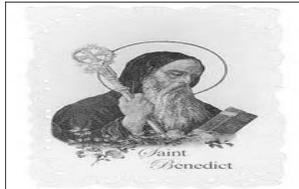


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Feast Day, July 11th
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Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

JULY 9, 2017

“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28

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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
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8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

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

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "Wife of Bath," by this telling remark: "Husbands at church door she had five." Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

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DESPERATION

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

—James Denney

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

—Anonymous

The Rule of Saint Benedict (Latin: *Regula Benedicti*) is a book of precepts written by Benedict of Nursia (c. 480 – 550 AD) for monks living communally under the authority of an abbot.

The spirit of Saint Benedict's Rule is summed up in the motto of the Benedictine Confederation: pax ("peace") and the traditional ora et labora ("pray and work"). Compared to other precepts, the Rule provides a moderate path between individual zeal and formulaic institutionalism; because of this middle ground it has been widely popular. Benedict's concerns were the needs of monks in a community environment: namely, to establish due order, to foster an understanding of the relational nature of human beings, and to provide a spiritual father to support and strengthen the individual's ascetic effort and the spiritual growth that is required for the fulfillment of the human vocation, theosis.

The Rule of Saint Benedict has been used by Benedictines for fifteen centuries, and thus St. Benedict is sometimes regarded as the founder of Western monasticism. There is, however, no evidence to suggest that Benedict intended to found a religious order in the modern sense and it was not until the later Middle Ages that mention was made of an "Order of Saint Benedict". His Rule was written as a guide for individual, autonomous communities, and to this day all Benedictine Houses (and the Congregations in which they have grouped themselves) remain self-governing. Advantages seen in retaining this unique Benedictine emphasis on autonomy include cultivating models of tightly bonded communities and contemplative lifestyles. Perceived disadvantages comprise geographical isolation from important activities in adjacent communities. Other perceived losses include inefficiency and lack of mobility in the service of others, and insufficient appeal to potential members. These different emphases emerged within the framework of the Rule in the course of history and are to some extent present within the Benedictine Confederation and the Cistercian Orders of the Common and the Strict Observance.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 9, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

*Today's int. = Liv/Dec Mem. of Michael and Ida Seymore Fam.

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

July 16, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Charles Hennigan, (Pete and Kathie Starr)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

July 10, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Jeanne Smith, Birthday (Family)

*12:00 PM Lois Riley (Vicki & Don Riley)

July 11, Tuesday: Saint Benedict, Abbot

Readings: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

6:45 AM M/M Chuck Olmes (F. & C. Dambeck)

8:00 AM Michael Febbo (Kirk, Donna, Maddie Kling)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Heather & Archie)

July 12, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24; Mt 10:1-7

6:45 AM Rita Kantoski (Judy & Ray Wilkinson)

8:00 AM Christopher Woods (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM John Vogel (Family)

July 13, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 44:18-21,23-29,45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

6:45 AM George Weamer (Kathy, Judy & Family)

*8:00 AM Jerry Smith (M/M Larry Benton)

12:00 PM Nancy Genesi (Janet & Michele Belsey)

July 14, Friday: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Readings: Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Mt 10:16-23

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (Kathy Grove)

8:00 AM Janet Tomlinson, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Shawna, Joe, & Gracie)

July 15, Saturday: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

Readings: Gn 49:29-32,50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33

8:00 AM Ed & Jeannine McCloskey, 50th Wed. Anniv.

12:00 PM Denis Burns (Maureen & Dave Hanekamp)

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

5:00 PM Diane M. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

JULY 9, 2017
Scripture Reflection

The Gospel turns upside down all our common conceptions of God and his Son. This gracious God, Jesus says, hides his wisdom from those who claim to be wise and reveals it to the little ones. They are the ones who are invited to bring their burdens and rest in Jesus. How? By joining themselves to his yoke - wooden bar placed over the shoulders so two can pull together - and learning what it means to be meek and humble. This is the Good News of today's Gospel.

During his active ministry, Jesus lived his life utterly dependent on divine providence. He emphasized this dependence to his disciples before he sent them out to preach in his name. A person completely dependent on God becomes sensitive to the subtle rhythms of divine action in the world. Jesus recognized a similar sensitivity among the poor and simple of his day. They knew their dependence on providence, and it sharpened their awareness of God's action in the world. These "little ones" recognized Jesus before anyone else did so. They saw in Jesus a source of the same grace they had relied on all their lives.

The wise and the learned had forgotten the lessons of dependence. Jesus' actions perplexed and troubled them. Something in their education caused them to lose sight of their dependence on God. Perhaps it was because they had attained social status and comfort. Perhaps they came to believe that in their learning they had every answer they would need to make their own way through life.

The first part of today's Gospel also appears in Luke, but the second part, Mt 11:28-30, is unique to Matthew. The statement is a paradox: The yoke symbolizes the burden of servitude, yet Jesus promises a "yoke of rest." Matthew understands a life dependent on God to be a life of freedom. Jesus offers the same yoke that he bears, the saving mission he receives from the Father. Like most yokes, it has two collars to distribute the load. As the disciples discovered, to take up Jesus' yoke means to give up fantasies of control and self-importance. At the same time, they learned that Jesus did all the heavy lifting. His is a yoke of rest.

- What experiences remind you of your dependence on God?
- What experiences hide God from you?

**ORDER OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Liturgical Reflection...

Within Mass and without Mass, the priest or deacon begins with the sign of the cross and greeting. The revised ritual provides two options ("in these or similar words") to address the couple and those present to dispose them inwardly for the celebration of Marriage. When celebrating Matrimony within Mass, the Church directs there is no Penitential Rite. There is to be the Glory to God (preferably sung) at the Mass celebrating Matrimony. This hymn of praise to the glory of God is directed even in the seasons of Advent and Lent when the ritual Mass for Marriage is celebrated. All in the assembly, gathered for the Sacrament of Matrimony, are encouraged to take part in this beautiful prayer of praise. The collect (six options) concludes the introductory rites.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 51-53, 86, 87-89, and 188-192.

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July 9 Matthew 11:25-30

Today's gospel is about missionaries. As Jesus received a mission today, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give you rest."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS...14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 9)

Today's psalmist sings with joy "Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you." A steward's way of life is grounded in giving thanks, living with an "attitude of gratitude."

Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 23 at 7:00pm 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 Daily Bread

One paycheck just isn't stretching far enough these days. Perhaps Cynthia getting a part-time job could make up the difference for she and Jeff. God promises to supply their need, yet each month they lose ground. Young families experience the financial crisis with particular intensity. There's little room for waiting out the recession when your grocery bill keeps rising, children need medical care and the car needs repairs. Faith in God's providence is tested. What can a family do to keep the faith and pay the bills?

Simply stated, we must live within our means. Doing without requires discipline and resolve. We need to ask ourselves what is more valuable to us: peace of mind or the latest things. Being content with what we have is a valuable grace.

The next skill is to use cash instead of plastic and to use it with prayerful discernment. When we're actually handing the cashier bills and coins instead of a credit card, we get the meaning of the transaction.

Perhaps the most essential discipline in faith-filled finances is to pray for God's providence. We need to ask for what we need. We can't presume that God will help fill the bank account, lead us to a higher-paying job or give us roof-repair funds without our asking. God wants us to name our daily bread.

Finally, we need to discern what God is asking of us to restore financial order in our lives. It may mean a change in our well-intentioned agenda, a shift in priorities or even a radical decision to sell belongings in order to get out of debt. Learning to listen and seek advice from a financial expert may bring God's voice into our dilemma.

Jeff and Cynthia hear, "...deliver us from all anxiety..." at Sunday Mass. Jeff reflects that God has delivered them from their financial anxiety, and their daily bread keeps coming. Cynthia now works part-time in the evenings. The credit and debit cards were cut up at a family prayer time. They are committed to living simply within their budget. And something else has changed at home: The tension and worry are fading as God partners with them in keeping an honest tally of what they can spend. God was just waiting to be asked.

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ANNUAL FINACIAL REPORTS...

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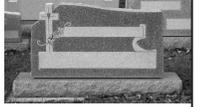
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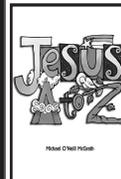
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