

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2018

Behold, the days are coming, says
the Lord, when I will raise up a
righteous shoot to David.

—Jeremiah 23:5a

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.

St. Bridget of Sweden -- July 23rd



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

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

Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary

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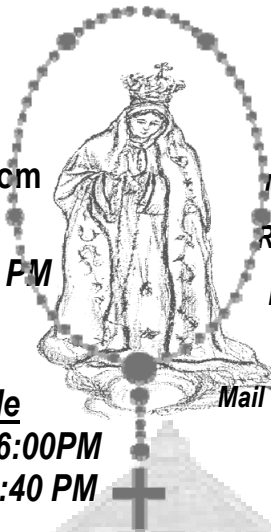
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Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

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

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July 22, 2018

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

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MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.

--St. Teresa

July 22 **Mark 6:30-34**

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 children or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

July 22, 2018
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
***Today's Intention - Ronald Geis**

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
***Sunday July 29, Bill Conrad (Family)**

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

July 23, Monday: Saint Bridget, Religious

Readings: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42 (395)
6:45 AM Catherine Hardin (Patti Marshall)
8:00 AM James Snow, Birthday (Health South Reg.)
12:00 PM Joanne Tetanich (M/M Larry Lutchko)

July 24, Tuesday: Saint Sharbel Makhluaf, Priest

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
***6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Dan Milliron Family)**
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Bob & Jean Jones)
12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Dana Tomlinson)

July 25, Wednesday: Saint James, Apostle

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
6:45 AM Monsignor Paul D. Panza (Ron Skupien)
8:00 AM Maureen Wood, Anniversary (Matt Wood)
12:00 PM Pat Geis (Debbie Ball)

July 26, Thursday: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM

Readings: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
6:45 AM Virginia Jones (Brian and Cindy Moriconi)
8:00 AM Genevieve Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Francis Goss, Birthday (Family)

July 27, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (John Conti)
8:00 AM Lois Christlmeier-Hoffman, Birth. (Jo Ann Kyper)
12:00 PM Paul Rose, Anniversary (Rose Family)

July 28, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
8:00 AM Rose & Sam Bennati (Brian & Connie Bennati)
12:00 PM Pete Rhoa, Anniversary (Wife, Pat)

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
5:00 PM Rosial Seymour (Diana & Clarence Seymour)

Gracious Thank You!

Over the past ten weeks, during Father Kurdziel's recuperation from his car accident, Bishop Mark Bartchak has graciously helped cover the Masses, both daily and Sunday, here at the Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes. We are most appreciative of Bishop's kind response to our need for Mass coverage. It was certainly above and beyond Bishop's responsibilities. Shepherding and administrating the day-to-day business of the Diocese are enough to ask of any Bishop. Thank you, Bishop Mark, for your kindness and attention to the Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes.

July 22, 2018
Scripture Reflection

The familiar image of the Good Shepherd pervades our readings today. The prophet Jeremiah reminds the leaders of God's people that they have wandered far from the vision God had for them. Instead of acting as true shepherds caring for God's flock, they have "scattered the flock of my pasture." Consequently, God presents a vision for the future in which the remnant of God's flock will be gathered together.

This was an important juncture in Jesus' ministry, since he had recently suffered two disheartening setbacks, the rejection of Nazareth and the execution of John the Baptist. In the aftermath of these events, when Jesus could have started to question the value of his work, he instead paid attention to the Scriptures and to the promptings of the Spirit. The Father responded with a flash of insight: The setbacks are temporary, but the shepherding mission that Jeremiah foretold endures. This intuitive flash filled Jesus with compassion, and that feeling drew him onward to ever greater action.

Jesus' feelings for God's people are captured so graphically when Mark says, "His heart was moved with pity for them." The heart conveys the very depths of the love, compassion, and mercy that Jesus has for those he has come to lead back to his Father. If we pay attention to the Scriptures and to the voice of the Spirit, God will open our eyes. In the leaderless flock, Jesus caught a glimpse of the suffering and the beauty of all humanity. Just so, God has a vision in store for us. Some moment, some insight, some event will symbolize the whole of human existence with such heartbreaking clarity that we will never be the same. Thus transformed, the great shepherd will provide what we need in the Spirit to continue his mission until God's flock is once again whole.

- Can you identify someone who needs a kind word, your full attention, a listening heart? Allow the Holy Spirit to move you into action.**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 111. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "If we listen to the voice of the Spirit, God will open our eyes." Michael R. Simone, S.J., June 29, 2018.

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

Please keep the sick folks of the parish in your prayers!

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive (Goal = 9602, Cash received = 7654, To reach Goal = 1948

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KURDZIEL

I have finally returned from my month long recuperation from the effects of my accident on May 7th. I am truly overwhelmed by the many acts of kindness and promises of prayer I have received from our wonderful parishioners and so many friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish during my absence. A special word of thanks to Bishop Mark and Monsignor Mazur for all their personal kindness to me. Please pray for my continued recovery. You are and will continue to be in my prayers.

Father Dennis



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 22)

How appropriate it is that the topic of today's summertime gospel is about the need for us to relax and renew ourselves. May we value our faith enough to make time daily to go "rest a while" to renew ourselves in the Lord.

Sunday Obligation to Participate at Mass

When traveling over the weekend please check out www.Masstimes.org to find Catholic churches in the area you are visiting.

**PROPER BURIAL
OF THE BODY
AND
CREMATED
REMAINS**

Liturgical Reflection...

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body. The Book of Genesis tells that we are each made in the image of God, in body and soul. The body of the deceased Catholic is the body once washed in the waters of Baptism. This body was anointed with the oil of salvation. This body ate and drank the very Body and Blood of Christ, the Bread of Life. It is the same body that reached out in service to the needs of others. Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 3.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

JULY COLLECTIONS 2018

July 15, 2018	Env used	57 /150
Weekly		1224.15
Christmas Club		15.00
Votives		55.00
Children's		10.00
Shrine		0
Music		5.00
Fuel		0
Peter's Pence coll.		42.00
Dep. For Week		1351.15

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Registrations for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Please share the good news about HTCS with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades Pre-K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available in the school office and on the school website. Reminder: Current families who have not completed registration, please do so as soon as possible.

Is God calling You to a Life of Service as Deacon?

All those interested in learning about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to join Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate at a special get together on Saturday, August 18th at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Married men are expected to attend with their wives. Space is limited. Reservations are required. To make reservations, contact: Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, The Office of the Permanent Diaconate, 814-693-9870 or email: jnoonan@dioceseaj.org, www.dioceseaj/dioconate/

St. Bridget of Sweden **Feast Day July 23**

Saint Bridget in the religious habit and the crown of a Bridgettine nun, in a 1476 breviary of the form of the Divine Office unique to her Order.

The most celebrated saint of Sweden was the daughter of the knight Birger Persson[2] of the family of Finsta, governor and lawspeaker of Uppland, and one of the richest landowners of the country, and his wife, a member of the so-called Lawspeaker branch of the Folkunga family. Through her mother, Ingeborg, Birgitta was related to the Swedish kings of her era.

She was born in June 1303. There is no exact recording for which precise date. In 1316, at the age of 14[2] she married Ulf Gudmarsson of the family of Ulvåsa, Lord of Närke, to whom she bore eight children, four daughters and four sons. Six survived infancy, which was rare at that time. Her eldest daughter was Märta Ulfsdotter. Her second daughter is now honored as St. Catherine of Sweden. Her youngest daughter was Cecilia Ulvsdotter. Bridget became known for her works of charity, particularly toward Östergötland's unwed mothers and their children. When she was in her early thirties, she was summoned to be principal lady-in-waiting to the new Queen of Sweden, Blanche of Namur. In 1341 she and her husband went on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

In 1344, shortly after their return, Ulf died at the Cistercian Alvastra Abbey in Östergötland. After this loss, Birgitta became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and devoted herself wholly to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick.[3]

It was about this time that she developed the idea of establishing the religious community which was to become the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines, whose principal house at Vadstena was later richly endowed by King Magnus IV of Sweden and his queen. One distinctive feature of the pre-Reformation houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased.[3]

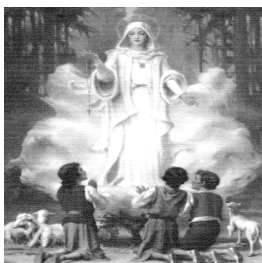
In 1350, a Jubilee Year, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome accompanied by her daughter, Catherine, and a small party of priests and disciples. This was done partly to obtain from the Pope the authorization of the new Order and partly in pursuance of her self-imposed mission to elevate the moral tone of the age. This was during the period of the Avignon Papacy within the Roman Catholic Church, however, and she had to wait for the return of the papacy to Rome from the French city of Avignon, a move for which she agitated for many years.

It was not until 1370 that Pope Urban V, during his brief attempt to re-establish the papacy in Rome, confirmed the Rule of the Order, but meanwhile Birgitta had made herself universally beloved in Rome by her kindness and good works. Save for occasional pilgrimages, including one to Jerusalem in 1373, she remained in Rome until her death on 23 July 1373, urging ecclesiastical reform.[3]

In her pilgrimages to Rome, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, she sent "back precise instructions for the construction of the monastery" now known as Blue Church, insisting that an "abbess, signifying the Virgin Mary, should preside over both nuns and monks." [4]

Bridget went to confession every day, and had a constant smiling face.[3] Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses. She was originally buried at San Lorenzo in Panisperna before her remains were returned to Sweden. She was canonized in the year 1391 by Pope Boniface IX, which was confirmed by the Council of Constance in 1415. Because of new discussions about her works, the Council of Basel confirmed the orthodoxy of the revelations in 1436.

(Continued next Sunday)



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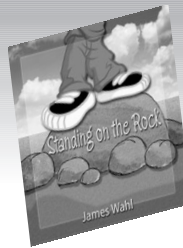
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