



## **ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

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### Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM                      Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

### Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM              Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

### Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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## THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2020

### SUNDAY COLLECTION – July 19

July 19: \$1,013

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.  
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<i>THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 25	5:00 PM	Special Int. For Rhonda Ann Cross
Sun. July 26	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon July 27		No Mass
Tue July 28		No Mass-Father Away
Wed July 29		No Mass-Father Away
Thur July 30		No Mass
Fri July 31		No Mass-Father Away
<i>THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 1	5:00 PM	Spec. Int. for the health of Lynn Cross
Sun. Aug. 2	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

### PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Albert Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, the family of Anna Huffman, Luca Cooper, as he is baptized Sunday, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays** - July 25—Warren Richardson, July 28—Darlene Schutte, July 31— Summer Gullion, August 4—Brandy Kiser, August 16—Mitchell Ryan, August 17—Isaac Ryan, August 22—Cheyenne Kiser

**Anniversaries** - July 28—Bill & Rita Funke, July 31—Clifford & Terri Straub

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS – Bishop Foys has mandated the wearing of masks for those attending Mass. We ask for your patience and prayers as we continue to deal with the coronavirus.

DPAA – You should have received a letter in the mail from the diocese on behalf of the DPAA. This important collection to support the work of the diocese will be conducted through the mail. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal. Please prayerfully consider pledging and contributing to this cause.

Parish Goal: \$10,700

Total Commitments (as of June 30): \$4,110

MASS VIEWINGS – There is a link to our videotaped Mass through our website ([www.stmatthewskenton.org](http://www.stmatthewskenton.org)) if you are unable to get to Mass or know anyone who cannot attend. You can also watch Mass on your TV – the Cathedral Mass is broadcast on MeTV channel 5.2 Sundays at 5:00PM, or on the following websites: *WatchTheMass.com*, *EWTN.com*, *TheSundayMass.org*

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Care Net is once again conducting its Baby Bottle Campaign. The bottles are in the back of church and have also been placed outside the church doors for those who are not yet attending Mass. Please return all bottles with your donations by Sunday, August 2.

SUNDAY BAPTISM – Luca Mark Cooper, son of Kevin Cooper and Kaylynn Jackson, will be baptized at St. Matthew after Mass on Sunday, July 26. Let's all join in welcoming our new brother Luca and in praying for him to grow into a life which glorifies God and brings blessings to others.

RAFFLE TICKETS & FESTIVAL – Our raffle tickets should be coming in soon. We will make a determination on the status of our September festival soon as well. We'll need all the help we can get to make our festival go well!

READINGS – With the new format for the bulletin, we will no longer be posting the schedule of readings for daily Mass. You can find this schedule posted on the US bishops' website ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org); look for the calendar in the bottom right) or you can grab one of the *The Word Among Us* booklets available in the back of church.

UPCOMING MASS TIME CHANGE – Effective August 1, our weekday Masses will be on Tuesday at 8:30AM, Wednesday at 6:30PM, and Thursday at 8:30AM. There is no change to the weekend schedule.

## FROM THE PRIEST – OUR BISHOP

Although I think most of you are aware of all this, I want to take this week's bulletin to discuss an important matter for our diocese. Bishop Roger Foys will turn 75 on Monday, July 27. Upon reaching this date, bishops of the Catholic Church are asked by Church law to submit a letter to the Holy Father on their status. The overwhelming majority of bishops use this letter to request their resignation as the bishop of a diocese or ordinary as it is known in the law. Bishop Foys has made it known that he will request his retirement as bishop of our diocese of Covington.

This does not mean that the letter shall be immediately accepted, nor that a replacement is imminent. As with any bureaucracy, it takes some time for things to be processed and moved forward. There is no time limit upon the Pope to accept a bishop's letter of resignation. This means that we shall still have Bishop Foys as our bishop until such time as the Pope sees fit to accept his resignation and appoint a new bishop.

The unfortunate part about all of this is that we shall be in the dark until perhaps the day before any announcement is made. Much of the process of appointing bishops is rather secretive, which has not helped garner respect for the Church from outside circles in recent years. Not even us priests have any clue when this shall occur or who will be announced. I can only speak based on my knowledge of recent episcopal appointments across the country that we could be waiting almost a year before we hear anything.

What we can do in the mean time is to pray and ask God to send us a holy bishop for our diocese, while offering thanks for Bishop Foys' ministry of 18 years. I am personally thankful to Bishop Foys for supporting my vocation and ordaining me a priest of Jesus Christ. Without Bishop Foys, I would not be here today. It will be very different not having him as our bishop, but I trust in God to give us the bishop we need during these days. To conclude, I offer this prayer from the *Roman Missal* for the election of a bishop. Let us pray for our future bishop!

O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*