16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

SUN 7/19  Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

MON 7/20  Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/ Mt 12:38-42

TUE 7/21  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

WED 7/22  Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THR 7/23  Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

FRI 7/24  Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

SAT 7/25  2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

SUN 7/26  1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Sunday:  16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday:  St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:  St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:  St. Bridget, Religious
Friday:  St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Saturday:  St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday:  17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God’s presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God’s mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God’s time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.
JULY 19, 2020
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection: (Weekend of 7/11/2020 – 7/12/2020)
Sunday $ 4,203.61
Mail-In $ 5,128.66
Online $ 1,165.00
Total $ 10,497.27

Monday - 7/20 - St. Aplinari
Intention - Ruth Beatty (Bonnie Pratt)

Tuesday - 7/21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Intention - Thomas Joliat (Mike & Erica Soehnlen)

Wednesday - 7/22 - St. Mary Magdalene
Intention - Margaret & Roy Wolfe (May Sweany)

Thursday - 7/23 - St. Bridget
Intention - No Mass

Friday - 7/24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf
Intention – Jeremy Lane (The Weller Family)

Saturday - 7/25 - St. James
Intention - Roger Woodall (May Sweany)

Sunday - 7/26 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Intention 8:00 am - Antoinette Unklesbay (Mike Leasure)
Intention 10:30 am - People of Our Parish

Sanctuary Candle:
This week, the sanctuary candle is lit for Gerry Spinden, from Brian and Lisa Spinden.

Flowers on the Altar:
This week, the flowers on the altar are for Margaret & Roy Wolfe from the Sweanys.

Bingo is Back! Don’t forget that Bingo has resumed in the Parish Life Center! Join us on Wednesday evenings! Doors open at 4:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Now with new and larger payouts!

Mass Intentions:
Mass Intentions are available. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and speak with Jennifer.

Sanctuary Candle:
There are still a few weeks available to have the sanctuary candle lit for a loved one. If you would like to schedule a week, please call the office and speak with Jennifer.

ATTENTION 200 CLUB SELLERS!!
We are getting ready for the 2020-2021 200 Club! We will be sending a letter in a few weeks to our faithful sellers along with the list of buyers and the number of tickets that you sold last year. If you cannot sell them this year, please call the office at (330) 833-6898 ASAP. We truly appreciate your help more than you know. May God bless you immensely!
Dear Friends,

With the numbers of COVID-19 cases on the rise, we would all benefit from having the mentality that the various good hygiene practices we’ve been observing over these several months have been to prepare us for now. Now is when we especially need to be attentive to keeping the air around us clean in response to this largely airborne virus.

We have been cleaning all of the surfaces in our church several times a week, including a full cleaning before the Saturday and Sunday Masses. We have masks in the gathering space and both Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer. Please continue to utilize these when you come to Mass or are just visiting the church to pray.

Likewise, we ask all visitors to our parish office and school to wear masks. You will notice as you come into the office and school some changes as all of our parish staff members will be wearing masks. We ask the Lord to strengthen our hope and peace for persevering to the end of this pandemic.

Thank you, again, for your prayers for our 2nd grade parishioners who were finally able to celebrate First Holy Communion two weeks ago. May their experience of extended patience in preparation for this milestone encourage all of us who have likewise had to persevere with a longing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, especially recently.

Over the history of the Church, there have been times when it was later in life and less frequently that the faithful would receive Communion, as you well know. Even a great saint like St. Therese of Lisieux grew in holiness very profoundly through less frequent yet reverent reception of Communion. So, may a better appreciation for how Jesus feeds our souls through the Eucharist be among the fruits of this extended time of dealing with the coronavirus as well.

May the Lord keep us protected and healthy and, as always, well prepared for the gift of eternal life!

Have a great week!!

Fr. Brian

**In Memoriam:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julianna Peters, sister of Michael (Cathy) Peters of our parish. Eternal light shine upon her, O Lord, and may she rest in peace.

- **Divine Mercy Chaplet** St. Barbara parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 554 will restart our monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Barbara’s Church on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:45 A.M. following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. The Chaplet for July will be on the 28th at 9:45 A.M. Eucharistic Adoration will follow. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

- **Rosary for Life Program** the Massillon K of C Council 554 and St. Barbara’s will resume reciting the Quarterly Rosary for Life starting on Saturday August the 29th at 4:00 P.M. prior to the 4:30 Mass. This quarterly Rosary Intention will be on the Sorrowful Mysteries, “For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid”. Please join us for this beautiful prayer.