

**July 28, 2019**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 3 & 4**

**Sat. 5 p.m.—10 p.m. Sun. 11:30 a.m.—8 p.m.**

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

# **Festival**



**Street Level Band**

Sat. 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

**On the Level Band**

Sun. 11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

**Ray Jay & the Carousels**

Sun. 4 p.m.—8 p.m.

**Festival Food:**

Pizzaburgers, hot dogs, Fries,  
Hamburgers, Footlongs, Ice  
cream, Funnel Cakes, Corn...

**Homemade Food:**

Sausage, Pierogis, Stuffed  
Shells, Halupki, Haluski,  
Empanadas, Baked Goods...

**44 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062**



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, July 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mafalda August by Sue Conrady

### Sunday, July 28 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rose M. Altomari by Greg & Toni Bucci

10:30 AM † Alex Novakovich by Ted Harhai

### Monday, July 29

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Chunkala by Maryann Josay and Shirley & Dom Vaccaro

### Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM † Joseph Minno by Nida Sungala

### Wednesday, July 31

No Mass

### Thursday, August 1

8:00 AM † John & Marion Povrzenich by Shirley & Tony Reno

### Friday, August 2

8:00 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia Janol

### Saturday, August 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mary V. Usher by Michael Petros

### Sunday, August 4 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lena & Pete Salotti by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

10:30 AM † Charles & Margaret Vlastic by Wayne & Kathy Vlastic

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — August 3 & 4

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
4:00 p.m.	B. DuBreucq	J. Gigliotti J. Dudas Volunteer	B. DuBreucq B. DuBreucq
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Campus N. Campus J. Petritis	D. DeFelices Z. Tokar
10:30 a.m.	J. Olup	W. White J. Elias P. Fantauzzi	C. Blatnik A. Blatnik

Money Counters - Monday, July 29—Team #4 J. Petritis

## St. Sebastian Travel Group

Join us on this trip to the **ARK ADVENTURE, October 16 & 17**, where you will get to feel like you're walking through the Bible as the pages come to life at the Creation museum; board the "River Queen" for the captain's dinner cruise. Stay at the Holiday Inn; breakfast at the hotel, then off to a full scale replica of Noah's Ark. Cost is \$300 for double occupancy. Only 18 seats left. Call St. Sebastian for details: 724-929-9300

## The Power of Persistence in Prayer

The obvious point of our readings today leads us to believe that we are being informed of persistence and prayer. This is true to a point however the readings call us to a much deeper responsibility to prayer. If persistence were all that is needed to get what we want, we would all be millionaires living in some paradise. Prayer is not magic; we cannot expect to receive whatever we want from God just for the persistent asking. The surprise of the gospel is that persistence in prayer does not lie in asking again and again. The persistence essential for fruitful prayer is to ask for what God intends to give us: the Holy Spirit. Ultimately fruitful, persistent prayer is tied to the desire and will of God. In the first reading Abraham is a model of persistence in prayer because he asks for what he knows God wants to give – mercy to sinners. Prayer always includes a discernment of what God wants for us, not simply what we want for ourselves.

The dialogue that went on between Abraham and Yahweh is almost comical in its appearance. Abraham is using a technique of argumentation which is characteristic of the Middle Eastern world. One barter and bargains before coming to a decision. The story demonstrates for us the compassion and mercy of God, and the delightfully personal way in which Abraham feels he can talk with God. The outcome of their dialogue shows us that God is merciful, God is compassionate, and God is forgiving even when we do not deserve it.

Most of us first learned to pray by saying prayers – meal prayers, bedtime prayers, the Guardian Angel prayer, the Our Father and Hail Mary. This is a good beginning because it gives us an anchor; it gives us the words to get started. As we grow older and we come to know God better, however, there is always the risk that these "memorized prayers," prayers known by heart and so familiar to us, might become rote. We could end up just "saying prayers."

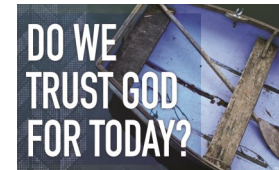
The kind of prayer Jesus taught is prayer from the heart, a prayer of communion, a prayer of attentiveness to divine Presence, a prayer seeking God's will. Praying – even saying familiar and much loved memorized prayers must bring us to divine encounter and to listen to God's will for us. Jesus reminds us that no one who seeks good for another or asks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, will be refused. The moral of the story in the gospel is that God will hear persistent prayer. Never give up on prayer. But one ought not think that we need to be knocking constantly on God's door for God to hear us. God hears even our whispers. When Jesus taught the disciples to say "Our Father," he was telling us that our prayer can be simple, stating our daily needs.

Prayer is simply talking with God. God does not always answer

### Weekly Collection July 21

Votive Candles:	197
Utility & Energy:	207
Accent	3
Children & Adult Collection:	\$5,183
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,590</b>

all at once, just as the man knocking on the door had to wait for a response. That does not mean God does not hear us. Continue to pray with the knowledge that prayer is a mystery, and constant prayer is a sign of the depth of our faith.





## PARISH FESTIVAL

# MENU



### Inside Food—Saturday, August 3

Hot Sandwich with coleslaw & chips.....	\$6.00
Hot or Sweet sausage with onions & peppers	
Italian Meatballs with sauce & cheese	
Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce	
Pulled Chicken with BBQ Sauce	
Sides.....	\$2.00
Mac & Cheese	
Haluski	
Pierogi Bar.....	\$1.00 / each
Choice of Toppings: Butter, Butter & Onions, Onions & Peppers, Suerkraut & Kielbassa, Bacon Bits, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, Green Onions, Jalapenos, Pepper Jack Cheese	

### Inside Food—Sunday, August 4

All Food a la Carte (Incl. with entrée: Garlic bread or Italian Bread)	
Halupki.....	\$4.00
Chicken Parmesan .....	\$1.00 / each
Meat or Chesse Shells .....	\$4.00
Hot or Sweet Sausage Sandwich.....	\$6.00
(Incl. Cole Slaw or Green Beans)	
Sides	
Haluski.....	\$2.00
Mac & Cheese .....	\$2.00
Corn on the cob .....	\$1.50
Cole Slaw .....	\$0.50
Green Beans with Bacon.....	\$0.50

### Outside Food—August 3 & 4

Pizza.....	\$2.50
Pizzaburger.....	\$7.00
Walking Taco .....	\$3.00
Hot Dog.....	\$1.50
Footlong.....	\$3.00
Kielbassa.....	\$4.00
Sauerkraut or Pepper & Onions	\$0.50
Hamburger.....	\$3.00
Cheeseburger.....	\$3.50
French Fries.....	\$2.50
Cheese Topping	\$0.50
Empanadas.....	\$2.50
Fried Dough (Sat. Only).....	\$1.50
Funnel Cake ( Sun. Only).....	\$4.00
Mini Corn Dogs.....	\$1.50/3
Ice Cream.....	\$3.00
Corn on the Cob .....	\$1.50
Water / Pop.....	\$1.00



## Faith Formation Teachers Needed

Our Faith Formation program is looking for **teachers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades**. If you are interested in teaching or in assisting, please call **Scott Martin** at the Faith Formation office at 724-929-9300 or email at [smartin@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:smartin@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

## Parish Festival

### Parish Festival Next Week!

Our festival is only a week away and we are wrapping up all of the last minute details.

On **Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be coming together at 9:00 a.m. to clean out the garage. If you are available to lend a hand, know that it will be greatly appreciated. If we get a nice crowd of people it shouldn't take very long.

On **Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** we can use help at 9:00 a.m. to start setting up the smaller tents. We will need a lot of hands-on work starting at 6:00 p.m. as we set up the larger tents and the tables and chairs. On **Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. we will finish everything else that needs done.

After the festival, on Sunday, August 4th, we can use a lot of help in tearing down. The following Monday, we will be beginning to have the parking lot resealed, so everything must be out of the way before then.

Again the more help we have for this the faster things will get completed. I hope that you will be able to come and give us a little help with setting up!

Remember that we have a **Bake Sale** on both days during the festival. We are calling on all of our bakers to bring some of your home made treats!



## Around the Diocese

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2019** to participate in the Golden Jubilee Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral **Sept. 22 at 3 p.m.** Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their parish office to register couples for this celebration. All registered couples, even those unable to attend the Mass, will receive a scroll signed by the bishop to commemorate this anniversary.

### Holy Family Parish Sponsoring Dinner

Holy Family Parish, West Newton, will sponsor a stuffed pork chop dinner at Gary's Chuck Wagon on South Second St., West Newton, Aug. 24 from 4-7 p.m., Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the restaurant or by calling 724-872-8920.

### Flea Market

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis, is holding their annual Summer Flea Market August 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Come and find your treasures.

### That Man is You!

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will sponsor "That Man is You" on Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 7. The 13-week series focuses on men's role as husbands to help them strengthen their marriage or prepare for their future marriage. The sessions are from 8:30-10 a.m. For details or to register, call Ken Glick at 724-858-5598 or Ray Takacs at 724-864-3554.