

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for July 25th - August 2nd

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| Sat. 25 th 5:00 p.m. | Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. GV) |
| Sun. 26 th 7:45 a.m. | Pinky Broermann (SM) (Fr. DD) |
| Sun. 26 th 9:45 a.m. | Rich Meier (SJ) (Fr. DD) |
| Sun. 26 th 11:30 a.m. | Richard Rumpke (Visn) (Fr. DD) |
| Mon. 27 th 9:00 a.m. | Intention of Dennis & Shirley Klunener (Visn) |
| Tues. 28 th 9:00 a.m. | Holy Souls in Purgatory (Visn) |
| Wed. 29 th 12 noon | Bob Bruns (Visn) |
| Wed. 29 th 6:00 p.m.* | Sick and Homebound of our Community (Visn) |
| Thurs. 30 th 9:00 a.m. | Intention of Norma Gels (Visn) |
| Fri. 31 st 9:00 a.m. | Medical Workers, Emergency Responders, & Their Families (Visn) |
| Sat. 1 st 5:00 p.m. | Adrian Homan (Visn) (Fr. GV) |
| Sun. 2 nd 7:45 a.m. | Dorothy Schulte (SM) (Fr. JTF) |
| Sun. 2 nd 9:45 a.m. | Mary Catherine & Joseph Ellis (SJ) (Fr. JTF) |
| Sun. 2 nd 11:30 a.m. | Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. JTF) |

Confessions Saturday 3:00 – 4:30pm Visitation

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation News

COMMUNITY MEALS- We will be resuming our free monthly community meals by carry-out only, each last Thursday of the month, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please drive into the parking lot off Vine Street, pick up your meal, and leave the parking lot by either Franklin Street or Rt. 35. Your meal will be delivered to you. No need to get out of your car. We will also serve walk-ups. We are located at 407 East Main Street, Eaton.

Welcome to Online Giving

We are so grateful to continue receiving weekly/monthly offering gifts. Please remember envelopes may be sent by mail to the parish office (407 East Main Street / Eaton, OH 45320), or you may easily give online at preblecountycatholics.org/donate.

In a few simple steps, you can set up an automatic recurring gift, and specify when and how often you'd like to give online. Also, you can select which parish you would like the donation to go towards and indicate your envelope # (if known).

Please see these beneficial options for enduring this time as it will greatly help continue the mission and work of our Preble County Catholic Region.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through mail and online donations.

OFFERTORY 7/19/2020

| Visitation | Masses | Online | Total |
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| | 2936.00 | 0.00 | 2936.00 |
| St JohnMass | Online | Total | |
| | 605.00 | 25.00 | 630.00 |
| St MaryMass | Online | Total | |
| | 560.00 | 135.00 | 695.00 |

Public Masses resumed on Monday, May 25. Please see full details on our website: www.preblecountycatholics.org.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 will be the final 6:00 p.m. Mass for the summer.

You can view Mass on-line at EWTN.org

Fr. David will live-stream Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. via the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past few weeks we have seen many acts of vandalism and destruction across the United States of America. Several attacks have been directed towards Catholic Churches. Some have reported vandalism with broken stained-glass windows, others have had their statues of Mary or St. Michael decapitated, still other Catholics have been attacked directly for forming their own peaceful gathering to protect a statue of St. Louis in Missouri. According to an interactive map online, as of today, over 60 Catholic Churches and Catholics demonstrating at peaceful protests have been attacked. I fear that this attack on our Churches and faith have been underway for many years and now it is on display as something as a "right" for the modern man and protest. This is disgusting, boorish, and not a mature intellectual response to the injustices and evils we are facing in our world today. We are called to be more than this hatred and evil which is so divisive.

How can we respond to what we have seen? We can never respond with anger that leads to the direct killing of another and even wishing harm upon another is considered sinful. As Catholics, we are called to respond like Archbishop Gomez, when he witnessed the burning of the San Gabriel Mission, "Let's thank God that nobody got hurt..." Bishop Barron, a fellow bishop in the Santa Barbara region, in California, recently published an article titled, "Cancelling Padre Serra," in which he identifies the crisis of tearing down statues of St. Junipero Serra as "ridiculous...and frightening." He describes these protests and the current "mob" culture of revolution as something comparable to the Know-Nothing party or the Klu-Klux-Klan. Essentially, all these groups have joined around a common goal, which is, to eradicate from our United States the contributions of the Catholic Church in America. I would say that they want to "Silence Jesus and the people called Christians." This "mob" rule and failure of decency, dialogue, and equating the morality of our Saints to that of Hitler or some other oppressive and evil system of government can no longer be tolerated. We are better than the violence we see on display and the many good and peaceful protests throughout these months give me great hope for true justice and recognition of holy virtues as good pursuits in our world today.

I encourage each and every Catholic to pray for conversion and peace, but not only that, to actually

take a stand for our faith under attack using the gifts of faith, humility, and peaceful non-violent protest. For instance, when one hears of a Church being vandalized, would you show up in the next few minutes and organize a prayer rally, would we be bold in proclaiming the Gospel through our daily conversations. If we do not pray...If we do not stand up...I fear that our Catholic voice and ability to live lives as Christians will no longer be seen as virtuous but as a threat to the new world order trying to be established. As Archbishop Gomez said, "I thought, 'what would St. Junipero tell us this morning?' And remembered his beautiful little prayer: 'Let us bear every hardship for the love of You and the salvation of souls. In our trials, may we know that we are loved as Your own children.' Let's make that our prayer this morning, my brothers and sisters.

God love you,

Fr. David Doseck

St. John Church is in need of a director for their "Prayer Chain". If interested in receiving petitions and calling others on the phone chain to pray for the person/need, please contact Fr. David Doseck soon to become the new director and help your fellow parishioners.

Maria Stein Shrine Upcoming Events

VIRTUAL ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE | JULY 26 | 2:00PM

Join us virtually on Facebook and YouTube for a St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service. We will pray for the intercession of St. Peregrine to heal and give strength to all those affected by cancer, including their caregivers. Please send your prayer intentions to s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org to be included in the prayer service.

Sign up's for lectors at the 5:00 p.m. Anticipation Mass and the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Visitation are now available on Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044AA9A929A7F49-ministry2>

Lectors for St. John contact Sue Routson

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