

**SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. +Flora Bukovitz  
[Teresa Della Lucia]

**Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. +Valle & Boyle [Parents & Children]

**Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. \*Scripture & Communion Service

**Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. \*Scripture & Communion Service

**Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. \*Scripture & Communion Service

**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. \*Scripture & Communion Service

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass +Ann Bator [Judith Bator]

8:15 a.m. +Andy Frydrych  
[Richard & Jeanette & Family]

11:00 a.m. \*Mass for the People

<b>5:30 p.m. July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
Lectors	M Multari, R Mondak
Eucharistic Ministers	E & R Beal, K & M Borsa, S Goclano, M Horynak, J Miller
Altar Servers	S Multari, C & M Trontel, L Wallace
<b>8:15 a.m. July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
Lectors	M Gargano, B Moder
Eucharistic Ministers	B & G Beaulieu, T Brandenstein, J Heutsche, R Mentrek, A Nicolls
Altar Servers	F Cindric, A Zahniser
<b>11 a.m. July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
Lectors	J Ranelli, K Higgins
Eucharistic Ministers	M Ballish, D & D Boller, K Davenport, F & F Pale, R Supel, O Yoursh
Altar Servers	K LaCamera, M Winslow

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

**VIGIL MASS TO CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER**

**Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> the Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 4:30 p.m.** Hopefully this time change will help come winter time.

**CONFESSION/SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNION**

Father Allen will be away on vacation and helping at a Cursillo, therefore there will be daily Scripture and Communion Service the next two weeks. **Also, there will be no confessions Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> at Notre Dame.** Consult the bulletin.

**CHOOSE CHRIST**

We hear all the time that God is love, God is our Father, but how is this possible when we hear the readings today? How could a loving Father God let somebody suffer? He denies Paul's plea for relief, and allows him to continue suffering with that "thorn"? And even stranger, how could Paul end up being **GRATEFUL** for that thorn and boast of his weaknesses, giving glory to God? Doesn't this all seem a bit ...backwards? After all, the culture tells us to live only for yourself and be the strongest, most independent and perfect individual ever, right? – To dismiss anyone and anything getting in your way from personal achievement...

What we might see as backwards, God sees as a possibility for love. God allows these things to be present in our life so that we can run to Him and discover the love that awaits us. This love is a peace of heart, which awakens who we are made to be: children of God. We are not meant to tackle life in self-sufficiency, but in interdependency. God is a Father of love because he is selfless and relational... Our dependency on God transforms suffering into a gift to be offered for another☺. Jesus offered his suffering... for YOU! FOR YOU! HIS CHILD WHO GOT LOST! The suffering Paul endures is serving a higher purpose in the plan of God! Paul rejoices in weakness, because his weaknesses give him reason to run to the heart of his Father and talk with Him. This bond of love is Paul's weapon of evangelization, not his individual effort. Left to our own devices, we are at war with ourselves; we isolate into ourselves, and hurt others.

We all suffer, we all hurt... we all experience shortcomings and tragedies. As tempting as it might be, God doesn't want us to turn in on ourselves when life hits hard, but to "fix our eyes on Him" (Ps. 123) who is ready to hear everything. He's God, He can take it. As we face future hardships in our lives as a result of family, our Church, and our world, let us turn to Our Father who has decided to dwell with us, and who thirsts for our love.

*In Christ,*  
**SEMINARIAN**  
**BRANDON FEIKLES**



**SACRAMENTS: Life of the Church...**

**Missed one? Need One?**

Sacraments are given to us by Jesus Christ and administered by Holy Mother Church. Sacraments nourish our relationship with our Lord and His Church. Each sacrament fills the Christian life beyond measure due to the power of God's grace. Our cup of life is constantly overflowing through the sacraments. If you are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-seven years old and are seeking to receive a sacrament you may have missed for any reason (First Penance, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation), please contact Joe Ranelli, Director of Religious Education and Sacramental Prep at 724-981-9447 or [notredame-re@live.com](mailto:notredame-re@live.com). A simple phone call or email is the beginning of abundant life!

**OUR NOTRE DAME FAMILY** – Please pray for those who are hospitalized, ill, homebound, and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them. Please pray, too, for those in the military and those who serve us in various service careers.

**HOSPITAL STAY**

If you or a loved one are hospitalized at either Sharon Regional Health System (SRHS) or Farrell-UPMC, please call the church office at 724-981-5566 to notify us of your family name and room number so we will be able to visit and distribute Holy Communion to you or your loved one. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER**

Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is canned fruit. Thank you all for your care and concern for God's poor.

**MASS INTENTION**

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is now here. Mass Intentions are always done on a first come-first served basis. We limit the masses to 4 per family and only 2 of them can be scheduled on a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass. Please stop in the church office to schedule a Mass Intention during our office hours (9-Noon & 1-4) Monday thru Thursday. Intentions cannot be taken over the phone.

**NOTRE DAME BOOK CLUB**

The Notre Dame Book Club will meet Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. We will be reading "The Law of Dreams" by Peter Behrens. Copies are available in the parish office. Please join us.

**OWLS**

The next OWLS potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Signups will take place this weekend, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

Notre Dame Parish picnic will follow the 11:00 a.m. outdoor Mass (weather permitting).

**PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING**

Anyone interested in helping with the picnic on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> is encouraged to come to a meeting on Thursday, July 12, 6:00 p.m. in the Founder's Room. *Many hands make light work!*

**ST. JOSEPH CRAFT SHOW**

St. Joseph Church is again hosting a craft show this fall. It will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. They are currently looking for vendors. The cost is \$25 per table. If you would like to participate in this year's show please call the church office for more information or to register at 724-981-3232. Vendor spots are available on a first come first serve basis.

**PENN/OHIO SINGERS BACK AT NOTRE DAME!**

After a several year absence, the Penn/Ohio Singers (Men's Barbershop Quartets) will be back at Notre Dame.

Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, they will sing at the 11am Mass – a prelude, Preparation, and a meditation song after Communion.

Be sure to warmly welcome them. Our parishioner, Ron Crivello is a member.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

July 23-27, 2018

To register, stop by St. Joseph Parish Office

79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m.

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish