

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.

Wisdom 12:19

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary

privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday



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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

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Our Lady of Fatima Church

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8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

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Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

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the Cathedral. 944-4603

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

<p style="text-align: center;">JULY 19, 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS JULY 19, 2020</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today's Intention - Gerri & Paul Rose, Ann Readings: Wis:12-13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; MT 13:24-43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 26, 2020, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 Allison Purdy-Ritchey, (Becki Grace)</p>	<p>God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading.</p> <p>And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>July 20, Monday: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop Readings: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12: 38-42 6:45 AM + Michael & Ella Gibbons (Children of M/M Tom Irwin) 12:00 PM + Tillie Winkler Harris Bir., (Jean Koury)</p> <p>July 21, Tuesday: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest Readings: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50 6:45 AM + Clara Mullen (Nancy & Skip) 12:00 PM + Carrie Detwiler (Eugene & Lorraine Adams)</p> <p>July 22, Wednesday: Saint Mary Magdalene Readings: Sg 3 :1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 6:45 AM + Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fideli) 12:00 PM + Lori Keirn (John & Chris Bennetti)</p> <p>July 23, Thursday: Saint Bridget, Religious Readings: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17 6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Family) 12:00PM + Rose Stefanon (Butch Winkler)</p> <p>July 24, Friday: Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest Readings: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23 6:45 AM + Joseph Knott (Cathedral Parish) 12:00 PM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Kathy Ruth Holowa)</p> <p>July 25, Saturday: Saint James, Apostle Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28 8:00 AM + Genevieve Hallinan (Family) 10:00 AM Betsy Cote Memorial Mass 12:00 PM + Frank Goss Sr. Birthday (Wife & Family)</p> <p>Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 5:00 PM + Tom Boslet (Sheila Evans)</p> <p>July 26, Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:00 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (M/M Mark Waring) 10:00 AM + Dorothy Berger ((Patty & Denny Hite) 12:00 PM + Beverly Woodring (Michael Fleck) 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People</p>	<p>This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden—like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.</p> <p>Again this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?</p> <p>Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us—that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.</p> <p>Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.</p> <p>So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see <u>Matthew 5:45</u>). But the harvest draws near. Let's work that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dr. Scott Hahn</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>

CATHEDRAL of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Effective Immediately: Sunday Masses will be at:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 5:00 PM.

Weekly Contributions for Sunday, July 12 - \$1528.45

Outdoor Mass Honoring Married Couples

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass tonight, Sunday evening, July 19 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

Our Lady of Fatima traveling Statue is back home again! Anyone who would like to take her home for a time may call the rectory 942-0371.

Friar's Nook Gift Shop

Christmas in July is upon us! At the Friar's Nook Gift Shop, all clearance items are 75% off through August 1st! Also, the shop is stocked up for all your sacrament needs! The shop will continue to have modified hours through Labor Day which are Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and is located on the campus of St. Bernadine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. For any questions, please call 814-695-3802. Please note, face coverings must be worn for the gift shop area.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Let us think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)

July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

--Anonymous



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