

Fifteenth & Sixteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

I want to thank everyone who worked together to put on Vacation Bible School this year. We had many adult and teenage volunteers who spent many hours guiding a large group of children in learning about the sacraments and having fun together.

I especially want to express my gratitude to Angelica Payne who has coordinated VBS for the past few years. Her dedication and energy make this program possible. We will definitely need volunteers again next year, so if you missed this time, please know that we would welcome your help!

This Thursday, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, often associated with the brown scapular. Here is some information on the feast from Word on Fire:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is—no surprise here—the patroness of the Carmelite Order. Mt. Carmel, near the modern port city of Haifa, Israel, is not far from where Christ grew up. This had been a holy mountain long before the birth of our Lord, and by the twelfth century it had become a home to Carmelite monastics with a particular devotion to the Virgin Mary as their patroness. By the end of the thirteenth century assorted political and religious strife had caused the Carmelites to depart from Mt. Carmel and travel to Europe. Some Carmelites established monasteries as far north as England.

It was in England in the thirteenth century that one Carmelite, St. Simon Stock, is said to have received the Brown Scapular from Our Lady after having written the beautiful Flos Carmeli prayer. In (small t) tradition, St. Simon Stock was also given Mary's promise of final perseverance and the Sabbatine privilege to those who die wearing the Brown Scapular. Simply put, the Sabbatine privilege consists of the intercession of our Lady to take the soul of the scapular wearer to heaven on the first Saturday after his death. As I said, small t tradition. The Carmelites themselves have said, "Well-meaning people have often spread the devotion with extravagant claims that have no historical background and which are difficult to reconcile with sound Christian Doctrine" (Ann Ball, Encyclopedia of Catholic Devotions and Practices). The Carmelite Order certainly does want to share our Lady's patronage with those devoted to her and still extends their habit (in the form of the scapular) and affiliation to the Church Universal.

Regarding the promises made to St. Simon Stock, "Carmelite Superiors then point out that private

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
July 5, 2026*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$9,467.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Candles	\$271.00
SVdP	\$1,547.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$195.00

(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$3,188.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$70.00
SVdP	\$690.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$13.00

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for
Online Giving
December 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026*

(BLS)	
Adult Envelopes	\$17,072.97
Marian Grotto Project	\$866.95
SVdP	\$2,366.35
Improvement Fund	\$1,703.64

(OLL)	
Adult Envelopes	\$790.10
SVdP	\$4.71
Improvement Fund	\$0.00

revelation can neither add to nor detract from the deposit of faith in the Catholic Church" (Ball, Encyclopedia).

Rather than dwell on concerns of scapular promises, it may be better to remember the words of the great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross: "Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it; reflect that all must come to an end."

The Church's official position regarding the Brown Scapular is, according to Fr. Kavanaugh's article, that it is a garment that we wear as both a sign of our belonging to Mary and pledge of her maternal protection in this life and the next.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT: This is a double bulletin containing information for both the 15th and 16th Sundays in Ordinary Time (July 12th & 19th). The Parish Office will be closed July 13 - 17.

HOSPITAL: as of Thursday, July 9th

Alycia Laneve, Jason Heaton, Anita Laukert, & Joseph Dunlevy

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GOLF LEAGUE: (Began on Monday, May 11th) Will meet each Monday until Oct. 12th, at 5:30pm, at the Steubenville Country Club All men of our parishes are encouraged and invited to participate!

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISHES DIRECTORY:

All you need to do is send your email address to Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com with your family name, then download the Instant Church



Directory app. It may be several days till you are inputted into the system, and then you can edit your info. **FYI:** Please contact the parish

office to register as a member of the parish!!!!

Save the Date! Wintersville Parish Picnic August 16th beginning at 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

ONLINE GIVING: Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website (wintersvilleparishes.org) and go to "Giving."

Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of Lourdes



GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

In honor and memory of Dolly Young, who started this program here 10 years ago, the Team has decided we will continue! We know the support it is in this community. It begins **August 8th** with "Loss of a Spouse" and will run every Saturday from **9:45am – 12pm** through **November 21st** "Surviving the Holidays" (except for the weekend of Labor Day). The first and last sessions are stand-alone sessions and one does not have to attend every session. Monetary donations to Blessed Sacrament Griefshare would be helpful for expenses. Thankyou! ~ Cathy Cich

Any questions:

email griefshare.wintersvilleparishes@gmail.com

32nd ANNUAL BARTON POLKAFEST

Sunday August 2nd, from 11 am – 8 pm at the **Firemen's Field at 52176 Barton-Blaine Rd. in Barton, Ohio** (for GPS use St. Clairsville) Non-stop music from 12 noon to 8 pm with "Polka Family," Eddie Biegaj & "Crusade," and "Dynaversasticktoneaires." Free Admission. BBQ chicken, polish foods and desserts, polish crafts, cash bar, raffles, \$1000 raffle, Chinese auction, wine slushies, and Ice-Cream Island on site. Free shuttles from the parking lots. Held rain or shine. No b.y.o.b. or coolers permitted. For more information call 740-695-3029. Sponsored by the **Barton Vol. Fire Dept.**

VBS - THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in making this year's Vacation Bible School a success!

-37 Parishioners, community members, and teens volunteered to prepare, run, and clean up our program

-Many more donated items, gift cards, and monetary donations for activities

-15 teens learned about and practiced servant leadership

-Children learned about and were each gifted a book on the seven sacraments

-82 children attended from our parish and others in the diocese

-The kids showcased what they learned to earn a chance to douse Fr. Michael with the dunk tank! Please enjoy viewing the poster in the narthex showcasing some photos of the week's activities.

Thanks again for such a beautiful week.

Sincerely,

Angelica Payne, VBS 2026 Director and the Wintersville Parishes Vacation Bible School Team

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry gratefully acknowledges the outstanding generosity of the children at our Vacation Bible School! Here's **OUR GIANT THANK YOU** to the groups who collected the variety of items we will use in our July distribution boxes! **Ducks** (4-5 year olds) **41 items**; **Blue Jays** (5-6 year olds) **49 items**; **Bears** (9-11 year olds) **46 items**; and the **Foxes** (7-8 year olds) **50 items**; for a grand total of **186 items!!!** We also received from VBS individual snack bars, bottles of water, and two stuffed animals. We sincerely appreciate Angelica Payne and her dedicated staff for making this week possible for so many children!!!!

Thank you to Marsha Phillipson for her generous donation to GriefShare!

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY July 12 / 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (7/11) - Shirley Huscroft

by Cathy Cich & Barb Price

8:00 AM (BLS) - Mark Tiberio

by Anthony Recinella

9:30 AM (OLL) - Bernadine Mieczkowski

by Helen Korode

11:00 AM (BLS) - Living & deceased members
of our Wintersville Parishes

MONDAY July 13 / St. Henry

8:00 AM (BLS) - Robert A. Zaleski

by the Zaleski Family

TUESDAY July 14 / St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 AM (BLS) - Mike Tost

by Tony & Maryellen Colabella

WEDNESDAY July 15 / St. Bonaventure

8:00 AM (BLS) - Ed & Susie Klash

by Bill & Connie Fellows

5:30 PM (BLS) ADORATION & ROSARY

THURSDAY July 16 / Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 AM (BLS) - Donald Kissinger

by The Kissinger Family

5:15 PM (BLS) - Jean Brandsberg

by Todd & Carol Phillipson

FRIDAY July 17 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Joseph "Slugs" Smarrella

by Barbara (wife) & family

SATURDAY July 18 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Helene Juliano

by Bernadette & Harrison Juliano

SUNDAY July 19 / 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (7/18) - Living and deceased members
of our Wintersville Parishes

8:00 AM (BLS) - Bonnie Kaine

by Bob (husband)

9:30 AM (OLL) - Mercedes Caldere

by Mike & Kathleen Krivoniak

11:00 AM (BLS) - Jean Morelli

by Phyllis Riapos

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by Phyllis Riapos

MONDAY July 20 / St. Apollinaris

8:00 AM (BLS) - Margie Conroy

by Jeanette Hauber

TUESDAY July 21 / St. Lawrence

8:00 AM (BLS) - Janice Leonard

by Elise Leonard

WEDNESDAY July 22 / St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM (BLS) - Armand J. Constantine, Jr.

by Frank Luckino

5:30 PM (BLS) ADORATION & ROSARY

THURSDAY July 23 / St. Bridget

8:00 AM (BLS) - Stanley Hranek

by Jeanette Hauber

5:15 PM (BLS) - Anthony J. Sawon

by Loretta Gossett

FRIDAY July 24 / St. Sharbel

8:00 AM (BLS) - Dorothy Liggett

by Mark & Jeanette Roberts

SATURDAY July 25 / St. James

8:00 AM (BLS) - Fran McIntyre

by Helen Korode

SUNDAY July 26 / 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (7/25) - Joanna Controguerra
by The Norovzi Family

8:00 AM (BLS) - Living and deceased members
of our Wintersville Parishes

9:30 AM (OLL) - Joseph Betty Mickey

by The Farchione Family

11:00 AM (BLS) - Joanna Controguerra (BD)

by Rita (daughter)

Liturgical



Ministries

July 18 th & July 19 th	July 25 th & July 26 th
Saturday 7/18th 4:30pm	Saturday 7/25th 4:30pm
Lector: Elane Renzelli	Lector: Mark Morelli
EMOHC: Lou DiGregory	EMOHC: Sandy Morelli
Altar servers Mitchell	Altar servers Symington
Sunday 7/19th 8:00am	Sunday 7/26th 8:00am
Lector: David Anderson	Lector: Ben Erste
EMOHC: Michael Krog	EMOHC: Patty Doyle
Altar servers: Tsohantaritis	Altar servers Velez
(OLL) 9:30am	(OLL) 9:30am
Lector: Laura Froehlich	Lector: Lori Mayher
Altar servers: (Volunteer)	Altar servers: (Volunteer)
11:00am	11:00am
Lector: Kathleen Krivoniak	Lector: Steve Kuruc
EMOHC: John DuBois	EMOHC: Cindy Gregor
Altar servers: Krivoniak/Velez/Vitello	Altar servers: Benner/Thomas Zaleski
If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.	If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

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