

July 25, 2021 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”  
John 6: 1-15 (16-21)**

Miracle scraps

She had a wonderful time at her prom. But she couldn't help noticing that some of the girls she knew weren't there. Later that week she asked around and was stunned to learn the number of girls who could not afford a dress for the prom. So she and a couple of her friends talked to their moms about giving their dresses to girls for next year's prom. A local dry cleaner agreed to be a clearing house next spring. Their three dresses were the beginning of a miracle the following spring for seniors who thought going to the prom was a pipe dream.

It started a few years ago when a young mom with two children was seriously ill. Neighbors and friends organized to provide supper for them. They soon discovered how many other families experienced similar crises (not to mention that "food insecurity" during the pandemic was a reality in their community, as well). The local parish got involved and now a freezer in the church basement is kept stocked with casseroles, hamburgers and all kinds of prepared foods for families in need. The organizers never forget that it started with one dish of lasagna.

It was his first semester student teaching. He returned to the dorm each night with stories of the funny things his second graders did and said. One evening he asked two of his friends if they had an hour or two to help a couple of his students who were struggling in math and reading. His pals cautiously said yes — teaching elementary school was not part of their career trajectories. But they came to the school one afternoon and each worked with a student — and never spent a more fulfilling half hour in their lives. The kids were great — and the short time they spent together made a big difference in the second-grader's school work. That first completed math sheet and vocabulary list were the beginnings of a new after-school tutoring program organized by the college.

***A prom dress, a casserole, an elementary school reader – all pieces of “bread and fish” that become the beginnings of a miracle. Like the boy in today’s Gospel who gives the little he has, these good folks make use of the opportunities and resources they have — all simple and ordinary — to make good things happen for others in need. The community of generosity and gratitude that Jesus gathers on that plain is re-created each time we gather here to celebrate the Eucharist. We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist we receive at this altar: giving thanks for what we have received by sharing with one another our “scraps” of bread and fish — our talents, our riches, ourselves — working our own miracles of creating communities of Christ-like charity.***

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**Sacred Heart Parish**

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

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**(Summer) Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 2pm.**

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am  
***To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.***

**Mass During Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

**Lohnes Complex** First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

**Bible Study:** Discontinued for the summer.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Discontinued until further notice.

**Reconciliation:** By request.

**Marriages:** Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:** At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**Masks must be worn at all times. (As per newest Government Regulations).  
Always remain 2 meters distant from others.**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1331.00
Garden Party	5.00
St. Annes oil	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Mary Mullins
Wed. 7pm	Late Albert Donahue
Thu. 7pm	Late Jackie Griffin
Fri. 10am	Late Joan Barriault
Sat. 4:30pm	Special Intention
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Jackie Griffin and the late Fred Beales. May they rest in peace.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Dianne will be on vacation from August 3-6.

**CATHEDRAL - CEMETERY MASSES - ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Please take note that these Masses will be celebrated in the respective cemeteries. They will be held in the Cathedral in the event of bad weather. July 27th at 7:00 pm - Mass for Mt. Patricia July 28th at 7:00pm - Mass for Townsite Cemetery.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

**HUMOUR:** What did the reporter say to the ice-cream? What's the scoop?

**CHURCH – MAJOR PROJECTS:** The finance committee has met and discussed major upcoming possible projects for our church properties. This weekend Father Jim will speak about those projects and the expenses. Currently we have completed a new cemetery fence and are completing concrete and stucco repairs to the church as well as the repainting of the exterior of the church. We are looking at the possibility of paving the parking lot and the necessity of replacing the church roof. With the church roof we are looking at the possible cost of shingles and the possible cost of a steal roof. It is our hope that while we have the funds, we can do these projects which will provide for our physical church properties for a number of years into the future. We will however need to look at fundraising to provide for these projects and still have a bank balance for day-to-day operations.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port au Port West, will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, August 15th, at 6:00pm with His Excellency Bishop Bart officiating. We will also be reciting the Rosary prior to Mass at 5:30pm. Priests will be available to those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confession from 5:30-6:00pm. Please be advised that the number of parishioners attending Mass is limited to 200 due to government restrictions. If you would like to attend the Mass please call 721-0200 to register. Following Mass, we will be accepting donations for Our Lady of Mercy Church Restoration. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

**FEAST OF STS. ANNE & JOACHIM - JULY 26:**



This week the Church celebrates a very important day, the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. Everything we know about them comes down through the traditions held in the Church. We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they could not have children for many years. Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer and grant them a child. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become known throughout the world. Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love. The beautiful shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is devoted to St. Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to her. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Saints Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem. Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things such as Canada, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION:** We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**SAINT ANNE'S OIL:** The parish has a supply of Saint Anne's Oil. These are available at the parish office. We ask a \$7 offering for each.

**HUMOUR:** Miniature Golf - It was at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot day when I saw a father with 3 kids. "Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully. "I am" said one "no, I am" said another. "No," the father said, "their mother is!"

**MARY'S KITCHEN:** Brown Bag it – Friday's 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, the side entrance.

**E-TRANSFER:** You have the option to make donations via email money transfer. This email address is for e-transfers only, [sacredheartcparish@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcparish@gmail.com). Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.

