.org
and designate your gift by
using the DONATE tab



Gift Extravaganza
July 29th 4pm
Kennedy Catholic High School

Italian dinner, raffle baskets,
silent auction, 50/50 & kids zone

Tickets \$20

visit <https://www.classy.org/event/christmas-in-july/e497216> to purchase tickets or stop in the school's office.

All proceeds benefit Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools