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## June 25, 2023

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### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

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

**Adoration:** Check bulletin

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 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  
for placing articles in the bulletin  
is Monday at Noon.

**New Parishioners, Welcome!**  
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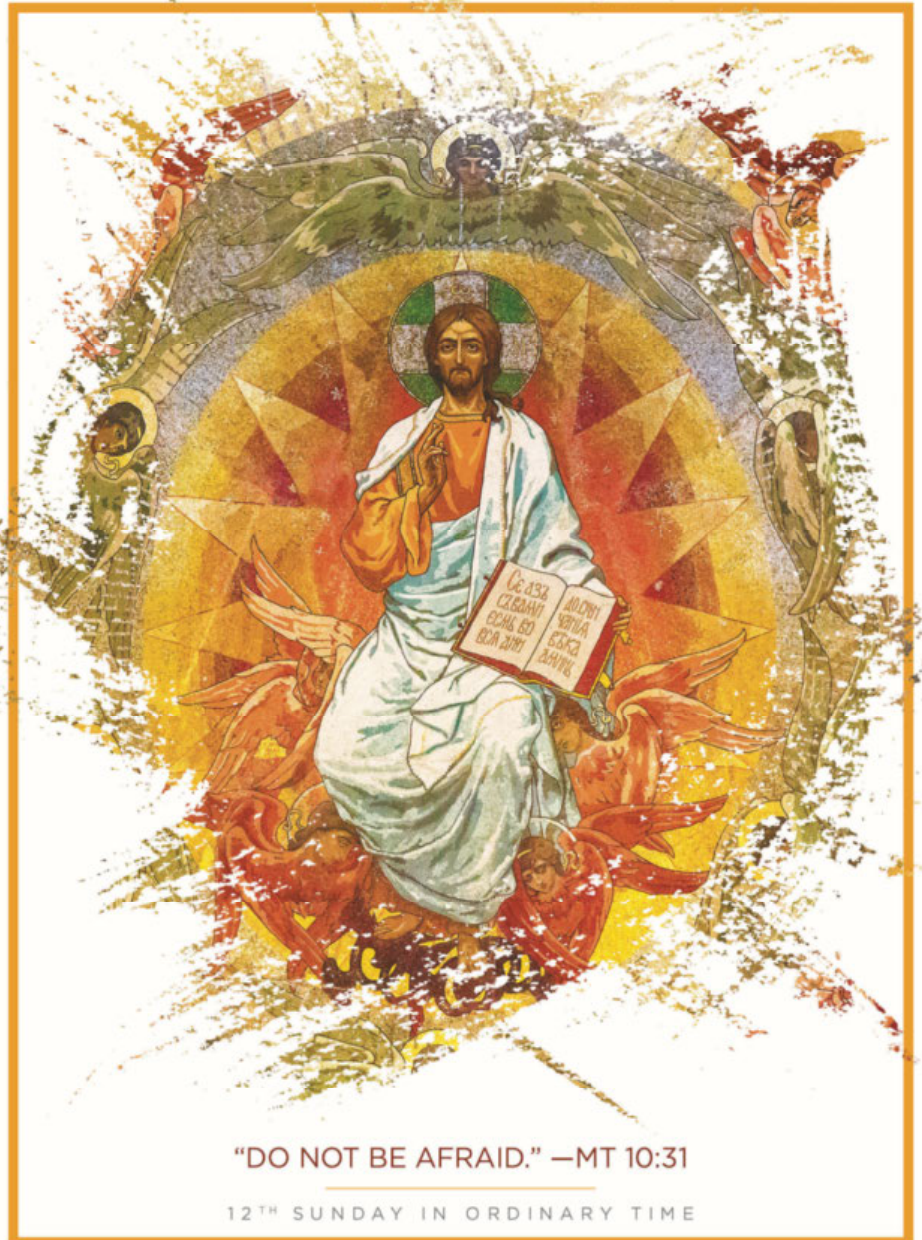
**Communion to the Homebound** is  
provided on a regular basis. Call the  
Parish Office to be added to our list.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By  
appointment. Prior to your baby's  
Baptism, you must be a registered,  
practicing member of this parish.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires  
parish membership by at least one of  
the parties for six months prior to  
making arrangements for marriage.

Weddings should be scheduled  
one year in advance.

**Prayer Chain:** To request prayer,  
please call Patty 724-245-9746  
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"DO NOT BE AFRAID." —MT 10:31

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Fr. Marlon's Reflections - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33)**



It cannot be denied that we have all kinds of fears. We experience fear when we think of tomorrow along with all the problems it brings. When there is danger that we may lose our job. For those who have a teenage son or daughter you worry of them. What if they go with the wrong company, knowing that prohibited drugs proliferate in our neighborhood? When we face retribution for a wrongdoing. When we are confronted with death due to terminal illness. Or when we feel all kinds of symptoms or get sick. This is especially true when we are short of money for a medical examination or medicines. Etc., etc.

As Christians, we believe that with the coming of Christ, we have been redeemed from original sin (Rom 5:12-15). But its effects - pain, suffering and death - are still with us. These are the roots of fear in us. Jesus, being human like us except for sin, was not exempt from fear. In the garden of Gethsemane, He prayed, *Father, if it be your will, let this chalice pass from me. But he triumphed over this fear by placing his fate in the hands of his Father.*

In the Gospel reading (Mt 10:26-33), Jesus commanded his disciples to proclaim his message in the same manner as he did - without fear, *What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.* Jesus knew that in witnessing to and proclaiming his message, the disciples would face being laughed at, opposition, persecution and even death. But he urged them, *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.*

Jesus also encouraged his disciples to always remain faithful and stand firm because *Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.* They were not to fear because they were precious in God's eyes. To make this point more concrete, Jesus talked about God's care for sparrows, *Not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. And they were worth more than many sparrows.* Thus they should not be afraid of what people would say or do to them as they carry out their mission.

Long before Jesus uttered these words, there were already great men in the past who were persecuted for proclaiming God's words. There was the prophet Jeremiah who was imprisoned for consistently pointing out the futility of resisting the Babylonian king and eventual exile. He was also aware of the plots against him. Thus from prison he said, *Yes, I hear the whisperings of many: "Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him! Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him." Yet he continued to proclaim God's message. Why? Because he knew that the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.* He firmly believed that God would protect and ultimately vindicate him.

As followers of Christ, we are also tasked to proclaim Jesus and his message to others - in words and deeds. Sometimes, this requires us to take a stand. And doing this can bring about criticism and even ridicule from people. Along this line, we can find out to what extent we will stand up for our beliefs by the way we answer the following questions: **If we are the only ones at home who participate at Sunday Mass will we still go? If we know that we will not be caught committing a dishonest act, will we remain honest? Is the fear of being discovered the most powerful deterrent for us to stay away from evil or is it our desire to do God's will in all things - whether we are seen or unseen?**

Jesus challenges us to stand by our beliefs even when it is disadvantageous and risky to do so. For example, we all say that we want to live in a community where justice and peace reign supreme. Yet when we witness a crime, say, drug pushing, are we willing to testify so that justice will be served? More often than not, the answer is no. And this because appearing in court may take much of our time or we fear that we will be the object of harassments or threats from the suspect or his family. If we all behave this way then we can bid goodbye to peace and order in our community. Then we can never become the light of the world that we are called to be.

In witnessing and being light for others, we are to rely completely on God's power and protection. For Jesus assured us that his Father will take care of us as he does even of the sparrows in the air.

Failure to witness before the earthly tribunal will mean disgrace before the heavenly tribunal. This is what we must fear above all. And so, let us pray always for the courage to do our best to spread Jesus' message under any and all circumstances.



**The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus**

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus unites us to the mystery of faith in His sacrificial love on Calvary which purifies our hearts of sin and prepares us for eternal life.



**Prayer to the Precious Blood**

O Precious Blood of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ardently desire to consecrate myself and all the days of my life to Your love and worship. I place myself and my loved ones, in a special manner, under Your powerful protection, begging that Your benediction may ever rest upon us. O Most Precious Blood, be our light in darkness, our strength in temptation, our consolation in sorrow, our passport to heaven, and the eternal object of our praise and love. Amen. We pray to You Lord, help Your people whom You have redeemed with Your Precious Blood.

**During the month of July**, please pray with Pope Francis *For a Eucharistic Life*. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**Change of Time for Adoration in Footedale**

Beginning Wednesday, July 12, Eucharistic Adoration at the Footedale worship site will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The Adoration prayer includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and finally Benediction.

It is my hope that with the change of time, more parishioners can attend and spend quiet time with the Lord and grow more in the love of Jesus. Please read our weekly bulletin for guidance.

Sincerely, *Fr. Marlon*

**The Practice of Stewardship**

*“Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,”* Jesus tells us in the Gospel today and *“nothing hidden that will not become known.”* May our stewardship of God’s gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day. See Matthew 10:26

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**June 18:** \$5,516; loose \$376; monthly \$780; online \$277; Accent \$255; Father’s Day \$1,969 totaling \$9,173

**Our parish is grateful for your support!**

*Parish Sympathy* is expressed to the family of

† **John Hospodavis, Jr.**

who was buried Friday, June 16.  
May God grant him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.



**Summer Vacation Bible School - July 17-21**

9:00 am to Noon in Footedale

Children, age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

*Christ promises to acknowledge us before His Father if we will acknowledge Him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny Him, to distance ourselves from Him?*

**The Peter’s Pence / Support the Holy See Collection will be taken this weekend.**

**The Peter’s Pence Collection** helps fund the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency relief assistance for people suffering from war, oppression and natural disasters.

**The Support of the Holy See Collection** is used to meet the Diocese’s obligation arising from Canon 1271 to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of the Holy See.

As we participate in this special combined appeal, together 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.





### 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 1970's, 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 of 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, contact Rosemary at 724-245-8333.

*June 24 is the Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist - the Midsummer Nativity.  
John said "I must decrease if Christ is to increase."  
On this day, the daytime begins to decrease - it is Midsummer Day.  
Rejoice in John's birth!*



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**SUMMER CELEBRATION 2023**

**Pasta Dinner / Salad Bar / Basket Raffle**  
Sunday, **August 6**, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in Footedale

**Labor Day Festival in Masontown**  
Saturday, **September 2** & Sunday, **September 3**

Soon we will be asking for your help with donations of Coke and Pepsi products, cases of water, Baskets for the raffles, your help in volunteering your time - especially at the Festival.



Mission Festival

Saturday, July 15, 2023

at the German-Masontown Park  
Sponsored by the Klondike Clergy Association  
Come out for some fun and help support our community!  
Entertainment, Food, Booths sponsored by Local Civic and Church Groups  
Basket Raffle, Baked Goods, Large Item Auction will benefit Charlie Mattish and family and The Masontown Community Kitchen  
Call 724-998-3519 for more information.



# **MASS SCHEDULE** ©LPI

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

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

## Monday, June 26 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Josephine LeDonne (Chahl/Karlowicz)

## Tuesday, June 27 -- Saint Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 pm-F Joseph Smith (Walter Smith)

## Wednesday, June 28 -- Saint Irenaeus

8:00 am-M Matthew Switalsky (Joseph/Patricia Fedor)

## Thursday, June 29 -- Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00 am-F Elsie Kopec (Family)

## Friday, June 30 -- First Martyrs Holy Roman Church

8:00 am-M Don Beck (Darell Hicks)

## Saturday, July 1 -- Vigil: 13th Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
 4:00 pm-F Dolores Kovach (Family)  
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
 6:00 pm-M Thomas & Mary Smearcheck (Becky/Family)

## Sunday, July 2 -- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Ellen Duffy (Frank & Mary Maykuth)  
 9:30 am-F Pro Populo  
 11:30 am-M Lindakay Rendina (Mom, Kay & Family)

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

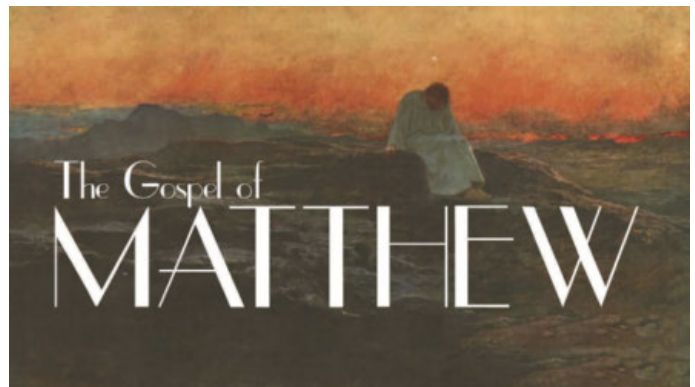
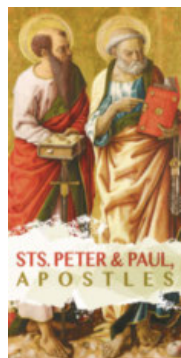
### Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-29  
 Friday: Gn 17:1 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17  
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

The Memorial Mass for Irene O'Brien scheduled for July 1 has been changed to August 19 at 1:00 pm.

Youth Ministry Hoagie Sale this weekend!  
 8" Italian hoagies from New Salem  
 Mini Mart costing \$6. No pre-order needed.

Parish Cash Bash this Sunday, June 25,  
 at the social hall in Footedale.



Life is difficult. Terrible things happen to us, to others across the planet, and to the world in general but our faith gives us hope. We know that God watches over us, cares for us, and has given us the promise of eternal life. We come here today to praise and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us, blessings that help us cope with the misfortunes, the wrongs, and the evil that we suffer. Let us glory in God's love and mercy.

## Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### Thursday is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Peter, a Galilean fisherman, was the spokesman for the Twelve who became "Prince of the Apostles."

He is patron of those in the fishing industry.

Paul was a Pharisee who became the "Apostle of the Gentiles." He is patron of the lay apostolate.

Both of these men were deeply rooted in their faith in Christ, tireless and fearless in living out their call to spread the Good News of His death and resurrection.

Perhaps we might identify more with one or the other,

but the essential truth we celebrate this day is:

Through the Spirit, Christ built and continues to build the Church and make the kingdom known through fragile, remarkable human beings, each graced in a particular way for the work of the reign of God.

**Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!**

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

† **Sanctuary** - Henry A. Bashour  
 (Birthday Remembrance)

requested by Mary Jo Bashour

† **Blessed Mother** - Millie Check  
 requested by her daughters

† **Saint Joseph** - Special Intention

† **Sacred Heart** - Toby Maykuth  
 requested by the Grimm Family



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