

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 20, 2025



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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

#### Sunday, July 20th: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time/Novena Day 3

Private: No Private Masses during the Novena

8:30am (SA) Bishop Michael Murphy by Mickey Pohl

11:00am (SA) Fr. Daniel Prez, Anniversary by Christine Prez Farnum

NO 11AM Sunday Mass at St. Casimir's during the Novena

#### Monday, July 21st: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi/Novena Day 4

8:30am (SA) Oxanna Poletaev by Dr. Hal Angeloff

7:00pm (SA) John and Rose Pochatko by Chris Pochatko

#### Tuesday, July 22nd: Saint Mary Magdalene/Novena Day 5

8:30am (SA) Charlotte Prez, Birthday by Sister Barbara Ann Zakutney

7:00pm (SA) Niece Waidhoefer by Dr. Hal Angeloff

#### Wednesday, July 23rd: Saint Bridget/Novena Day 6

8:30am (SA) Elaine Brady by Judy Krasnesky

7:00pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

#### Thursday, July 24th: Weekday/Novena Day 7

8:30am (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

7:00pm (SA) Robert G. Shanta by The Vento Family

#### Friday, July 25th: Saint James/Novena Day 8

8:30am (SA) Members of the Zenner & Jones Families by Mary Zenner

7:00pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

#### Saturday, July 26th: Saints Joachim and Anne/Novena Day 9

Private: No Private Masses during the Novena

8:30am (SA) Joseph and Marie Zenner by Mary Zenner

4:00pm (SA) The Larson & Mazur Families by Bob & Karen Mazur

#### Sunday, July 27th: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Sister M. Pia by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Rosalia Pieczewek by Mark Olszewski Family

**CONFESSIONS: SEE NOVENA FLYERS**

**\*For Weekly Mass Readings, see the next page\***

### MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., July 21st - Private Intention

Tues., July 22nd - Anna Przybyszewski (Family)

Wed., July 23rd - Betty Romecki (Family)

Thur., July 24th - Martha Malanowski (Keith & Pam Bain)

Fri., July 25th - Audrey Pawlak (Ben Aleksandrowicz)

Sat., July 26th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., July 27th, 9:00AM - Mary Brocious (Dave Lesnieski)

**July 20, 2025**

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir



### SANCTUARY CANDLES

**SAINT STANISLAUS:** For the People of St. Ann's in honor of their Feast Day on July 26th.

**HOLY FAMILY:** 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS:** Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**ST. ANN'S:** 1) Living & Deceased members of St. Ann's Guild; Deceased members of the Hartman & Jant Families

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Due to the St. Ann's Novena

## THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. CASIMIR'S ON JULY 20TH

Please consider attending the Novena Mass at 8:30AM or  
11:00AM at St. Ann's

You may also avail yourself to Mass at St. Stanislaus at  
4:00PM on Saturday or 9:00AM on Sunday

### ST. HIPPOLYTE HAM & CHICKEN DINNER

The 129th Annual Frenchtown Ham & Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 27th, at St. Hippolyte Church (25997 Highway 27, Guys Mills, PA). Dinner will be served from 12:30PM-4:30PM (or until sold out). Dinner includes 1/2 of a BBQ Chicken or a generous portion of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, beverage, and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$14 for 60+; \$10 for children ages 6-12; free for those 5 and under. Also featured are bingo, gift auction, quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, country store, and a \$2,000 grand raffle.

St. Stan's Eucharistic Adoration: Following 9:00AM Mass

### Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4/Ps 63:2-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

### ST. ANN'S NOVENA

The Annual St. Ann's Novena will continue until July 26th. Mass and Confessions will take place twice daily (see flyers for schedule). A special word of thanks to Fr. Priscaro for all of his time and hard work organizing this event! We are honored to have Fr. Peter Totleben, OP, guide us through these graced days. Please consider joining us for these very popular and well-attended days of prayer and devotion.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MONEY COUNTERS

Our Mother of Sorrows is soliciting volunteer teams to count our weekly offering, and prepare our bank deposit, after our Sunday Masses. It is estimated to take less than 30 minutes following Mass. If you are interested, please let Karen know.

### ALL-PARISH PICNIC

St. Stan's will host our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 3rd, from 3:00PM-7:00PM, in the St. Stan's Rectory courtyard. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM.

This picnic is intended for *all* of our parishioners from St. Hedwig's and Our Mother of Sorrows, as well as St. Stan's. In the past, this picnic has been a wildly successful event, bringing together all of our communities for an afternoon/evening of fellowship.

For planning purposes, please call or text Michelle Inter for reservations (814-490-7362). We are asking for a modest \$5 donation per family. The parish will provide the main entrée, a limited amount of soft beverages, and beer (feel free to BYOB). Please consider bringing a dish to share according to the following scheme based on the first letter of your last name:

A-I: Hot side dish

J-T: Cold side dish

U-Z: Dessert

### BE READY FOR GOD TO "STOP BY"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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