



**St. Mary**  
312 Clark St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

## St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

**Pastor/Administrator**  
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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021



**St. Michael**  
**The Archangel Parish**  
301 Spruce St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

### Saint Mary Parish

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 AM.  
Daily and Holy Days: See inside

#### Administrative Assistant:

Ethel Cunningham 814-695-0622

#### Parish website:

[www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys](http://www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys)

#### Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 PM  
Thursday: 4:00 PM before  
First Friday In our Social Hall

#### Director of Religious Ed.:

Sue Teske 814-695-0912

#### Parish Email:

[stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org)

#### Office Phone Number and Hours

Office: 814-695-0622  
Fax: 814-696-9609  
Mon. to Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

#### Director of Music:

Ms. Anna Podoletz

#### Cemetery:

Call Carol 814-695-9798

### Saint Michael Parish

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM.  
Daily and Holy Days: See inside

#### Office:

Janet Klingbeil 814-695-0912  
or 814-207-1479

#### Parish website:

[www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org)

#### Confessions

Saturdays at 1:00 PM &  
Sundays at 7:30 AM  
Inside the church hall; please use  
Montgomery St. stairwell entrance.

#### Director of Religious Ed.:

Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or  
814-934-2180

#### Parish Email:

[stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org)

#### Office Phone Number and Hours

Office: 814-695-0912  
Fax: 814-693-9820  
Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### Music Coordinator:

Tom Kunkle 814-312-3897

#### Greenlawn Cemetery:

Call Tom 814-695-2546

**Parishioner Registration:** If you would like to join the parish, please contact the rectory/church office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

**Baptism & Marriage:** Call the church office to schedule an appointment. 2 weeks notice requested for Baptism. 9 months notice required for Marriage.

**Christian Initiation:** Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? Contact the parish office. Classes normally begin in the Fall

**Holy Trinity Catholic School:** Hollidaysburg 814-695-6112, Altoona 814-381-7011, Middle School 814-942-7835

**Holy Trinity Catholic School Website:** [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

**Youth group Director:** Tim Baranik 814-207-7008

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline to have information considered for publication in the bulletin is noon Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Mail or email the information to the church office.

## Religious Education

Classes will begin Sunday, September 12th, with a twist!

All students in St. Mary and St. Michael parishes, Pre K - 11th grade will be combined with students from both parishes! As Fr. Alan announced last week, all classes will meet at 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM.

We are excited to start Religious Ed classes this year. We are in need of additional help to make this transition go smoothly. Besides the need for more catechist, we will need parents to assist in zooming each class session, people to direct students to proper class rooms and be available in the hall ways to assist where and when needed. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering to assist in anyway that you are able. Together we can make the transition a smooth one and grow together in our faith.

Parents are asked to complete the online registration by August 1.

[stmichael-hldg-pa.org/religious-education](http://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/religious-education)

All students in Pre-K thru 11 must register (including students who attend catholic schools). The fee for students in grade K-11, the fee will be \$25 per student.

## Large Print

Bulletins and Worship Aids are available. Please ask a Hospitality Minister for a copy.

## Families and the Gospel

In today's gospel, Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

## Who is St. Joseph?

The Carpenter: Joseph was believed to be a skilled craftsman involved in the building trade, who lived in a city called Nazareth upon his return from Egypt. There was abundant work in neighboring Sepphoris as Herod Antipas was rebuilding his capital at the time.

## Hear The Call

Through Baptism every Christian has a vocation, that is, a call from God to serve the Church. The Holy Spirit invites all of us to share our gifts, talents, and lives in some unique way. A call to Diocesan priesthood or to the religious life may occur over a long or a short period of time. It may be a sense that Christ is calling you to serve the people of God. Listen to the Holy Spirit's voice speaking: *Come and follow me!* Is God inviting you to consider the priesthood? Contact: Fr. Peter Crowe - [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org) 814-317-2681

## Catholic Men's Conference

During this year of St. Joseph, Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, PA will host a Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, Sept. 11th, from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

Bas Rutten will be the headline speaker. In recent years Ben has found his way back to the Catholic Faith and speaks to different groups about his faith journey.

The day will include talks from Bas, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession, and more. All men ages 18 and older can purchase a ticket by calling Holy Name Parish office at 814-472-7244. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$20; lunch will be provided.

We pray that St. Joseph will continue to intercede for all of us, especially men to be strong husbands, fathers, sons, deacons, priests and servants of Our Lord.

If you have questions please call Lori Bender or Fr. Brian Warchola 814-472-7244.

## Anointing of the Sick

If you desire the sacrament of the sick because of danger from serious illness, impending surgery, etc., please contact the parish office to arrange for a time to meet with Fr. Alan.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ST. MARY PARISHES

DATE	DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
07/24	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Adam Lawruk	Family
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	† Mary Liebal (Birthday Remembrance)	Her sisters, Chris & Helen
07/25	SUN	8:00 AM	St. Mary	† Joseph Herschel	Doris Kuntz
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	† The Baker-Leap Family	Children & Grandchildren
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	† Daniel Kelley	Anna M Farrell
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	† Bobbi Murray	Joan Luciano
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor
07/26	MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Guy Luciano	His daughter, Anita Carvalho
07/27	TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Falon Morris	Bill & Judy Ward
07/28	WED	7:45 AM	St. Mary	† Ron Schlecht	Rick & Maria Mitchell
07/29	THURS	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Edgar "Pork" & Esther Burkhardt	The Burkhardt family
07/30	FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	† Susan DeCriscio	Connie & Terry Curfman
07/31	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Charlotte Montgomery	Connie & Terry Curfman & St. Mary Rel. Ed.
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	† Wilson & Helen Smith	Richard & Marcia Smith
08/01	SUN	8:00 AM	St. Mary	† Gladys McDonald	Genevieve Catina
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	Intentions of Barbara & Jim Harley (in honor of their 50th wedding Anniv.)	Tim & Kathy Balconi
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	† John & Helen Crum	Estate
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	† The Deceased Members of the Helen C. Drass Family	Audrey Drass Vargo & Family
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor



### Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule - July 24 and 25

	READER 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
<b>St. Mary</b> Sat. 7/24 4:00 PM	Joseph Hurd (1) Bruno Felus (2)	Richard Books Michael Mollish	Grace Muriceak Claire Muriceak	Jodie Feath Michael Johnston Chris Johnston Shari Figurelli		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sat. 7/24 5:00 PM	Julia Burke (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Bonnie Pfeffer Ron Stellabotte	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Bonnie Pfeffer Ron Stellabotte	Lisa Michelone	Janet Klingbeil <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Mary</b> Sun. 7/25 8:00 AM	Shawn Sullivan (1) Mike Metzgar (2)	Kay Benton Robert Moore	Matthew McMullen Isabella Pietrolungo	Ray Gregorchik Daniel Norris <b>NOT FILLED</b>		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 7/25 8:30 AM	Becky Stevens (1) Sue Painter (2)	Anita Carvalho Chris Feathers	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Stephen Frank Raymond Baker Tom Baker	Scott & Deb Claar	Tim Surkovich <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Mary</b> Sun. 7/25 10:00 AM	Rachel Sleeth (1) Dottie Gonsman (2)	Greg Figurelli Dee Popp	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Michael Moran Kathy Moran John McIntyre		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 7/25 10:00 AM	Marty Culp (1) Dale Culp (2)	Marty Culp Annette Lewis	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Rebecca Culp Joe Dodson Joe Harteis	Marty & Dale Culp	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 7/25 11:30 AM	Debbie Sault (1) Doug Stoehr (2)	Ginny Harrington Eva Pope	Rylee Swander <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Peggy Claycomb <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Andy Weyant	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (July 25 to July 31): Ramona Shrift

**\*The Deacon will be ordinary minister of communion, if he is present.**

### Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule - July 31 and August 1

	READER 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
<b>St. Mary</b> Sat. 7/31 4:00 PM	Regina Lawruk (1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (2)	Carol Hallberg Michael Mollish	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Rick Pulcino Jodie Feath Michael Johnston Chris Johnston		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sat. 7/31 5:00 PM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (1) Carole Swope (2)	Rich Holzer Don Straub	Marco Swope <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Dennis Bonetti Patricia Chapin	Andy Weyant	Janet Klingbeil <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Mary</b> Sun. 8/01 8:00 AM	Claudia Montero (1) JoAnn Propcheck (2)	Kay Benton Robert Moore	Matthew McMullen Isabella Pietrolungo	Ray Gregorchik Daniel Norris <b>NOT FILLED</b>		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 8/01 8:30 AM	Bob Anthony(1) Becky Stevens (2)	Bob Anthony <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Stephen Frank Raymond Baker Tom Baker	Roy & Cate Burger-Leister	Ben Gervinski <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Mary</b> Sun. 8/01 10:00 AM	Dave McGarvey (1) Craig Mauk (2)	James Popp Mary Smith	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Dottie Gonsman John McIntyre Michael Moran Kathy Moran		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 8/01 10:00 AM	Lisa Georgiana (1) Dave Lanzel (2)	Lisa Georgiana Joe Pompa	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Greg Olsavick Joe Dodson Joe Harteis	Rita Pompa	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 8/01 11:30 AM	Debbie Sault (1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (2)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Rob Walter	Rylee Swander <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Peggy Claycomb <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Jesse Pellow	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (August 1 to August 7): Ginny Harrington

#### Stewardship Opportunity

We are always in need of more volunteers to serve as Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans (weekend and weekday), Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Sound and Video Technicians (*St. Michael parish*). Please give prayerful consideration to any of these ministries and let us know how you can serve.

**Instruction and training will be provided.**



## ST. LEONARD'S PERSONAL CARE HOME

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment.

We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours.

We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

## Young Men "Hear The Call"



Perhaps you have grown discontent with the unrest in the world. The Lord calls us to be salt and light in a world that is suffering in darkness. He calls some men to give themselves entirely to Him and His mission as priests or religious.

**Consider this very worthy calling!**

There are an increasing number of discernment opportunities meant to help you hear His call more clearly and freely follow Him without reserve.

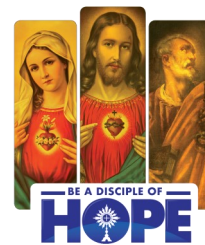
Do not be afraid! The world needs good men to give themselves generously to the Lord to work in His vineyard. Check out [ajvocations.org](http://ajvocations.org) for some good information and information about discernment opportunities.

Contact Fr. Peter Crowe,  
[Vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Vocations@dioceseaj.org) for more information.

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"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9



Donations accepted now through July 29th at Hollidaysburg Area Public Library and Family Resource Center at United Way of Blair County, 208 Hollidaysburg Plaza, Duncansville.

Registration is now open for Blair County students to receive supplies by calling 814-317-5108 by July 30th. To be eligible, Blair County Students must be entering kindergarten through 12th grade with a need in the family for help with school supplies.

Distribution will be on August 5th at the Family Resource Center.

For more information, contact:  
Denise Adams at:  
814-317-5567, ext. 405

## What Deacons Do:

- ✠ Baptize
- ✠ Witness marriages
- ✠ Perform funeral and burial services outside of the Eucharist
- ✠ Distribute Holy Communion
- ✠ Preach the homily
- ✠ Visit the sick
- ✠ Teach the faith
- ✠ Provide counsel for couples and individuals
- ✠ Work on parish committees
- ✠ Advise and assist pastors

God is calling new vocations to the diaconate. Are you one of them?

Contact:  
**Deacon Michael Russo**  
Director of the  
**Permanent Diaconate**  
**814.693.9870**  
[mrusso@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mrusso@dioceseaj.org)  
[www.dioceseaj.org/diaconate](http://www.dioceseaj.org/diaconate)

## Saint Mary's Parish Stewardship of Treasure

\$4714.00	Offertory Collection
4275.76	Online Giving
263.62	Loose
150.00	Votive Candles
	Maintenance
90.00	Capital Improvement
	Utility & Energy
10.00	Children
70.00	Peter's Pence

**Thank You For Your Generosity  
And Faithful Stewardship**



## *New Weekend Mass Schedule*

### **Beginning August 7 & 8, 2021**

the Weekend Mass schedule for St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes will be changing:

#### **St. Mary Parish**

4:00 PM - Saturdays

7:30 AM and 10:00 AM - Sundays

#### **St. Michael Parish**

5:00 PM - Saturdays

7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM - Sundays

#### **Confession Schedule**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Saturdays at St. Michael's

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Saturdays at St. Mary's



## **The Carmelite Community of the Word will celebrate a Memorial Prayer Service Sunday, August 1st**

The Carmelite Community of the Word will celebrate a Memorial Prayer Service honoring the life of Sr. Celeste Ciesielka who died from Covid-19 on December 15, 2020.

Sr. Celeste served in many roles and touched the lives of many throughout the diocese. Family, friends and co-workers are invited to join in this celebration to be held at the CCW Incarnation Center Motherhouse, 394 Bem Rd, Gallitzin, PA on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

An outdoor prayer service is planned for 2:00 PM with a reception to continue until 4:00 PM.

Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair if possible to supplement seating within a tent.

RSVP's are requested by July 28th by emailing: [communityofficeCCW@gmail.com](mailto:communityofficeCCW@gmail.com).



**August 1, 2021 from 4:30 PM - 8 PM  
St. Mary Social Hall and parish grounds**

For all St. Mary & St. Michael parishioners and families.  
Let's celebrate being able to be together  
and the beautiful summer weather. RAIN OR SHINE!

**FREE** picnic food

**FREE** Games for kids AND Adults  
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**FREE** Bingo with incredible prizes!

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**50/50 Raffle** to benefit Catholic Charities

**Please RSVP so we can have enough food and prizes**

Use the form below and place in the collection basket,  
or register online at:

<https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/summer-social>

**Names of all attending:**


**Indicate number of each in the boxes:**

ADULTS	TEENS	ELEM. AGE	PRE-SCHOOL

**Handicapped parking needed?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in helping?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your reservation by this Sunday, July 25th.  
Thank You!



## Upcoming Events at St. Mary and St. Michael's Parishes

### Rosary

Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass.

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM outdoors at the shrine at St. Catherine's in Duncansville. (Rain location is St. Michael Church).

July 25	RSVP's for the Summer Celebration Social are due to the parish offices or online at <a href="https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/summer-social">https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/summer-social</a>	
July 25	5:30 PM	St. Mary & St. Michael Music Committee Meeting (St. Michael Rectory basement Meeting Room)
July 26	6:30 PM	Summer Celebration Social Organizational Final Meeting. (St. Mary Social hall )
July 27	NOON	Greenlawn Cemetery Committee Meeting (St. Michael Rectory basement Meeting Room)
Aug. 1	4:30-8:00 PM	St. Mary/St. Michael Parish Summer Celebration Social (On the grounds of St. Mary Parish)
August 7	7:15 AM	Men's Fellowship Meeting - All men are welcome - St. Michael Church hall (basement of church)
Aug. 7 & 8	<b>NEW WEEKEND MASS &amp; CONFESSION SCHEDULE BEGINS AT BOTH PARISHES</b>	
Aug. 10	6:30 PM	St. Michael Parish Council Meeting (St. Michael Rectory basement Meeting Room)

## Please Support The Advertisers That Support Our Bulletin!



If you think it might be possible that our Lord is calling you to the priesthood, please do not hesitate to contact me. There is never any pressure, but only support as you discern your vocation. Please also check out the website which has lots of helpful information: [ajvocations.org](http://ajvocations.org)

**Fr. Peter Crowe**  
**Vocations Director**  
**[vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org)**  
**(814) 317-2681**

### In Loving Memory

The flowers today at the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in St. Michael church were placed there in memory of the deceased members of the Baker-Leap families by the Baker family

### Saint Michael's Parish Collection for 7/17 & 7/18

\$8,990.00	Offertory Collection
133.26	Loose Collection
90.00	Votive Candles
139.00	Maintenance
2.00	Catholic Home Mission
20.00	Assumption
277.50	Twin Parish in Jamaica
3,639.00	Online Giving

**Thank You For Your Generosity  
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## Calling all Men

**You are welcome at any meeting.**

Join us on Saturday mornings at 7:15 AM in Saint Michaels church basement, 301 Spruce Street, Hollidaysburg for 60 minutes of fellowship, Scripture study, faith sharing, prayer and a cup or two of coffee.

- We seek God's direction for our lives and seek to know His will for us.
- We are committed men who recognize our need for each other and for God's help.
- We gather in Christ's presence in an atmosphere of trust, equality and anonymity to share personal feelings and experiences.
- We unconditionally accept one another and prayerfully support one another.
- We feel encouraged by The Holy Spirit to share with one another the ups and downs we experience in our day to day lives.
- We welcome all as our brothers regardless of denomination or how far you are on your faith journey.
- We plan on meeting on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 7th.

So, bring your Bible and your hunger for God and join us, as we prepare for eternity. "Come and see" John 1:46

### Contact:

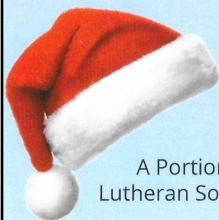
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# Christmas in July SHOPPING EVENT!

Thursday, July 29  
1-4 PM at Hillcrest Apartments  
1010 Spruce Street, Hollidaysburg

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## Hollidaysburg Farmers Market

Support Your Local Farmers  
Tuesday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Montgomery St. off the Diamond



## FARM FRESH VEGETABLES

### Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks to us of God's unconditional love for us and His boundless generosity. He cares for our needs in such a way that we are not only cared for, but we are given more than we could ever ask for. He does this on His own accord, of His own free will, and with His own capability. We are called to love and care for everyone as the boy with five barley loaves and three fish did. He was called upon to give what he had in order for Christ to carry out His mission of caring for every single human being.

With that mission in mind, He calls each one of us to assist Him. But He asks us to help. He wants us to help. We are called to give him all that we have; our time, our talents and our treasure, so that, together with Him, we can feed the world, offering others the love of Christ and sharing the Gospel with them.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2012/7/17)

### Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)

#### A Tender and Loving Father, Believer of Truth

The family went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. On their return Jesus became separated from his parents. They first thought he was in the caravan with others. They searched for three days. When they found him, he was discussing matters of his faith with the teachers in the synagogue. Joseph and Mary expressed their concern and worry. He told them that he must be about his Father's work.

"Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. Pope Francis compared that truth always to the merciful father in the parable Jesus told of the Lost Son. Truth comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us."

**St. Joseph, a tender loving father,  
believer of Truth, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, 2. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

### INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**2 Kings 4:42-44** Elisha was the successor of the great prophet Elijah, who lived about 800 years before Christ. Elisha was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed during a time of famine.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** The first three chapters of the letter to the Ephesians teach doctrine; we now begin the next part of the letter which contains practical advice for Christian living. In today's passage, you will hear the author speak of seven ways in which Christians are united. In one sense, this is the foundation of the ecumenical movement.

#### Gospel John 6:1-15

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (Aug. 1)

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 and Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6:24 – 35



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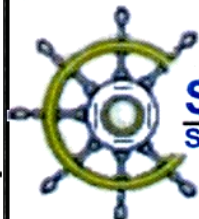
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