

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection: (Weekend of 6/20/2020 - 6/21/2020)

 Sunday
 \$ 4,124.50

 Mail-In
 \$ 2,563.66

 Online
 \$ 1,200.00

 Total
 \$ 7,888.16

Monday - 6/29 - Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles Intention - Stacy Mallernee (The Weller Family)

Tuesday - 6/30

Intention - Fr. Brian's arrival at St. Barbara (Ann Weaver)

Wednesday - 7/1
Intention - All Souls

Thursday - 7/2

No Mass

Friday - 7/3 - St. Thomas, Apostle

Saturday - 7/4

Intention - Chuck & Fran Bush (Terry & Diane Eisenbrei)

Sunday - 7/5 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Intention 8:00 - People of Our Parish

Intention 10:30 - Jack & Donna Sapia (Paulette & Jim Martin)

Sanctuary Candle:

This week, the sanctuary candle is lit for Angela Cline for health and peace from Fr. Brian Cline.

Flowers on the Altar:

This week, the flowers on the altar are for Jim & Paulette Martin in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Bingo is Back! Gov. DeWine and Dr. Acton have announced that we may re-open, as long as we comply with the guidelines set forth by the state. What does this mean? It means that all workers and players will be required to wear masks in order to enter the building. Space is limited – only 60 players per game on a first come, first serve basis. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Mass Intentions:

Mass Intentions are available. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and speak with Jennifer.

ATTENTION 200 CLUB SELLERS!!

We are getting ready for the 2020-2021 200 Club! We will be sending a letter in a few weeks to our faithful sellers along with the list of buyers and the number of tickets that you sold last year. If you cannot sell them this year, please call the office at (330) 833-6898 ASAP. We truly appreciate your help more than you know. May God bless you immensely!

Vacation Bible School Donations

Our children have had a disappointing ending to their school year, and many of their usual fun summer activities have been canceled! This year we are collaborating with St. Mary's Parish to provide a fun and exciting Vacation Bible School experience, and we need your help! There are additional costs beyond what is typical for Vacation Bible School, due to added cleaning procedures and children needing their own individual sets of supplies (i.e. no sharing of crayons, scissors, etc.). Please find in the narthex the Vacation Bible School display with tags indicating the supplies that are needed. Similar to the Angel Giving Tree at Christmas time, we ask that you purchase the items listed on your tag and return them to the narthex by Sunday, July 12 (no wrapping needed!). Thank you in advance for your support in adding joy to the summer for our children!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking adult and teen volunteers to help with our Vacation Bible School program. There is a wide range of responsibilities this year, including assisting with catechesis/activities, sorting/organizing/distributing supplies, facilitating social distancing and transitions between activities, and providing help with sanitizing various spaces. Please prayerfully consider if you have the time and ability to help! This is a great way for teens to earn service hours! All adults must be compliant with the Child Protection Policy of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please call Amy in the parish office if you are able to volunteer! Thank you!

Dear Friends,

Since we have been "re-opened" for a month celebrating weekend Masses and weekday Masses, I thought I would give you some observations from my perspective as your pastor. It appears that we resumed our Masses here smoothly and carefully. We are observing the guidelines and regulations which were provided by the State of Ohio, Catholic Bishops of Ohio and the Diocese of Youngstown. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and observance of these new practices and procedures. Social distancing has been observed carefully. The church pews and fixtures are sanitized before each Mass. Masks are being worn by almost everyone. We have tried to foster a sense of community worship and mutual support in the light of these challenges. The most challenging part for me is the distribution of Holy Communion. The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and I have been wearing masks and trying our best to give you Communion carefully and reverently. This is all in an attempt to help the giving and receiving of the Body of Christ as safely as possible for you and us. Beginning Monday June 29, we will no longer be signing in at the weekday and weekend Masses. Thank you for your cooperation in all these matters.

Attendance since our re-opening date of May 30/31 (four weeks of Masses) have been averaging between 50 - 80 at each of the weekend Masses (4:30 PM, 8 AM, and 10:30 AM). The daily Masses at 9 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday have been between 20 and 25. Let us continue to pray together in person or at the weekday and Sunday live-streamed Mass for God's guidance and protection as we face the on-going challenges of COVID-19.

Have a good week everyone and God bless you! Sincerely, Fr. Brian

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In Memoriam: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marjorie Ray, dear parishioner of St. Barbara and Tim Weick (Monica), brother of Sandra (Ron) Styer of our parish. Eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace.

Patriotic Rosary - Saturday, July 4, 2020 at Noon

We have not been able to meet together for our Patriotic Rosary since March. Things are slowly opening up, and with July 4th falling on the 1st Saturday of the month when our dear Blessed Mother has requested devotion to her immaculate heart for the reparation of sin and we will be celebrating our Independence, I invite you to once again join us at noon on the east side of the church at St. Barbara's. We will be practicing social distancing and praying for the many issues facing our nation today. If you would prefer to join us in your homes please unite your prayers with ours. God bless you and America, Any questions; call Verla Lorenz at - (330) 833-1125.

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Dear St. Barbara Community,

My heart is warmed by the tremendous response of our parishioners to our request for donations for Vacation Bible School this summer! Thank you in advance for your kindness in supporting us in educating our children. The theme of *Set Sail with the Holy Trinity* will emphasize the three persons of the Holy Trinity – God, the Father; Jesus, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit. The fact that we worship one God in three persons highlights the importance of community that God has demonstrated for us. The Holy Trinity itself is a community! Thank you for supporting the young people in our community of faith at St. Barbara!

In addition to our own parish community, we are beginning collaboration efforts with St. Mary's Parish by working together for Vacation Bible School this year. This idea was prompted by the suggestion for collaboration from the Diocese of Youngstown throughout the regional planning process that we have been discussing for the past year. Because both of our parishes have traditionally held Vacation Bible School during the month of June due to the school cleaning schedule (during years when there was no pandemic!), we started this collaboration with St. Mary's. In the future, we hope to work with the other parishes in our region and coordinate our efforts with them as well.

It is important as we move forward that we all have a good understanding of what collaboration with other parishes is and what it is not. There has been a common misunderstanding that collaboration should follow a "latch on" approach. In other words, in this approach, one parish does all the planning, funds the project, supplies all of the volunteers, and then invites others to "send their people" to the event. In a more collaborative model, representatives from all parishes involved are active in planning, and funding is shared. Volunteers come from all parishes involved, to ensure that participants have familiar faces and feel welcome.

We have been working very hard with St. Mary's Parish to follow a truly collaborative approach. The Director of Religious Education, Mr. Michael Alesiano (who you may occasionally see cantoring at some of our Masses) and I have been working together to design Vacation Bible School so that children from both parishes can feel welcome and have a great experience. We will be alternating where Vacation Bible School is held. This year, it will be held at St. Barbara. Next year, it will be held at St. Mary. The same display for donation requests was set up in St. Mary's church, and members of the parish were equally generous! We have volunteers and participants signed up from both parishes. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue the planning process to provide for a safe and enjoyable experience!

In the coming weeks, I will be seeking more volunteers for different activities, as we look forward to a new school year. There are many ways to get involved and invest in the young people of this community – through assisting with catechesis, sacramental preparation, and other activities. God has given each of us unique gifts and talents that can be used to serve Him and His people. I invite you to pray and ask God if He is calling you to serve the church in a new way that you hadn't considered before. Do not hesitate to contact me anytime, if you have questions or would like to talk through some ideas for how you can get involved.

God Bless!

Amy Davis

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