Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2020



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

- Mt. 13:1-23

Mon. - July 13 7:30 am † Richard Prevost, Anniv. Tues. - July 14 7:30 am † Judy Woodley Wed. - July 15 7:30 am † Vincent Stanek Thurs. July 16 7:30 am † Bernie Kober Fri. -7:30 am † Wilfred & Irene Anna, Anniv. July 17 July 18 Sat. -7:30 am † Michelle Romagna † Sarah Dorothy Ann Kasunic Sat. -July 18 5:00 pm Sun. -July 19 7:00 am † Craig Simanski July 19 Sun. -9:00 am Parish Mass † Betty MacBlane High Mass, Latin 11:00 am 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 - 4.45 PM, or anytime by appointment



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
In Memory of
Judy Woodley and
Richard Prevost, the week of
July 12 – July 18

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Families using Sunday Envelopes:

NUMBER PERCENT 95 32%

July 5, 2020

July 5, 2020, weekly/monthly - \$3,242.85

July 5, 2020, Repair Fund - \$1.00

July 5, 2020, Fuel Fund - \$0

July 5, 2020, St. Vincent de Paul - \$84.00

† SVDP Conference - \$39.00

 \dagger SVDP Food Pantry - \$45.00

July 5, 2020, Parish Breakfast - \$1,215.00

Additional Ascension Thursday - \$10.00

Additional Peter's Pence Collection - \$62.00

St. Mary/St. George Cemetery Donation - \$20.00

Catholic Ministries Drive
33 Families (12%) have pledged \$5,550
Our Parish Goal is \$20,569



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ned Westrick** and **Bob Falatic**. May flights of angels wing them to Paradise, and may their souls and the souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace... *Amen*.

Fr. Ananias, O.S.B., Pastor

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ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 18

5 PM Elizabeth, Martina & Olivia White

Sunday, July 19

9 AM Lydia, Colin & Mallory Sherry

LECTORS

Saturday, July 18 5 PM Nancy White

Sunday, July 19 9 AM Emma Venesky

$\frac{\textbf{EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE}}{\underline{\textbf{EUCHARIST}}}$

Suspended until further notice
As is bodily contact during the Sign of Peace

Congratulations to Jude Mangus Verhovsek who received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 5 at the 11 AM Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

May our Heavenly Father continue to Bless you.

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Chicken Dinners – Sunday, July 19, prepared by the local Queen of Angels Council of the Knights of Columbus, beginning at 11 AM (until sold out). All dinners are \$8, and are available for takeout only from the upper level of the Parish Center. Drive up the hill, and we'll help you. No phone orders.

Thank you for your support.

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Parish Prayer List — We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our Parish Family in need of Healing in Body, Mind, or Spirit especially Jean Crowell, Dick Anna, Jim Chirdon, Doris Lacue, Derek Miller, Margaret Whiteford, Gerard Macaluso, Bernie Ropchock, Leona Hoover, Angel Sherwood, Kara Vozniak, and Rose Moxley. May they embrace their trials in union with the Crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, and the remission of sins.





A LIFE OF SAINT BENEDICT

After founding twelve communities of monks at Subiaco, Italy, Benedict of Norcia traveled to Montecassino where he established a monastery and wrote "The Rule." This simple set of guidelines for how the life of a monk should be lived has become one of the most influential works in all of Western Christendom.

St. Benedict was born at Norcia around 480 AD. That historical time frame, a mere four years before the Western Roman Empire formally fell by the deposition of the last Emperor, Romulus Augustulus, was quite difficult. The only authentic life of St. Benedict is that which is contained in the second book of the Pope St. Gregory's Dialogues, probably written between 593-594 AD.

St. Benedict worked his first miracle, restoring to perfect condition an earthenware wheat sifter which his manservant had accidentally broken. The notoriety which this miracle brought drove Benedict to withdraw further from social life. He took shelter in a cave in the ruins of Nero's village, near Subiaco, where he began to live as a hermit. Immersed in loneliness, his only contact with the outside world was with a monk called Romanus, whose monastery was nearby. He gave St. Benedict a monk's habit and provided for his spiritual and material needs. Three solitary years followed. Some shepherds befriended Benedict. They began to follow his teachings and the pastoral and apostolic principles of the *Benedictine Order* took root.

After resisting a strong temptation against chastity, Benedict prepared to live through a new experience, following the example of the ancient Fathers of Christian Monasticism. At first, the community of Vicovaro wanted him as its Abbot, but the failed attempt of a monk to poison him forced Benedict to return to his solitude. Afterwards, he founded twelve monasteries and assigned twelve monks to each of them. In addition, he founded a thirteenth monastery for novices and those needing education. Benedict's fame spread so rapidly, even in Rome, that two illustrious men, Equizius and the nobleman Tertullus, entrusted him with their two sons, Maurus and Placidus. They were to become the first two gems of the Benedictine family.

During his life, St. Benedict performed many miracles. He found water on a desolate mountaintop to quench the thirst of his monks. He retrieved a bill hook's iron from the bottom of a lake and rejoined its handle. He prevented a monk from leading a dissolute life through intervention. In addition, he made Maurus walk on water to save the young Placidus from drowning.

At Montecassino St. Benedict displayed prodigious activity. He supervised the building of the monastery, established a monastic order and performed many miracles. He brought back from death a youngster, miraculously supplied the monastery with flour and oil in its time of need and displayed the gift of prophecy. In autumn of 542 AD, while the Goth King Totila was passing through Cassino en route to Naples to attack it, he decided to test St. Benedict because he had already heard of his gifts and charisms. As a consequence, Totila sent his squire dressed as a king to greet the monk; but St. Benedict soon unmasked him. When he finally met Totila, he warned him with a dire prediction, "You have hurt many and you continue to do it, now stop behaving badly! You will enter Rome, you will cross the vast sea, you will reign for nine years; however, in the tenth year, you will die." And that is exactly what happened. St. Benedict showed the same virtue as he cried bitterly when confronted with the vision of the first destruction of his monastery. Notwithstanding, he received from God the grace to save all the monks.

St. Benedict devoted himself to evangelizing the local population who practiced pagan worship. Shortly before he died, St. Benedict saw the soul of his sister, St. Scholastica rising to Heaven in the form of a dove. This vision happened a few days after their last talk together at the foot of Montecassino. In a vision, St. Benedict saw the soul of Bishop Germanus of Capua taken by angels in a fire globe. These visions, for Pope Saint Gregory the Great, showed a close union between St. Benedict and God, a union so intense that the Saint was given the share of an even more magnificent vision, the whole of creation as gathered in a sunbeam.

In the end, a life so noble was justifiably followed by a much-glorified death. According to tradition, St. Benedict died on March 21, 547AD. He foresaw his coming death, informing his close and faraway disciples that the end was near. Six days before dying, he had the grave which he was to share with his deceased sister St. Scholastica, opened. Then, completely exhausted, he asked to be taken into his oratory where, after taking his last Holy Communion, he died supported by his monks.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 20

ICBU PIZZA PARTY (members only) will be held on <u>Monday, July 20</u> at 6:30 PM in the upper level of the Queen of Peace Parish Center. A donation will be collected, and a meeting will follow dinner.

CENSUS FORMS – All Parishioners (including the families that attend the Latin Mass) are required to fill one out. Forms are located at all the entrances in Church and on our Parish Website: https://queenofpeacepatton.org Please take a few moments to fill out the form in its entirety. (These forms are confidential and are kept in a locked safe). The last update was 2011! Return to the Parish Office via: the collection box (sealed in an envelope to protect your privacy), in person, by mail, using the email for or even by fax (814-674-8805). Thank you.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop announces that Christmas in July is upon us! At the Friar's Nook Gift Shop, all clearance items are 75% off through August 1st. Also, the shop still has items for all of your Sacrament needs. The shop will continue to have modified hours (Friday & Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM) through Labor Day. We are located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. For questions, call 814-695-3802, and please remember face coverings <u>MUST</u> be worn to enter the gift shop.