

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat	08/22		Eleanor Walters by John & Stephanie Barna	
Sun	08/23		Bernadette Senape by James V. Senape, Jr.	
Wed	08/26		John Ryciel by Debb Krynicki & Richard Pollard	
Thu	08/27		Lael Swank by Charlie & Bonnie Best	
Fri	08/28		Phil Engman by Ann Marie & George Madigan	
Sat	08/29		Debra Price by Mary Anne	
Sun	08/30		Marie Stemple by Philip & Dorothy Stortz	

WKLY: \$2,769 OUTREACH: \$277 ASSUMPTION: \$116

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS: Face masks must be worn covering the nose, mouth & chin. The only time a face mask may be removed is when receiving Holy Communion. Pews are marked for social distancing. All people must maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for families who may sit together. The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. Communicants will maintain social distancing in the communion line. After receiving communion, the faithful will depart the church & proceed directly to their vehicles. There is one entrance & one exit unless otherwise directed due to changing circumstances.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday, 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM & Saturday, 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

2020 VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL: Thank you for the generous response to the VIRTUAL Summer Festival. The new total raised is \$6,925. If you have not made a contribution, please use the envelopes included in the recent mailing and make a monthly pledge for the three months of July, August and September. Even though July is done, it is not too late to use that envelope.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Once again, we deeply appreciate the faithful support from generous parishioners. We know that people have gone out of their way to mail or deliver weekly and monthly contributions. For those who have not been contributing, remember that the work of the Church goes on even if the church is closed or can take limited attendance. Please make a regular contribution in support of St. Patrick Church.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021: As schools are grappling with plans for re-opening, we too are making plans for a safe return of your children to Sunday religious education classes. At this point, we are planning for possible in-person classes, but because of the ever-changing situation, we will not start until mid-October. Catechists will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 pm in the parish center to discuss the new year. After that meeting, we will mail a letter to parents to outline the complete plan.



Message from Mary Anne Malone, Parish Life Coordinator

*Upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

(Matthew 16:18)

With these words, Jesus Christ called Peter to be the first leader of the Church. Two thousand years later, the Church is led by the successor of Peter, Pope Francis. But the Church is not just buildings and leaders. We are the Church, "living stones." It is up to each of us to build up the Church, meaning our parish, our diocese, and the universal Church. Reflect on the ways that you follow in the footsteps of Jesus to support and strengthen the Church.

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As you pray this week, spend time with the readings for next Sunday (August 30), the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jeremiah 20:7-9 • Romans 12:1-2 • Matthew 16:21-27

ST. PATRICK PARISH OFFICE: For your own safety & of others, we will conduct all business by phone (570) 443-9944 or e-mail: office@stpatrickswHITEHAVEN.org Please do not hesitate to contact us.

ONLINE GIVING: A number of parishioners have asked about the possibility of Online Giving. St. Patrick Church launched Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor. We now have a link on our website. Look for the green "online giving" button on the "Bulletin" page of the parish website: www.stpatrickswHITEHAVEN.org. It is easy to sign up and begin giving electronically. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at 570-443-9944.

SANITIZING HELP NEEDED: Our church has to be sanitized after every Mass. A small team of people have been sanitizing and disinfecting each of the pews used during Mass in addition to touchpoints such as door knobs and pushbars. There is a routine set of tasks which take about 10 minutes after each Mass to accomplish. We need help to build a few more teams so that each Mass is covered. Please volunteer for this much needed ministry. We will work with you and show you what has to be done.

CANDLES: The candles which are usually lit by the faithful in church are now available for you to take home. You can pick one up when you come to Mass, or call the parish office at 570-443-9944. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested.

WHITE HAVEN FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry has been open throughout the coronavirus to serve the ever-increasing need of the White Haven Community. Donations of food can be made in a number of ways:

- Take food directly to the pantry on the White Haven campus Fridays 10:00-12:00 Noon.
- Bring food when you come to church and leave it in the bin in the vestibule of the church.
- Since the church is locked after masses, you can call the parish center to schedule a time to meet at the church vestibule to drop off food. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Phone: 570-443-9944

Thank you for helping to keep the food supply coming to the food pantry.

WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK will meet on Monday, September 14 in the Parish Center.

ROSE FOR LIFE: To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688