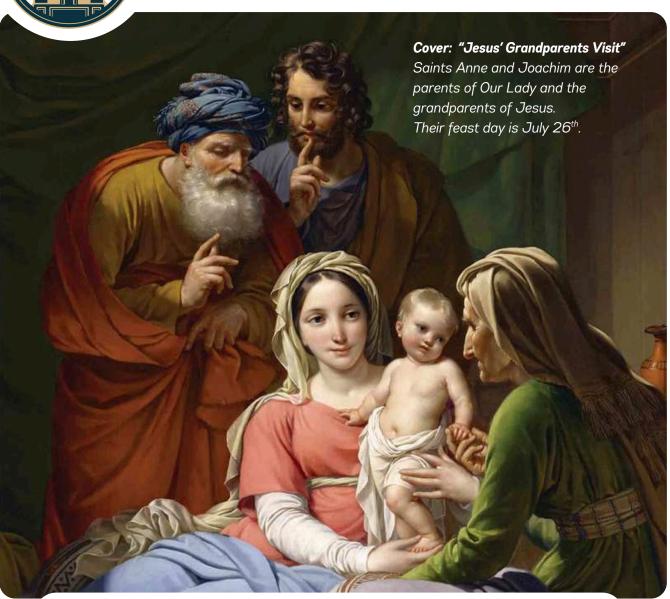
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 JULY 2025

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm + Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

"...ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE. SEEK, AND YOU SHALL FIND ... "

- Luke 11

Dear Parish Family,

GRATEFUL TO BE BACK HOME

Thanks to your prayers and support, this past week my surgeon cleared me to return home to Berwick. I'm feeling much better and eager to get back to work.

Understandably, as I still have sutures in place, my doctor asked me to gradually return to saying the full Mass schedule. This weekend, I'll have some help at one or two of the Masses. Next week however. Lintend to return to offering all Masses.

This was the first surgery I've ever had, and it has been a learning experience particularly with patience as I healed. I'm grateful for your prayers and thoughtful messages. It's meant so much to me to have your support and prayers over these last two weeks!

"THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" DATES:



August 14, 6:30 pm





October 14, 6 pm

"PRUNING THE VINE" **Digital Overload & Toxicity**



November 13, 6 pm at One80 Downtown

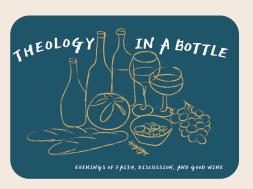
SUPPORTING THE HANDICAPPED

This week, we installed a handicapped parking sign at the parking spot nearest the side door to church. Although there are handicapped spots in the front of church, this new parking spot offers a way for handicapped parishioners to more easily reach the first pew. Part of the scope of work for the rectory project will be the restriping of the parking lot - this will include permanent handicapped parking spots. For your assistance:

- There are two handicap-accessible ramps into church: at the front door of church, and at the bridge-side door
- Handicapped individuals are invited to sit in the first pew on the parking lot side (or, if in a wheelchair, in the side niches) to more easily receive Holy Communion

PADRE PIO STATUE TO BE BLESSED

A statue of St. Padre Pio has been donated in memory of Mr. Leroy Gray. It will be blessed at the 4 pm Mass this weekend. This statue comes from the same studio in Milan, Italy, that made our statues of St. Stephen, St. Paul, and St. Therese. Padre Pio will eventually be placed in the back of church, under the choir loft.



Join us for evenings of faith, discussion, and good wine.

Each "Theology in a Bottle" evening is a social gathering where we welcome a different speaker to share their unique knowledge on a particular aspect of our Catholic Faith.

REGISTRATION UPDATE: August, September and October evenings are full! Call Ros in the parish office to join the stand-by list or register for November.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

28 July - Votive of the Trinity J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Cliff Journey fly. (L&D)

29 July - Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Pat Robbins, Cliff Journey fly. (L&D)

30 July - Votive of St. Joseph Al Adams III fly., Cliff Journey fly. (L&D)

1 August - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Kermit Robideaux, Frank Russo, Jr. fly. (L&D), In thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio, In thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Cliff Journey fly. (L&D)

2 August - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Mr. B.A. "Red" Adams, Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, John Tholen, Alden Vining, Jr., Eljean Nesmith, Bob Radtke, Marianne V. Bienvenu, Bobby Naguin, Tommy Naguin, Mercedes & Leroy Naguin, Anatole & Marcelite Naguin

3 August - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D)

10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljean Chauvin Nesmith, Bob Radtke, Onesime & Hazel Richard, Asa & Aline Stewart, Cliff Journey fly. (L&D)

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini, John Czajka

THE RECTORY PROJECT KEEPING YOU INFORMED

July 27 Update:

This week, I will welcome our architect, Josh Hoffpauir, and the Diocesan Building Director, Ben Mann, for a site visit to St. Stephen's. At this visit, we'll review preliminary drawings and prepare for the August 20th Diocesan Review Board Presentation. This meeting brings us one step closer to moving forward with this project. Last week, I spent a great deal of time in discussion with Josh's team as we continue to refine the design.

- Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, Aug. 1 - following 12:10 pm Mass, concluding with Benediction at 5:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY

Saturday, Aug. 2, 8 am

SENIOR ALTAR SERVER FAREWELL

Sunday, August 3, at 10 am Mass.

FIRST "THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" NIGHT

Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 pm at Giroir Home (registration required)

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASSES (A Holy Day of Obligation)

August 14 - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass August 15 - 12:10 pm Mass

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are vou interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion, First Confession, Confirmation)?

Classes begin in September and are held twice a month. Simply call the parish office at 385-1280 to sign up or to receive more information.

SACRIFICAL GIVING

Offertory 8.258

Total Weekly Giving 8,453

ONLINE GIVING

Building & Maintenance

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