

DATE	MASSES	EVENTS
Saturday July 25th	8AM Special Intention Requested by Fr. Becket 4PM Terri Van Dyck Requested by Susie & Bob Quick	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions
Sunday July 26th 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time	8AM Special Intention Requested by Fr. Becket 10AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions
Monday July 27th	No Mass Today	
Tuesday July 28th	8AM +James Fasoli Requested by Jan Palzerine	7:30AM—Confessions
Wednesday July 29th	8AM Sue & Buzz Woodwell Requested by Kathryn Aunger	7:30AM—Confessions
Thursday July 30th	8AM Terri Van Dyck Requested by JoAnn Toner	7:30AM—Confessions
Friday July 31st	8AM Special Intention Requested by Fr. Becket	7:30AM—Confessions
Saturday August 1st	8AM Special Intention Requested by Fr. Becket 4PM Terri Van Dyck Requested by Leslie & Doug McCausland	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions
Sunday August 2nd 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time	8AM Special Intention Requested by Fr. Becket 10AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2020 anno Domini

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM (seasonal)
10:00 AM

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday-Saturday: 8:00 AM
1st Friday of the Month: 4:00 PM
Holy Day of Obligation: Check website
Snow Days: Check website

Refer to back page for possible changes

MISSION STATEMENT

To grow in the love of the Lord,
follow the teachings of the Church,
& serve one another and the community.

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Christopher Bond	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin	Deacon (seasonal)
Mrs. Leslie McCausland	Secretary
Ms. Nicki Conroy	Faith Formation
Mrs. Bernice Smathers	Choir Director
Ms. Faith Garner	Organist

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM,
Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all
Daily Masses, or by appointment
SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS: Contact office

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Friday—Monday: Closed

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."



In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.



It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation.

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Ann this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefer, Joe Hoefer, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Jerry & Cecilia Rogers, Marie S., Sue Quick, Christina Reitz, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Terri Van Dyck, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington.

Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

The Diocesan Support Appeal is the major source of funding for the Permanent Diaconate program in our diocese. Please continue to pray for these men, and if you haven't already made a gift to the 2020 DSA, please consider doing so. As always we thank you all for your continued support!

OFFERINGS

Offertory	Preservation & Improvement		Votive
\$2364	\$105		\$12
DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020			
Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over
\$22,000	\$15546.14	\$7093.50	\$639.64

**Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions*