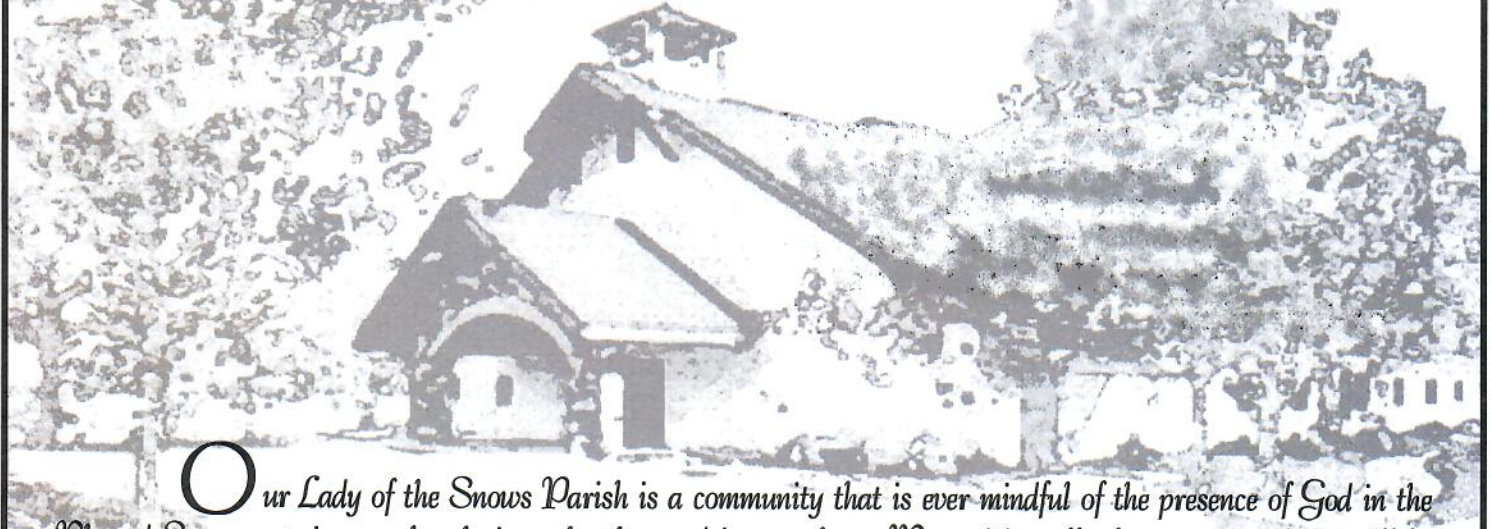


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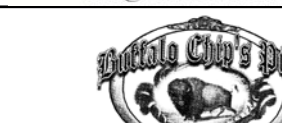
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Good News

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Zechariah 9:9-10 / Romans 8:9, 11-13 / Matthew 11:25-30

The question: How do you know when to keep on trying, resisting, refusing to give up, and when to accept life as it is and surrender to the idea that it will never be perfect or the way you would like it to be? My Answer: I don't know; I have never figured it out.

Obviously, there are issues with which one will always struggle—racism, hunger and poverty, greed, raising children. Then there are those other times, usually during personal challenges, when we realize that the life we are living is the hand we've been dealt and we have to accept, whether it's illness, aging, or something else. But what about those issues that lie in between, those we could change and that deserve to be changed?

One of the blessings of acceptance and surrender can be an inner peace that comes to our lives. When Jesus says, "You will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:29-30), He calls forth from us a willingness to trust in His presence through all that we are dealing with. None of that eliminates pain or struggle, but it can ease the suffering. The difference is that pain tends to be physical and might not be eased, while suffering tends to be psychic and emotional, and may be eased with acceptance.

The question still remains, however, as to what to do with all those times in between, and how to know the difference. That, Jesus says, has been revealed to "the childlike" (see Matthew 11:25).

--Father Joseph Juknialis

dear Padre

In 1961, I became a member of the Catholic Church when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to re-join the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss "the church of my heart," the Catholic Church.

It certainly is possible for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. When you are ready, introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together.

It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you. That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home!

--Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.

OLS News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The 2nd Collection this weekend, July 8-9, is a Special Diocesan Collection, for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence). Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you!

Altar Society meets on Tues. July 11th at the Bailey Creek Golf Course Grill., 11am.

Congratulations to the winner of our **PARTY IN A BASKET Raffle**. Thanks to all who took part in this fun summer event!

Thank you to all who helped with our Fourth of July Float! Thanks to our OLS Men's Group for organizing the project!

Bible Study meets each Wed. from 10am to 11:30 am in the Social Hall. Our topic is "The Bible and the Church Fathers." It is not too late to join us!

Parish Picnic! Join us on Sunday, August 6th, after the 9:30 am Mass, on the patio! There is no charge. Please sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare. This fun event, hosted by the OLS Altar Society, brings us together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows, our Patroness.

Have you ever wondered what the origins of the Eucharist are? Father Josh will teach a 6-week course on the Biblical and Jewish roots of the Eucharist beginning on Wed. Aug. 9 from 10am to 11:30am in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

Thank you to Jim and Janice Carleton for a new addition: beautiful handmade benches in our Stations of the Cross area!

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all of our sick parishioners.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits from Father Josh:

“And with your Spirit!?”

In the past decade, I’m sure we all remember when the translation for some parts of the Mass was changed. One of the changes that we may still be getting used to is this: instead of saying “and also with you” we now respond with “and with your Spirit” when clergy invokes the Lord to be with us.

Why was the change necessary? To put it simply, it is because the old English translation was not an accurate translation. The original Latin response was “*Et cum spiritu tuo*,” which literally means “and with your spirit.” It is also more appropriate as when the clergy says “The Lord be with You,” he is not acting on his own behalf, but rather acting in the spirit of his ordination: Jesus Christ. As a people, we are addressing the spirit whom the clergy is acting on behalf of. We are also asking God’s spirit, more specifically, for help for the clergy to use the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and in so doing, to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church. May the Lord continue to guide our clergy to be faithful.

[a new “Liturgical Tidbits appears every other week.]

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Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 2nd

[See next week’s bulletin]

This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM

Cynthia Riggins

Sonja Burton

Toni Pleau

Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM

Jessica Dowling

Julie Chavez

Carolyn Willhoit

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Weekly Mass Intentions

July 8	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
July 9	Sunday	9:30 am	Lou and Joan Pirnik † †
July 10	Monday	-----	NO MASS
July 11	Tuesday	8:30 am	Chloe Harvey
July 12	Wednesday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
July 13	Thursday	8:30 am	Dan H.
July 14	Friday	8:30 am	All those who are traveling

OLS NEWS (continued)--

On Sat. August 12th, the OLS Men’s Group will serve a barbeque dinner after our 5pm Mass. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare.

The Pastoral Council is compiling a history of our two former parishes. Our Lady of the Snows in Westwood and Christ the King Church in Chester. If you have photos or information, please contact Father Josh at 530-259-3932. If you know anyone whom we might interview about our parish history, please let us know!

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to lessen your burden.