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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
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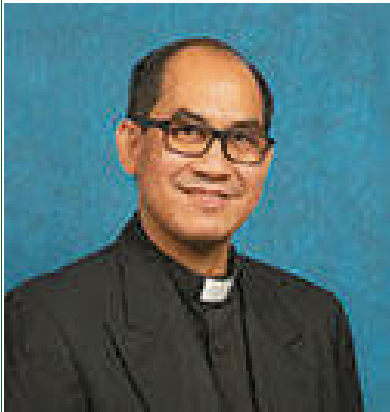


11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Without cost you have received; without cost
you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8*

Fr. Arnel's Reflections - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8



The main theme of our readings this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time is that we are a Priestly People and the Sheep of God's Flock, who are commissioned or sent, to transform others with the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus His Son.

As members of Christ's holy covenant family, we indeed belong to God. We are His precious possession, the sheep of His flock. The words of God to Israel in the First Reading are also meant for us. Jesus' Kingdom of the Church is the new Israel and the fulfillment of God's promises to the Old Covenant people. We are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation called into covenant unity through Jesus Christ, the Divine Shepherd.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us of what it means to belong to the Divine Shepherd. Shepherd imagery is the same in our Gospel Reading as Jesus expressed His pity for God's people who were "troubled and abandoned like a sheep without a shepherd." The "shepherds" of the Old Covenant Church were the chief priests and religious leaders who abandoned and misled God's people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness. But in Jesus, God fulfilled His promise to the Old Covenant people through the prophet Ezekiel that one day He would come and save His scattered sheep.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells us that through the merits of Jesus Christ, we have been saved and reconciled to God. His love for us is unconditional. He revealed His love in the death of His Son to redeem us from our sins, even if we are unworthy and undeserving of His mercy. We became reconciled with God in our Baptism when we symbolically died with Christ and were incorporated into His death and Resurrection.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd and the Church as the priestly people who are the sheep of His flock. Just as God delivered and commissioned Israel, He has also delivered and commissioned the New Covenant people to make us a royal priesthood to serve His Church and to minister to a world full of lost souls seeking the mercy of God.

The readings give us – *the preaching mission* – “As you go, make this proclamation: The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” The Kingdom of God is intended to be a society on earth, where God's will is as perfectly done as it is in heaven. Since Jesus was, and is, the only person who ever perfectly did, and obeyed, and fulfilled God's will as it is done in heaven, the apostles were to invite people to see how their long expected “kingdom of God” was made visible and tangible in Jesus of Nazareth.

Secondly, *the healing mission* – “Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons.” The Apostles have to convince the people that Christ came to give physical healing of bodies from diseases and spiritual healing of souls from sins. The spiritually dead are resurrected and revitalized by the Good News preached to them. Cleansing the lepers includes the actual healing of leprosy, as well as the cleansing the polluting influence of sins from minds and heart. Casting out demons also included liberating people from their evil habits and addictions which led them to sin.

Indeed, in Jesus, God fulfilled His promise to the Old Covenant people that one day He would come and save His scattered sheep and it is our duty today to continue the work that Jesus has started and has entrusted to us.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



A father is wisdom, love and understanding. He is the firm voice, the helping hand in time of trouble; the family's trust and hope, its guard and guide, the strength of its ideals. A father is encouragement, honor and justice tempered with humor. He is a speaker or a listener, according to your needs. He is always there when you need him. May fatherhood always be a joy and a privilege.

May you treasure your children from their birth through adulthood as unique, precious gifts from God. May God bless all fathers who have gone to their rest. May they find comfort in the arms of our heavenly Father.

All Masses this weekend are being offered for all of our fathers, both living and deceased, as a token of love and gratitude. *May God bless all fathers!*

☀ **Summer Solstice this Wednesday** - On this day, the sun is at its highest in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the official beginning of summer and an ancient day of celebration. It is called "Midsummer Day" because it is midway between the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. **A safe, happy, blessed summer to all!**

Monday is the Feast of Saint Romuald

Founder of the Camaldolese hermits who urged contemplative prayer through solitude, silence and fasting.

Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

He renounced his princely inheritance to enter the Jesuits and was strongly devoted to the Eucharist, interior prayer, and charitable service. He is patron of youth and of students in Jesuit colleges and universities.

Golden Group Meeting - Wednesday, June 21

11:30 am at the social hall in Footedale. Members are reminded that this will be a **covered-dish meal** so please bring your favorite dish to share!

Youth Ministry Hoagie Sale - June 24 & 25

Our Youth Ministry will offer for sale 8" Italian hoagies from New Salem Mini Mart after all Masses the weekend of June 24 & 25. No pre-orders needed; the cost is \$6.00. Proceeds benefit the NCYC event.

Altar Server Training - Saturday, June 24

Anyone (children and adults) who has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist is eligible to become an altar server. Training for those interested is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, June 24, in Footedale.

rest in peace

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of
 † **Joseph Paul Matyus, Jr.**
 who was buried Saturday, June 10
 † **Mary Ann (Berdar) Suba**
 who was buried Wednesday, June 14
 May God grant them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.

The Practice of Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge He makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift." See Matthew 10:8

Thank you for the following memorial donations to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:
 in memory of *Richard Lemansky and Joseph Paul Matyus Jr.* by Colette Freiberg
 in memory of *Joe Matyus Jr.* by the Fabrycki Family
Thank you to Cindy Ward for her donation of a new United States flag for Saint Agnes Cemetery.

HELP NEEDED / JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking for parishioners to join the **MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP TEAM** at Saint Francis of Assisi. All skill levels are needed - general, carpentry, masonry, electrical, and plumbing. Please contact team leaders: Masontown - Rick Bobincheck 724-317-6635
 Footedale - Dave Madison 724-366-2307.

Peter's Pence / Support the Holy See Appeal

Our Diocese will take the annual combined collection of Peter's Pence and Support of the Holy See **next weekend**. Your support of this appeal helps to provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Francis to assist the victims of wars, oppression and natural disasters around the world. As we participate in this special combined appeal, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father as well as those in need who are served by this collection throughout the world.

*The greatest gift I ever had
 came from God. I call him Dad.*

Stewardship of Treasure

June 11: \$6,036; loose \$547; monthly \$1,450; children \$8; online \$507; totaling \$8,548

Your support is vital to the life of our parish!



APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO REPLACE BOILER AT FOOTEDALE WORSHIP SITE

I would like to talk to you today regarding the boiler situation in our Footedale worship site. Many of you may, or may not know, that we were unable to use the boiler last year. This resulted in no heat for our church basement and complicated finding appropriate locations to hold our faith formation classes. The current boiler was installed sometime in the 1970s, making it over 50 years old. Our furnace vendor had been advising for years that a replacement would be needed, as parts for this aged unit were becoming extremely hard to obtain. Boiler failures in 2021 proved this true, as we had to call out our vendor five different times for repair work. One of the times that obsolete parts was a particular problem was two weeks prior to Christmas in 2021. The parts finally came in and the furnace was made operable three days before our Christmas Eve service.

Our faith formation program is the future of the Catholic Church and, as a parish, we must provide the right environment for teaching and nurturing our youth. Additionally, the new boiler will provide a backup for heating the upstairs church, if necessary.

With that in mind, the finance and pastoral councils have authorized the replacement of the boiler this summer. I am hopeful that we can raise sufficient funds and have the necessary funding in place by the conclusion of the installation. I am prayerfully asking for your support of this project. Any donation, either as an individual or memorial, will be very much appreciated. You can mark an envelope “**boiler fund**” or make a donation at the office. Thank you again for your continued support to our parish. – *Fr. Marlon*



Join Budget Charters for another wonderful performance at the Sight & Sound Theatre on **Friday, July 28**. Price of \$186 includes transportation, ticket for the 3pm performance of MOSES at the Sight & Sound Theatre and a Smorgasbord Dinner at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant. **Bus departs from Saint Francis of Assisi parking lot in Footedale** at 9:00 am and returns at approximately 11:00 pm. For questions and reservations, please contact Rosemary at 724-245-8333.

You are invited to take advantage of the wondrous gift of God's healing love for his people.

Healing Mass

ST. CECILIA CHURCH
JUNE 17, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.



Summer Vacation Bible School - July 17-21

9:00 am to Noon in Footedale
Children, age 4 through 5th grade, will be taken on a Southwest Monumental adventure to *Celebrate God's Greatness*. Enrollment is now open. Enrollment forms are available at the church entrances. Questions? kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org

MISSION FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 15, 3:00 to 7:00 pm
at the German-Masontown Park
Sponsored by the Klondike Clergy Association
Come out for some fun and help support our community!
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 17 -- Vigil: 11th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (A) *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

6:00 pm-M (M) *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

Sunday, June 18 -- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

9:30 am-F (M) *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

11:30 am-M (A) *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

Monday, June 19 -- Saint Romuald

8:00 am-M Robert Berish (Oppman Family)

Tuesday, June 20 -- Weekday

8:00 pm-F *Frank Kordella (Sons, David/Frank Jr.)*

Wednesday, June 21 -- Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 am-M Lindakay Rendina (Family)

4:30-6:00 pm Adoration / Confessions in Footedale

Thursday, June 22 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Joseph Novotny (M/M Alex Merkosky)*

Friday, June 23 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Mary Zaiglin (Janet Michalik)

Saturday, June 24 -- Vigil: 12th Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*

4:00 pm-F (M) *Adam & Elizabeth Freiberg (Daughters)*

5:00-5:30 pm-M *Confessions*

6:00 pm-M (A) Irene O'Brien (Soroptimist International)

Sunday, June 25 -- 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Jean F. Yasechko (Charles R. Yasechko)

9:30 am-F (A) *Henry A. Bashour (Daughter, Mary Jo)*

11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, JUNE 25

at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.



From today to the end of November, we celebrate a nearly unbroken string of Sundays in **Ordinary Time**; however, let this not be a sign that nothing special happens until Advent begins.

Ordinary Time is merely the period outside the climactic seasons of Christmas and Easter and the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. It is a time to explore the earthly life and ministry of Jesus between His birth and His death and to grow as a Christian disciple.

Today we hear Jesus tell His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Let us listen prayerfully so we may discern how He is calling us to be those laborers today.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, June 21, in Footedale

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition / Confession

5:30-5:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

Be still and know that I am God.

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - *All Fathers, Living & Deceased*

† **Blessed Mother** - *Augustine Aello Sr.*

requested by wife Edith, children, grandchildren

† **Saint Joseph** - *Michael Zumerling Jr.*

requested by his family

† **Saint Anthony** - *Mary & John Pasquale Jr.*

requested by their children & grandchildren

Dan Fronczek

requested by wife, Carletta

† **Sacred Heart** - *Francine Pavone*

requested by Philip Berisko



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