



# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds.”  
Matthew 13:24-25



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### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday.....8:00 AM  
\*Wednesday (During School Year).....9:00 AM

St. Lawrence Church  
Tuesday & Thursday.....8:00 AM

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
Vigil.....5:00 PM  
Sunday.....11:00 AM

St. Lawrence Church  
Sunday.....9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

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**Masses For The Week**

**Monday, July 24 St. Sharble Makhulf**

7:30 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
**Edward "Yodel" Smith †** (Wife- Marge)

**Tuesday, July 25 St. James**

7:30 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church  
**Leonard Bizyak †** (Joan & Patrick Moore & June & Tim Round)

**Wednesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne**

7:30 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
**Suzanne Woodside †** (Angela Boarts)

**Thursday, July 27**

7:30 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church  
**Tom Johnson †** (Doris & Brian Cesare)

**Friday, July 28**

7:30 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
**Martha Cippel †** (Lil Grabiec)



**8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration @ Christ, Prince of Peace**

**4:00 PM Reposition & Benediction**

**Saturday, July 29 St. Martha**

9:00 AM Confessions at Christ, Prince of Peace

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
**Christine Valasek †** (Paulette Grantz)

**Sunday, July 30**

8:30 AM Rosary at St. Lawrence Church  
 9:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church  
**William Rupert †** (Wife- Charlotte & Family)

11:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church  
**Edith Kirscht †** (Jack & Family)

7:00 PM Mass at St. Lawrence Church  
**For the Parishioners of Our Partnered Parishes**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**You will accept a sacrifice of righteousness, placed on your altar, O Lord.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday. All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward. The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

*The stars may fall, but God's promise will stand and be fulfilled.* -J. I. Parker

<b>ST. LAWRENCE PARISH</b>	7-16-17	<b>Year to Date</b>
Regular Offertory	\$1,625.25	\$ 4,931.75
Children's Offertory	2.00	
Utilities	+ 171.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,798.25</b>	
<i>God Bless You For Your Generosity</i>		
<b>CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE</b>	7-16-17	<b>Year to Date</b>
Regular Offertory	\$5,658.00	\$ 18,650.10
Children's Offertory	29.00	
Votives	95.52	
Utilities	120.00	
Ascension Thursday	20.00	
Communications Media	+ 20.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,942.52</b>	
<i>God Bless You For Your Generosity</i>		



**PHOTOS WANTED**

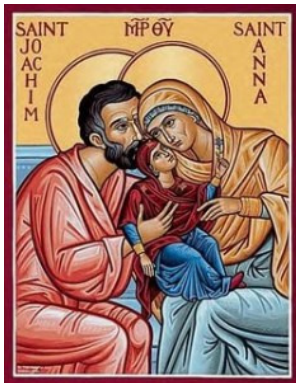
If you have any photos of parish events that have taken place over the last 6 months and would like them to be a part of our Partner Parish Pictorial Directory, please email them to **mnick2010@gmail.com** if they are digital. If you have hard copies you can drop them off at the Parish Office and they will be returned when we are done.

**Young adult listening sessions with Bishop Malesic in advance of synod**

The Diocese of Greensburg will host three young adult listening sessions in preparation for the 2018 Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." Young adults ages 16-29 are invited to attend one of the sessions. After refreshments and a brief introduction, participants will be separated into small groups by approximate age to discuss questions focused on the young Church in today's world. Then they will be invited to discuss in a large group setting some of the most relevant questions with each other and with Bishop Edward C. Malesic. Registration is available online for the following sessions:

- Tuesday, July 25, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Paul Parish, Greensburg <https://tinyurl.com/STPGBG>
- Tuesday, September 5, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon <https://tinyurl.com/STSBV>
- Thursday, September 7, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana <https://tinyurl.com/STMUP>

Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored. Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings.



There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life. Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents and grandparents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself. Joaquin and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God, the Mother of God.

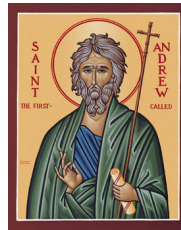


**Festival Fundraiser**

The St. Lawrence Church Festival is holding a fundraiser at the Subway in Ford City. We receive \$1.00 for every foot long sold and .50¢ for every 6 inch sub sold on **August 25 from 7 AM- 10 PM.** Address: 501 Main Street Route 66 Ford City, Please come out and support our Festival.

**Baskets are still needed for this year's festival at St. Lawrence Church. Please drop them off at the Parish Office.**

**St. Andrew Dinner**



Bishop Malesic is holding a series of dinners throughout the Diocese for men who may be thinking of discerning a call to the Priesthood. The dinners are open to any gentleman who may be interested. The next dinner will be **July 28** at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntington, Pa.

**BAPTIZED INTO THE FAITH**

Congratulations and Welcome

**Cullen Paul Jack**

**May the Lord Jesus Christ grant that he may receive the fullness of His grace.**



The St. Lawrence Church Festival will be held this year on **Saturday, August 26 from 11AM to 8PM.**

The committee is currently looking for donations toward our basket raffle and for volunteers on the day of the festival.

If you are interested in helping us in anyway, please print your name, phone number and complete the form below and cut out this section of the bulletin and drop this form in the collection next week. Donations should be turned in by **Sunday, August 13.**

Thank you for your support and donations, they are greatly appreciated!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make your own basket \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Cards/Certificates \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Items to add to a basket \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer at the Festival \_\_\_\_\_



If you have any questions please contact Shari Fuller at 724-763-4159 or Ceil Bartolovic at 724-763-3305