

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JULY 16, 2023



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”
- Mt 13:3, 7-9

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:

8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I am sure that we have all had the experience of planting a seed or seedlings with great expectations of a bountiful harvest. We take time to till the soil and give it water and nourishment, and then wait for the plants to come forth and produce. Sometimes they do and sometimes they do not; and we never quite know why. **That is the way God must look at mankind, the crowning glory of His creation and, like a good Father, wonders "What did I miss?"** The readings for today use the analogy of farming and sowing seed to talk about how the teachings of God and Jesus, His Son, sometimes produce abundantly; but at other times do not. Can you figure out why?

In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (55:10-11) we hear the prophet preaching about the word of God coming like spring rain to soften the soil so that the seeds can grow. However, the people of Isaiah's time did not listen to the word of God. They turned away from Him and ignored His word. This led directly to the Babylonian Exile — God's way of punishing His "*Chosen People*" for their lack of fidelity (*See 2 Kings 17:1-18*). **When was the last time you picked up a Bible or catechism to better understand what God might be asking of you, or saying to you?**

The Responsorial Psalm (65:10-14) picks up the same theme of preparing the soil for planting and reaping a bountiful harvest because the soil was fertile. Everything came together as God expected: each aspect of His creation fulfilled its purpose. Each of us has a part to play in God's continuing act of creation and salvation. **But are we doing it with attention and devotion?**

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18-23). In this passage, Paul is saying that we human creatures of God are much like those seedlings. We are planted here on earth, not in a random scattering, but in a divinely ordered plan with great expectations and in hope that all creation will share in the glory destined for those who fulfill their role. Paul's last sentence is most important and applies to us today just as much, if not more, than during Paul's time.

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (13:1-23). In this long passage, Jesus summarizes all of the readings above with a parable. A parable is a story that has a single message hidden within the details. The objective of a parable is to get people to think and reason out the message. In this passage, to save time, Jesus explains the parable and the message. **Do you get the message?**

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling.

Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance.*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (*Is 55:10*)

PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (*Ps 65*)

SECOND READING: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are so nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (*Rom 8:18-19*)

GOSPEL: And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (*Mt 13:3*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JULY 16, 2023

Sunday: *Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14* (Luke 8:8)/*Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9*

Monday: *Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1*

Tuesday: *Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24*

Wednesday: *Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27*

Thursday: *Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30*

Friday: *Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8*

Saturday: *Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18*

Next 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*



Sunday - July 16th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Fred Churchill

Requested by: Joanne Churchill

Monday - July 17th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Dan & Fred Meyer

Requested by: Family

Tuesday - July 18th - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 am - †Mickey Reagan

Requested by: James F. Reagan & Family

Saturday - July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene

4:00 pm - †Don Zerniko

Requested by: Family

Sunday - July 23rd - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †John Stowe

Requested by: Lucy Stowe

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Saturday, July 22nd at 4:00 pm

Lector: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Laura P., Karen B.

Sunday, July 23rd at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

*Please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106,
for information of joining the Art & Environment
Committee or becoming a Sacristan.*

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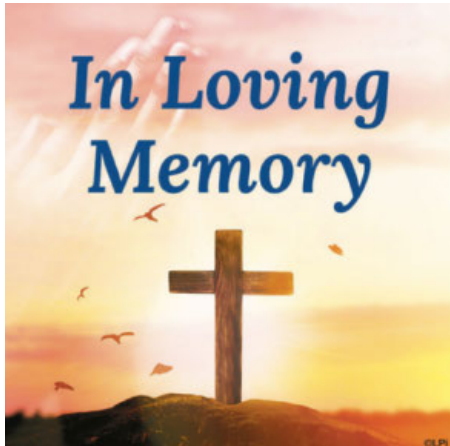
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OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (6/18/2023)..... \$4,554.00
 Sunday Collection (6/25/2023)..... \$4,155.00
 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023..... (-\$51,009.05)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Ken, Michael, Joel, family & friends,
 upon the death of their beloved wife & mother
Jeanne Provenza, on July 3, 2023.

May Jeanne's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton
Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis
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Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Dawn Smith-Hathaway	Tim Haupt	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis
Colleen Jasinski	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Paul Kramer	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
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Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Velma Weichman	Cathy Weston
Paul Winkler	Bob Wisner	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna: 440-288-1644**

ADORATION CHAPEL

"The privilege of receiving the Holy Eucharist from the Hands of Jesus Himself was experienced by a number of saints including St. Laurence of Brindishi, a Capuchian, whose unusual talents and rare virtue were called upon by Pope Clement VIII for several unusual missions. One of these was his chaplaincy to the Imperial army of Prague . . . With the Turks still menacing nearby Christian countries, the Imperial army of 18,000 men assembled to do battle with the Turks who numbered 80,000. Vastly outnumbered, the Christians appealed to St. Laurence for advice and encouragement. After delivering a rousing discourse, St. Laurence, despite his mature years, mounted a horse and with the cross held high in his hands led the troops against the infidels. The crushing defeat of the Turks was attributed by all to the prayers and inspiration of the saint. It is told that on his return from the campaign he joined his brethren at Gorizia where Our Lord appeared to them and gave them all Holy Communion with His own hand."

~Eucharistic Miracles, Joan Carroll Cruz



Divine Mercy Meditation - Help us to Reach Sinners
Tell sinners that no one shall escape My Hand; if they run away from My Merciful Heart, they will fall into My Just Hands. Tell sinners that I am always waiting for them, that I listen intently to the beating of their heart ... when will it beat for Me? Write, that I am speaking to them through their remorse of conscience, through their failures and sufferings, through thunderstorms, through the voice of the Church. And if they bring all My graces to naught, I begin to be angry with them, leaving them alone and giving them what they want

(Diary, 1728).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, since no one can escape Your hand, teach us & help us to reach sinners with the good news of Your hand of mercy rather than Your hand of justice. Help us to reach the world desperately in need of Your mercy. Amen!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - EVERY CHILD A WANTED CHILD - PART 1

Prior to the legalization of abortion, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of "unwanted children" if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, "Every child a wanted child". Despite the fact that some 60 million "unwanted" babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

In the 1960's and 70's the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion and, child abuse has skyrocketed. Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse!!! *How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work?*

We all agree that every child should be wanted. This is an idealistic goal, but sadly we do not live in an idyllic world.

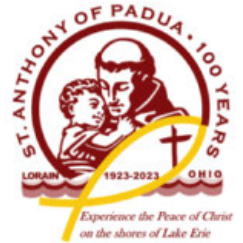
PASTOR COLUMN CONTINUED

The message is quite clear. The word of God is like seed sown with the expectation of reaping a good harvest that is guiding mankind to live according to the teachings of God and the Church. Our heart and mind, soul and body, in other words, our entire being is like the soil. **Are we really listening, absorbing and following through with what God is telling us?** In St. Paul's passage above, he says, "We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even now..." Look at all of the natural disasters occurring all over the world: hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and fires. **Could this be God's way of getting our attention to return to Him with all our heart? Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

On June 5, 1960, the parish proudly opened for public inspection its new church and rectory at 1305 East Erie Ave. The new complete parish complex encompassed an area of one city block, a beautifully landscaped property overlooking Lake Erie. **Its buildings now included the school, convent, older (basement) church, new church and the rectory.**



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MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS - 7/16

The next meeting is **TODAY, SUNDAY, July 16th** with in-office at 3 pm & virtual at 5 pm.

The topic is "**Taking Care of Yourself While Grieving**" & "**Returning to School/Work After a Death**". Come & be present with those who understand at **St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, 32789 Detroit Road at 3 pm in the Main Office Building** OR Sign-up for the Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 5 pm with the same topic at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit <https://www.clecem.org> for the most updated schedule of events.

SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 7/20

Senior Sociables will meet on **Thursday, July 20th at 12:30 PM.**

The meeting will be at Papisito's Mexican Restaurant located at 2532 W. Erie Ave.

Please call Karen Less at 440-949-2934. **Hope to see you there!**

SHRINE TRIP TO CAREY AND BELLEVUE - 7/27

Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Lorain, is sponsoring a bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, & the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, on **Thursday, July 27th.**

The cost is \$50.00 and includes dinner.

The itinerary & reservation form can be found on the parish website: nativitybvmlorain.org.



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