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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: First & Third
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Second & Fourth
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

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

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
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Sacrament of Baptism: By
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Baptism, you must be a registered,
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Prayer Chain: To request prayer,
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June 30, 2024



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Life is precious! God made it so for He values much His creation. Each and every human being received the breath of life from God. From conception till the end of one's life, life is a God-given gift that should always be appreciated, protected and valued, for it embodies the beauty of His goodness. And since we are created in His goodness, each and every one of us carries that goodness. In the book of Genesis, specifically in the story of creation (1:1-31), expresses the goodness of God: God created everything and saw it was good; He has made man and woman in His own image and likeness of what He is, a living God overflowing with goodness.

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the value of our lives. The story of the woman with a hemorrhage and the raising of Jairus' daughter gives us a glimpse of how our Lord Jesus gives much importance on the value of each life. The woman with the hemorrhage already suffered much of her affliction for twelve years and was desperate to find a cure for her illness. Her desperation led her to have faith in our Lord's divine power for a cure. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" and indeed by her faith in our Lord, she was cured and afterwards was sent off to go on her way at peace for her utmost desire of healing was granted.

Our Lord saw the suffering, the desperation and her total submission to the power of God and perhaps we can assume that, with God's goodness present in our Lord, melted His heart not out of mercy but of love for that woman and for that woman, it opened another look at her life in relation to God. Setting her off at peace gives a new meaning to her life and perhaps if she continues to be grateful and not forget the gift of healing she received, she will become a good witness and will always see how valuable she is in the eyes of God.

The story of raising Jairus' daughter back to life has the same result of showing the value of one's life by our Lord Jesus. Jairus, like any other parent whose child is at the point of death, was worried about the situation of his child but he swallowed his pride of being a synagogue official who has authority on matters of faith and worship and fell at the feet of our Lord and pleaded earnestly to come and lay His hand on his daughter so that she may get well and live. Such desperation and expression of one's faith in the divine power of our Lord melted His heart once again, came to his aid and raised the dead girl to life who was declared dead before they even set to go in His house. Such display of divine power shows His care for life. No one can give back life to someone, only God. The value of the girl's life to Jairus and his family is so precious. Our Lord restored the beautiful father and daughter relationship to Jairus and his daughter so that they will be able to cherish every moment of joys and happiness in that relationship for the rest of their lives.

How about us? How do we value our lives in relation to God and others? Our Lord demonstrated to us how to value the life of others by giving them their utmost desire in their hearts. The woman with hemorrhage illness was given healing and Jairus, his little girl's life. Every life is valuable to God because it is the expression of His goodness. Our Lord Jesus is showing us this. Thus, each and everyone of us must also see and learn this so that as we continue our journey through life, we will be able see the value of each person where each one carries the goodness of God. And if we're able to see that, then it remains to be seen in our actions everyday in our lives if indeed we can discern and embrace God's goodness in others.

I just hope that we stop seeing faults and other negative things in ourselves and others but work and express the goodness of God in each and everyone for us to build a beautiful relationship with God and with one another.

- Meditation based on today's Gospel, Mark 5:21-43

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. - Psalm 30

The Practice of Faith

Jesus gives Jairus and us some seemingly simple advice in today's Gospel: ***Do not be afraid; just have faith.*** (Mark 5:36)

Though we are made in the image of God's nature, death entered the world and we experience it in our sinfulness. When we are afflicted, it can be easy to be like those weeping and mourning the death of Jairus' daughter and ridicule Jesus as He calls us to not be afraid; but we must cultivate a prayer life that strengthens us to believe that Christ will meet us as we experience hardships and afflictions.



Happy Birthday America!

This Thursday we celebrate our nation's freedom. On July 4th 248 years ago, one of America's most historic documents was signed - the *Declaration of Independence* - marking the birth of this nation.

The *Declaration of Independence* was basically a list of the reasons that the 13 colonies had broken ties with their mother country, Great Britain. Written by a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson, it stated that all people had a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. By the time the *Declaration* was produced, the Revolutionary War had been going on for some months. It would take eight years for the colonists to win the independence they prized so greatly.

While declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of dependence on God. Let us thank God for His gifts of life and liberty, for a beautiful country and a system of government that is admired all over the world. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Prayer for America

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings on our nation. Give our leaders wisdom so that they will make decisions that respect all people. Give our voters knowledge and discernment, so that they will choose wisely those who will govern them. Give our judges a thirst for truth, so that they may justly interpret the laws before them. Give our legislators insight, so that they may form laws based upon what is right. Above all, Lord, give me the grace to be a good Christian, so that as I exercise my rights, I may be attentive to the common good and help to build up a society founded on justice and peace. Amen.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same." - Ronald Reagan



Peter's Pence / Support the Holy See Collection

Our Diocese will take this annual combined collection **this weekend.** This annual appeal helps Pope Francis assist victims of wars, oppression and natural disasters.

Peter's Pence helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also a number of solidarity projects that aid those most in need.

The Support 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. Every diocese is assessed for this obligation.

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money - a "pence" or pennies - from landowners as financial support for the Pope.

Please join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness and please pray for the Holy Father.



Our faith is built upon the apostles who saw the risen Lord and proclaimed His resurrection. Thomas' doubting gave way to faith when he saw the risen Lord.

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, July 7, 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. A limited amount of tickets remain and are available at the Parish Office.



JULY - The seventh month is named after Julius Caesar, a Roman general and politician, who was assassinated in the year 44 BC on the Ides of March (March 15). Julius Caesar had ordered that the calendar be reformed. The Roman mathematicians came up with a calendar that is almost identical to the one we use today. It is called the Julian calendar in honor of Julius Caesar.

During July, please pray with Pope Francis for the Pastoral Care of the Sick. Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. 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. We pray to You Lord, help Your people whom You have redeemed with Your Precious Blood. Amen.

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of † **Dolores Anna (Hendricks) Senyitko** who was buried Thursday, June 27. May God grant her eternal life and comfort her family. May she rest in peace.



The Practice of Stewardship

Today's reading from Saint Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship - "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need." See 2 Corinthians 8:13-14

Thank you for the following donations given to **Saint Agnes Cemetery:** in memory of *Elaine T. Rockwell* by The Hair Lair
In memory of *Dolly Kelly* by Rick & Denise Bobincheck

Stewardship of Treasure

June 23: \$6,190; loose \$483; monthly \$321; Online \$355; totaling \$7,349

We also collected \$1,127 for the care of our cemeteries. St Thomas \$377; OLPH \$249; St Agnes \$164; St Procopius \$137; Madonna \$135; Holy Rosary \$65

Our parish is grateful for your support!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light

July 15-19 / 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon in Footedale

Registration - Registration forms are available at the church entrances and can be returned via the collection basket, at the Parish Office or emailed

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The Confraternity of Christian Mothers at SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance, will host **Mass and Breakfast** on Friday, **July 19**, at 9am. Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., national director of the Archconfraternity, will be the guest speaker. Reservations due by July 11; checks payable to Christian Mothers can be mailed to Jean Thompson, 24 E. Church St., Fairchance, PA 15436. The event is open to all area women.

MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, June 29 -- Vigil: 13th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 pm-F *Dolores Kovach (Family)*
6:00 pm-M *Andrew & Carol Mihallik (Mihallik Family)*

Sunday, June 30 -- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M *Jama Revak (George Parish)*
9:30 am-F *Millie Check (Daughters)*
11:30 am-M *Pro Populo*

Monday, July 1 -- Saint Junipero Serra

8:00 am-M *Frances Oravets (Marie Shaffer)*

Tuesday, July 2 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Martha & Edward Baron (John/Arlene Ball)*

Wednesday, July 3 -- Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 am-M *Jerry Solomon (A Friend)*

Thursday, July 4 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Joan Cech (Evelyn Minerich)*

Friday, July 5 -- Weekday - First Friday

8:00 am-M *Agnes DiGregorio Sopko (PJ/Karen Vesely)*
4:30-6:00 pm-M *Adoration & Confessions*

Saturday, July 6 -- Vigil: 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
4:00 pm-F *Adam & Josephine Smith (Sons/Daughters)*
5:00-5:30 pm-M *Confessions*
6:00 pm-M *Greg Cox (Mom & Dad)*

Sunday, July 7 -- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M *Deceased Members Deli & Ventura Families*
9:30 am-F *Bill Rostich (Helen Sofranko)*
11:30 am-M *Richard & Anna Marella (Caroline Marella)*

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Am 2:6-16; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-12; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



Dear Lord, Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power. Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation. Amen.

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.” - Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865



“Do not be afraid,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel to Jairus, whose daughter is dying, “just have faith.”

Difficult as it was for Jairus, it may seem to be even harder for us now. When we are in mourning for a loved one we’ve lost or anxious about our health or that of someone close to us or worried about the state of the world or our country, can we find faith strong enough to calm our fears?

Gathered here today to give thanks and praise to God, may the words from Wisdom encourage us. God is good and imperishable and makes us to be the same. Let us place our trust in God.

Question of the Week: How does my faith affect the way I anticipate death? How can it increase my courage? How can I encourage others to keep the faith?

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 5, in Masontown

There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of: fervent Communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. - St. John Bosco

4:30-5:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions
5:30-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy Novena
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction



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

† **Sanctuary** - *Special Intention of Lisa Faris*

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

† **Saint Joseph** - *Henry A. Bashour Birthday Remembrance* requested by daughter, Mary Jo

† **Sacred Heart** - *Edward & Esther Pleban Anniversary Remembrance* requested by their Family



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