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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

17th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to celebrated
in the Traditional Rite.**

OPENING HYMN

“TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD”

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,

Before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;

This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,

Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,

To serve Thee with devotion;

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,

Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,

Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN

(Proverbs 2:6-7; Wisdom 7:7)

V. For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth
comes knowledge and understanding; He as
counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield
of those who walk honestly.

R. Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God, and Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray: Almighty Father, how infinite is Your
wisdom; how limited is our knowledge!

Transform us by Your power that we may walk in

Your ways and attain wisdom. We ask this

through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

forever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE 1ST BOOK OF KINGS

(1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at
night. God said, "Ask something of Me and I will
give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my
God, you have made me, your servant, king to
succeed my father, David; but I am a mere youth,
not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the
midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people
so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give
your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to

judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours? "The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So, God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Proverbs 8:12, 14; Proverbs 3:13-14)

V. I, Wisdom, dwell with experience, and judicious knowledge I attain. Mine are counsel and advice; mine is strength; I am understanding.

R. Happy the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding! For her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold is her revenue.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

(Romans 8:28-30)

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined He also called; and those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Psalm 49:4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. My mouth shall speak wisdom, my heart shall offer insight.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(Matthew 13:24-43)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to His disciples: "The **“kingdom of heaven”** is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full, they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad, they throw away.

Thus, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And He replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.

God from God, Light from Light, True God
 from true God, begotten not made
 Of one being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made
 For us and for our salvation.
 He came down from heaven:
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 He was born of the Virgin Mary
 And became man.
 For our sake, He was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and
 Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 To judge the living and the dead
 And His kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The Lord and Giver of Life
 Who proceeds from the Father,
 With the Father and the Son
 He is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
 and Apostolic Church
 I acknowledge one
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 I look for the resurrection of the dead
 And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE

(James 1:5)

V. But is any of you lack, he should ask God, Who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Heavenly Father, through this oblation, change our hearts that our lives may be parables of Your greatness. We ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

COMMUNION VERSE

(1 Corinthians 1:24)

V. To those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
 Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, grant us true insight that we who have been strengthened by Your presence may bring forth treasures both old and new and be worthy to be called Your disciples. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

REFLECTIONS



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”

- John 1:1-3

“This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that His testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.”

- John 21:24-25

Between circa 26 - 30 AD, there was a child named Jesus [Yeshua] that was born into our world. He was to become to some, a teacher or “rabbonni,” which in the Jewish language. is known as a “teacher,” or to others He was through history the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and to the rest of us who follow Him, He was to become a “Savior and Lord” and one who died for our sins and taught us of our “eternal life.”

We find that today in 2026 there are 2.6 billion Christians around the world, up from 2.5 billion in 2020. This number represents the many cultures and languages that belong to the “one faith, one Lord, and one baptism” that Paul spoke about to the Ephesians: 4:5-6.

This growth of the “Good News” of Jesus began with the teachings of Peter, who was to be known as the “Apostle to the Jews” and later to Paul, who would be known as the “Apostle to the Gentiles.” Both brought the “Word” into the lives of believers.



THE PARABLES OF JESUS CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

“Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, said “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.”

- Mark 1:14b-15

As Jesus, the Christ, the “Anointed One,” came before us, He spoke and taught us about many things, among them, the Kingdom of God.

In the Gospel of Luke 21:17-21, Jesus reveals that the “Kingdom of God,” is one not of the physical but rather of spiritual origin.

On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, as Christians around the world, receive ashes from the celebrant are reminded of the words are said; Remember man that you are dust and un

“Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Lo, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” (RSV)

Jesus taught that the “kingdom of God” is not of a physical nature, or of any political realm, but it is a present, a growing and spiritual reality experienced in His presence, and found in the hearts of believers.

We read, that as Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate as found in the Gospel of John 18:36, He declares:

“My Kingdom is not of this world.” So where is the “kingdom of God?”

The following are some of His teachings about the “Kingdom of God” as found in the Gospel of Matthew and the “transformation” that takes place within us as we seek the “kingdom” of God.

The Parable of the Sower

(Matthew 13:31-32)

“That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

(Matthew 13:31-32)

“Then the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ And He answered them, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says:

‘You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull and their ears are heavy of hearing and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.’”

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

The Parable of the Sower Explained

(Matthew 13: 18-23)

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path.”

“As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.”

“As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.”

“As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Parable of Weeds Among the Wheat

(Matthew 13:24-30)

“Another parable He put before them, saying, “The “kingdom of heaven” may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

(Matthew 13:31-32)

“He told them another parable: The “kingdom of heaven” is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

The Parable of the Yeast

(Matthew 13:33)

“He told them still another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

(Matthew 13:36-43)

“Then He left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

(Matthew 13:44)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then

in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

The Parable of the Pearl

(Matthew 13:45-46)

“Again, the “kingdom of heaven” is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

The Parable of the Net

(Matthew 13:47-48)

“Once again, the “kingdom of heaven” is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets but threw the bad away.”

“This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.”

“He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the “kingdom of heaven” is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”



PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS

8:45 am - Morning Devotions

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(July 27th – August 1st)

Monday	7/27	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday	7/28	Mass for Health and Healing
Wednesday	7/29	Mass to the Holy Saints
Thursday	7/30	Mass to the Holy Martyrs
Friday	7/31	Mass to the Holy Angels
Saturday	8/1	Private Prayer & Devotions

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

18th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

12:00 am – 2:00 pm Take-out

To be held on the Church Parking Lot

Menu: BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, and desert

\$18.00 per meal ticket

Maximum Number of Tickets: 180

For tickets, please call:

Fr. Robert Koerber at (413) 665-2129

or

Sue Dibrindisi at (413) 586-4315



RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE

- Multiple prizes
- Multiple chances to win on a single ticket.
- Need not be present to win.
- All winners will be notified by the contact information given.

We have begun to collect prizes for our BBQ. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift certificates, please see or contact Sue Dibrindisi. Sponsorship forms and tickets have been sent out to parishioners and local businesses for their support.

We are also asking for contributions of charcoal briquettes to be used for our upcoming Chicken BBQ. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE “WORD”

7/26 - 17th Ordinary - Paula Winn

8/2 - 18th Ordinary - John Harrington



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9

May we pray this day, and every day for the health and healing of all of us, most specially for those, who are homebound or in various facilities:

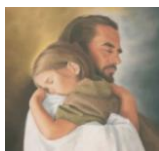
George Sadowski, Shaw, Dick Floyd, Richard Foster, Carolyn and Michael Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Stefanik Gadecki, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, Mick Szumski, Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, Debbie Bara, Houston & Brenda Knox and for others.

Let us Pray: O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You. Amen.

July 2026						
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JULY CALENDAR RAFFLE

I wish to thank Sue Dibrindisi and all who contributed to our raffle. The names are listed in the vestibule of the Church. May God bless.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”
- Philippians 2:4**

OUR FOOD MINISTRY

Our next food giveaway from our Parish will be on Saturday, August 15th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.

On a side note, I want to thank John and Regina Paciorek for their donation of cases of Greek Yogurt. The expiration of this yogurt is August 12th. Please take from the Providence of God.

We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon,
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children’s snack packs

EASTERN DIOCESAN

MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

CALL TO PRAYER

In the month of July, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. has called upon all its members and friends to offer **prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday.**

Almighty God, inspire the people of our country with a spirit of service. Through Jesus Christ You revealed that the greatest law is love of You and our neighbors. Inflamm our hearts with the fire of Your holy love and so strengthen our love for one another. May a sense of duty and a call to service come forth from You and may we lead by example in ministering and caring for our family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and all in need. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen