

Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, July 18**  
5:00 p.m. Bishop George Murry by St. Ann Parishioners  
**Sunday, July 19**  
9:00 a.m. Mary Kovach by Antoinette Fierro  
**Tuesday, July 21 Mass at St. Ann**  
9:00 a.m. Harold Amos by Shivers Children  
**Saturday, July 25**  
5:00 p.m. George Priselac by Ruth Braidic  
**Sunday, July 26**  
9:00 a.m. Bishop George Murry by St. Ann Church

| Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 |               |              |         |               |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Mass   | Lector        | EM/Bread     | EM/Cup  | Servers       |
| Saturday at 5:00 pm  | Dan Schwingle | Kathi Citino |         |               |
|  | Alan Barlis   |              | NO CUPS | Andrew Latham |
| Sunday at 9:00 am  | Carol Keil    | Deacon Ralph |         | Sam Morrow    |
|  | Jeri Close    |              |         |               |

Parish Stewardship Weeks of July 12, 2020

**Collection 7/12/20** Envelopes: 54 Attendance: 100  
Sunday Offertory \$ 2077.66  
E-Offering \$ 1104.00 Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00  
Women of Faith \$ 35.00  
Candles \$ 31.00  
Needy \$ 100.00  
**Total -- \$3347.66**

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Readings for this Sunday  
First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10  
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30  
Readings for next Sunday  
First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27  
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

- Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:00 am
- Rosary on website
- July 19 Confirmation
- Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> First Communion at 9:00 Mass
- Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Mtg. 10:15 AM

**Bishops Appeal:** As of 7/18/20 our parish has achieved 22% towards our goal of 100% participation. Our parish has raised \$10,844.00.



**Confirmation:** Please keep Beau and Luke Greshaw, in your prayers as they will be confirmed this weekend. Congratulations to both of you, and thanks to Vicki Capretta for her Leadership, and to their parents Mary and Jason Greshaw

**STACC Alumni Golf Outing: August 1** - Did you attend Central Catholic or St. Thomas Aquinas? Do you love to play golf? If you can answer yes to both of these questions, then you should play in the annual St. Thomas Aquinas - Central Catholic Alumni Golf Outing on August 1 at 9:00 am at Sable Creek. For more details contact Mike Impaglozza by email at [mike2199@gmail.com](mailto:mike2199@gmail.com).

**Attention Lectors, Ministers, and Servers.** The new schedule is being made out for August, September and October. If there are certain dates you will not be available, please call the office and let us know. Also, we need more lectors, ministers and servers to help us out when people are on vacation or out of town. Please call the office if you can help. Thanks! (330.938.2033)

**Birthdays**

July 20 Nancy Jones  
July 21 Betty Jones, Teresa Stull  
July 22 Nancy Wallack, Theresa Ferlotti  
July 25 Everett Sanor

**NEVER GET TIRED  
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS  
FOR OTHERS.  
SOMETIMES THOSE  
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY  
THE BIGGEST PART  
OF THEIR HEARTS.**

— ST.THERESE OF LISIEUX





**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GROW**

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" - Mt 13:30

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**Do What Needs to Be Done:** A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill! — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

**Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – July 19-25**

"Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love!" is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 19-25), sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of

life and to raise awareness of NFP methods. "NFP" is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it "respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being" (Married Love and the Gift of Life, USCCB).

NFP involves ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility.

NFP Awareness Week annually highlights the anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage and responsible parenthood.

The Diocese of Youngstown is blessed with instructors certified to train couples in methods of NFP, plus there are online and distance learning programs available. For more information contact the Diocese of Youngstown's Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or go to [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org).

**Question:** Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

**Answer:** For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy. ©LPI