

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug 15/18	\$1,426
Aug 25	\$993

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug. 31	5:00 PM	For †Judy Bloom
Sun. Sep. 1	9:00 AM	For †Arabella Cooper
Mon. Sep. 2	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Sep. 3	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Sep. 4	8:00 AM	For Todd Kloentrup (L)
Thur. Sep. 5	8:00 AM	For Imogene Fisk (L)
Fri. Sep. 6	8:00 AM	For †Russell Scudder [First Friday Mass]

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sep. 7	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Sep. 8	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, and Todd Kloentrup.

BIRTHDAYS—Bill Schneider-Sept. 19, Brody Baker–Sept. 23, Tony Bach-Sept. 25, Owen Rawe-Sept. 29.

ANNIVERSARIES– Tom and Darlene Schutte-Sept. 2, Dina and Michael Ryan-Sept. 6, Tony and Wanda Bach-Sept. 10, William and Linda Beck-Sept. 12, Jerry and Eileen Ehlman-Sept. 26.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

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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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,594 in pledges and contributions. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

SAVE THE DATE!—The date for this year’s festival will be September 22. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church to help. If you don’t know what you want to do, just sign up and write “anything” and we will find you a job. Thanks!

NEXT MEETING—The next festival meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:00 PM.**

NEEDS FOR FESTIVAL—There are baskets available in the back of church to be filled with \$20 worth of non perishable groceries for the grocery raffle. We also need 2 liter soft drinks for the ring toss, donations for the \$5 bag raffle (formally Silent Auction), cakes made for the cake raffle (boxes will be available next week), and raffle tickets sold for the grand raffle and quilt raffle. Thank you for any help you are able to give.

FESTIVAL CLEANING DATE— We need all hands on deck to clean the garage, barn, and kitchen for the festival. The date will be **Saturday, September 7th**. We will begin at 9 AM with donuts, coffee, and juice. Please try to make time to help with this undertaking.

LOCAL COLLECTION—We will have a special collection over Labor Day weekend to help Faye Perry, a local woman whose house burned down recently. Please give whatever you can to help.

LECTOR— Sept. 1-Bernie Rawe, Sept.8-Bill Funke

CLEANING – Sept. Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PRIEST – ON LABOR & WORK

With the Labor Day holiday on Monday, which gives many of us an additional rest from our labors, we ought to consider the place of labor or work in the spiritual life as taught to us by the Church. What is the role or purpose of labor? Are we meant to be workers? What about rest and relaxation?

We see the progress of work within the story of the Bible. God is the primary Laborer who works to create the universe and rests from His great work on the seventh day (Gen 1-2:3). God created Adam and Eve and called them to work in the garden in which He has created and placed them (Gen. 2:15). But after the disobedience of our first parents, work becomes the toil by which man must earn his bread and woman must toil to give birth (Gen. 3:16-19), yet this “curse” by God is only due to the effects of sin upon us.

God continues throughout salvation history to call upon humanity to work in conjunction with Himself not only for their own needs but for their flourishing as well. One of the “sins that cries to Heaven” in the Church’s tradition is the defrauding of the laborer’s wages, which has numerous prescriptions against this deceitful practice in the Scriptures (Deut 24:14-15; Sirach 34:26-27; Is 58:3-7; Jer 22:13). We must work to provide for our needs but we are also called to rest by God and not to be perpetual busybodies (Deut 5:13-15; Mark 2:27).

This goodness of labor finds its fullest expression in the life of Jesus. Before His public ministry, Jesus was willing to be known as the son of a carpenter and worked in that business with His earthly father. Pope Francis highlights this point in a recent magisterial document: “Jesus worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by his craftsmanship. It is striking that most of his life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all: ‘Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?’ (*Mk 6:3*).” (*Laudato Si* paragraph 98)

The most important event to happen in the history of salvation and the history of humanity is what Jesus does over the Triduum: His passion, death, and Resurrection. This is the work for which Jesus was sent into the world. Not only that, but Jesus calls each of His disciples to continue this work of salvation in themselves by carrying the Cross daily (Mt 10:38, 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23, 14:27). Yet we are also called to rest in Christ on the new Sabbath – Sunday – to rejoice in the day that the Lord has made by His work on the life-giving Cross. Let us indeed work with Christ in the great work of salvation, and let us also rest in Him as we await that place where our work shall be done forever.

Fr. Jacob Straub

P.S. I am away from one more weekend for some family time, then I will be back ready to work! Thanks again to Fr. Paul Berschied for covering this weekend as he did last weekend.