



## Father Sam's Forum

**T**he writings of the prophet we know as Isaiah are actually, according to scholars of the bible, three different people. Either disciples of the first Isaiah, or members of his prophetic school, these authors used the name of their master. What we have today comes from Third Isaiah.

The historical setting is the return from Babylon where the people had been exiled following the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 BC. So the context we have before us today is about coming back home after being away. A friend of mine enjoys going on vacation but always seems ready to return home. It's so good to be home, he says. Our immigrant ancestors, like my grandfather who worked so hard to purchase a home, never wanted to be away from their homes for long. Someone had to "watch" the house at all times because it was a precious thing for them, the result of their dedication to family.



The seventy-two disciples who return in the story our Gospel lays before us today were coming home, back to the Master, Jesus, who had sent them out on mission. They received instructions about the mission, and Luke shows how excited they were in reporting their successes back to

Jesus. *Where is Jesus sending you?* That's our weekly question for reflection. Do you believe Jesus is sending you? That would be the first question, I suppose. If we don't see ourselves being sent, then the question becomes useless.

The Mass ends with sending forth. The deacon or priest dismisses the assembly. "The Mass is ended. Go in peace." With this, or some other of the formulas used for the ending of the Mass, we are sent into our worlds, back to life as usual to make a difference. Having stepped out of counted time, *chronos*, into God's time, *kairos*, to be present for liturgy, we now return home where we live our normal lives. That's where Jesus is sending us. But for what purpose? What do you think you are meant to do in that place where you are being sent?

## Mass Intentions: July 4—July 11

### Sunday, July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **Joseph Labriola** (Wife, Bert)  
9:30a **For the People of the Parish**  
11:30a **Patricia Latinovich** (Barbara Henney)

### Monday, July 5—Weekday

8:30a **Helen Kassab** (Lorraine Haluska)

### Tuesday, July 6—Weekday

6:30a **Lucille Oberle** (Kerri & Mike Evans)  
8:30a **Henry Badzik** (Gerri Sopko)

### Wednesday, July 7—Weekday

6:30a **Mary Kelly** (Joanne Barton)  
8:30a **Living & Deceased Members of the Murphy & Rawlings Families**  
(Mary & Mike Murphy)

### Thursday, July 8—Weekday

6:30a **Fred Henning** (Ben's Men)  
8:30a **Gene Becker** (Joan Becker)

### Friday, July 9—Weekday

8:30a **50th Wedding Anniversary:**  
**Art & Lois Kelly**

### Saturday, July 10—Weekday

8:30a **Patsy & Mary Meola** (M/M Frank Meola)  
5:00p **Jeraldine Hunt** (Daughter, Jeanette Gray)

### Sunday, July 11—St. Benedict the Abbot

7:45a **Elizabeth Ricci** (July Ripepi)  
9:30a **Alfonso Brunatti**  
(Thomas & Mary Lee Hanlon)  
11:30a **For the People of the Parish**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of George P. DiNardo, requested by Jeanne; and the Bread & Wine are in memory of Patsy & Mary Meola, requested by M/M Frank Meola.*

## Summer Census Don't Forget to Complete Your Form

In order to plan for current and future needs of the parish, we are updating our census data. Our new census sheet is available on our web site. We are asking *everyone* to take a moment and complete one. You may have had some changes in things such as who lives at home, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or maybe you even moved. We will hold three "Census Sundays" today and on July 11 and 18. In addition to the online forms, new forms will be available in church for you to complete/update and return.

**Hotline for Victims of Sexual Abuse**  
**412-456-3060 or 1-888-808-1235**



## Pastoral Staff

To reach a staff member, dial 724-941-9406, and then the extension number listed.

### Pastoral Life & Worship

Gregory Fincham, Director of Music Ministries— 108  
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Cathy Malencia, Middle School Minister— 110  
Janet Roberto, Young Adult Minister— 112  
Lisa Ruggieri, Formation Office Coordinator—107  
Marcia Snowden, Catechetical Assistant—107  
Colette Specca, Director of Faith Formation— 113  
Jay Specca, Coordinator Adult Formation & Liturgy—114

### Pastoral Administration

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Mary Ann Bitters, Parish Secretary— 100  
Justin Cumer, Maintenance— 100  
Shirley Jacobs, Safe Environment Coordinator—107  
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- Formation Offices: Religious Education/Youth Ministry— 724-941-9587

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## Readings for the Week of July 4

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12,17-20  
Monday: Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7,11-13/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4,8c-9/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37 \*  
change readings for feast day!

## Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers this week **Rita Thomas**, grandmother of Juanita Timney; and **Eugene Valentino**, father of Debra Valentino; who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

## Parish Offices Closed July 5 Holiday

Don't forget the observed holiday for Independence Day is Monday, July 5. All parish offices are closed for the holiday.

## Serving the Parish Next Weekend July 10—July 11

**Sat. 5:00pm**— Fr. Chortos

**Lectors:** Hruby, Norton **Greeters:** Mitchell, Patnesky  
**EMHC:** Specca, Glod, Scheuring, D & T Martin, Milavec, Sarra, P & G Adams **Servers:** Figueroa, Wiegmann, Byrne, Curran, Rauscher

**7:45am**— Fr. Chortos

**Lectors:** Wanninger, Brugger **Greeters:** Turchick, Barker  
**EMHC:** R & E McMillan, Kail, Puskarich, McGinnis, Barton, Wanninger **Servers:** N & V De Rienzo, Brugger

**9:30am**— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Peck

**Lectors:** McKenzie, Glover **Greeters:** Becker, Stewart  
**EMHC:** Orient, Capozza, Stein, Bayer, Torres, L & A Kelly, Glover, Gaudy **Servers:** Wallach, Waigand, Maher, Watson, Wisniewski

**11:30am**— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Layton, Deacon Peck

**Lectors:** Gehrlein, Hajzus **Greeters:** Ragan **EMHC:** Huffner, Hayward, Baits, Boyd, Herald **Servers:** Oberschelp, Graves, Luzier

## Parish Feast Day & Pastoral Council News



Next Sunday, July 11, is the feast day of our patron, St. Benedict of Nursia, the founder of western monasticism.

The 11:30am Mass will be a special liturgy, where four new members of our Parish Pastoral Council will be installed. All the members of the council will receive a copy of the newly published guidelines for pastoral councils in our diocese, *One Body, One Mission*. These guidelines replace the interim ones in use since 2007. Bishop Zubik has made it a point to announce that every parish in our diocese is expected to use them as it implements pastoral planning.

Our council came to the decision to bring on new members by staggering the terms so that we would always have older members with newer ones. Current members of the council are: Aimee Schmidt, facilitator; Jane Sarra, recorder; Dale Buttgerit, Ed Corbett, Ed Guna, Gil McGurl, Erik Mertens, Angelo Pampena, and Becky Pfeifer. New members joining the council are Dave Bowlin, Mark Kimes, Chris Norton, and Ellie Puskarich.



## VBS News

### “High Seas Expedition” K through 4

There are no more openings for K-4 program.

### 5th & 6th Grade Students

There are no more openings for the program for fifth and sixth grade.

### Calling all Volunteers!

The Faith Formation Office needs your help with VBS prep work and set up. Many hands are needed on July 6, 7, and 8. To volunteer call Cathy Malencia at 724-941-9406, ext. 110 or at [cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org).

### We Need Your Help!!

Please save your used cardboard paper towel tubes for our Vacation Bible School crafts. They can be dropped off at the Faith Formation Office or placed in the containers in O'Brien Hall after all Masses.

**We DO NOT need any more water bottles—  
Thanks for your help!**

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be Prayer & Formation Sessions for all EMHC on July 15 at 7:00pm; July 17 at 12:00 noon; July 20 at 7:00pm; and July 22 at 11:00am in the Church. Please plan to attend one of these sessions so we can pray together and continue to explore these ministries. It is necessary for all ministers to attend. Contact Jay Speca at ext. 114 with any questions and to register for one of the sessions.

## Attention 2010 Confirmation Parents

A make-up meeting for parents who missed the two previous Confirmation informational meetings will be held on Sunday, July 18, following the 9:30 Mass. Join us in the PBAC at 10:45am. Learn about our September 12 event which includes recognition of the candidates at Mass and brunch. If you have any questions contact Colette in Faith Formation.

## Centering Prayer A Summer Spiritual Journey

For the Mondays of July and August, our centering prayer group will present an 8-week journey into the spiritual wisdom of the book “Intimacy with God” by Fr. Thomas Keating. The program will focus on specific chapters in this best-selling spiritual book. Those who are interested are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions Monday evenings beginning July 12 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Chapel. Copies of the book may be purchased for \$18. There is no other cost; only a willingness to deepen your own prayer life. For more info, call our pastoral associate Dennis Gehrlein at 724-941-9406, ext. 109.

## Fr. Scott Seethaler to Speak at Parish Health Fair

Thursday, September 30 will be an exciting day at St. Benedict as Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap, presents *The Spiritual Aspects of the Aging Process*. A long-time favorite preacher and speaker, Fr. Scott will speak from 10:00am to 11:30am. His program, sponsored by Gateway Hospice, will be followed by a Parish Health Fair that our Health Ministry Program is now putting together. For more information, please contact our pastoral associate Dennis Gehrlein, at 724-941-9406, ext 109.

## Attention Altar Servers: Old & New



Join Deacon Michael Peck for a summer experience to brush up on your ministry or to learn about it! We are looking for our veteran servers as well as anyone who wants to accept this important ministry in service to our parish. To be eligible, you must be entering the 4th grade or above. Our *Summer Server Boot Camp* will be held on these days:

Tuesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 7, and Thursday, July 8. Training begins at 11:30 in the church and lasts until 2:30, and includes lunch in O'Brien Hall at 12:30. To register for the camp, call the office. Veteran servers can attend any one or all of the days, new servers should plan to attend all of the three training days.



## Ask Father Sam

*What can you tell me about our patron saint?*

### Lesson of the Week

*Can you explain the excommunication of the nun who worked at the hospital in Arizona?*

First of all, let me offer a disclaimer, that without knowing all the details of this situation, I can only speak from what the Church teaches. It is my *personal* opinion that we should always handle situations with pastoral care, which means to deal with the persons involved in a gentle way as Jesus would. This doesn't mean changing what we believe is right, but understanding the people involved.

From the traditional teaching in Catholic moral theology, no one is free to make a choice that would cause another person to die directly. So as the reports of this particular situation have been given, it seems that a choice was made to save the life of the pregnant woman which would directly cause the child she was carrying to die. The canons of the Church carry an automatic excommunication for anyone who assists another to procure an abortion. This explains the media's reports about the Sister being subjected to this penalty.

This principle is known as *double effect*. I quote from the page on *Key Ethical Principles* for Ascension Health. *An action that is good in itself that has two effects—an intended and otherwise not reasonable attainable good effect, and an unintended yet foreseen evil effect—is licit, provided there is due proportion between the intended good and the permitted evil.*

This means one may perform an action, even though the person knows that there is a real possibility that action may have two different results, one good, and the other not good. So long as it is done for the intended good, and the action is not evil of itself, it is permissible. The Catholic magisterium has argued that the principle allows one to distinguish morally among cases where a pregnancy may need to be ended in order to preserve the life of the mother. This would allow the removal of a life-threatening cancerous uterus, even though this procedure will bring the death of a fetus, on the grounds that in this case the death of the fetus is not "directly" intended. The principle disallows cases, however, in which a craniotomy (the crushing of the fetus's skull) is required to preserve a pregnant woman's life, on the grounds that here a genuine evil, the death of the fetus, is "directly" intended.

## Youth Ministry News

### 1. Camp Fire Thursdays

If you couldn't join us this past Thursday for ultimate frisbee, come on any **Campfire Thursday**. Come and hang out at the church for games, fun, and a good old bonfire. Each night we will be doing something different, such as ultimate Frisbee, water games, open jam session, and more. Times are from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. We welcome all incoming freshmen and older. Bring your friends. The dates for campfires are July 8, and August 5, 12 & 24.

### 2. Day of Service

Calling all teens to join us in performing some service around the parish campus on Thursday, July 8, from noon until 4:00pm. We will be doing some cleaning, painting, and yard work. Just show up at the Youth Ministry Office.

### 3. Car Wash



The Youth Group will host a car wash during the morning Masses today and again on Sunday, July 18. You can drop off your car and have it cleaned while you are at Mass. We are accepting free will donations and all monies raised will help support youth events and the upcoming mission trip.

### 4. Mulch Sale

Our teens are selling mulch this spring as a way to fundraise which helps us continue the Youth Ministry program and reduce the cost of activities and retreats. Please pick up an order form and price list in the narthex of the church or the Parish Office.

**Check out this great Catholic site:  
[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)**

***Need confidential assistance? Companionship and understanding for a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are here to help you. Call 724-941-5026.***



## Ora Et Labora Scholarship Winners

Ben's Men would like to congratulate this year's graduating seniors who received the *Ora et Labora* Scholarship: Connor Mullan, Kaitlin Wiegmann, and Elena Lages. Over the years this parish organization has given out 94 scholarships to our graduating seniors. All of this year's applicants were outstanding, and we applaud their hard work and efforts.

## Golden Wedding Celebration

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 3, beginning with Mass at 3:00pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 and would be interested in attending the celebration along with other jubilarian couples, please call the parish office no later than August 8. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

## Life Line Screening

Once again, Life Line Screening, a provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be at St. Benedict's on August 30 from 8:30am until 5:30pm. They offer screenings for the carotid artery (stroke), heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis. Appointments are limited and pre-registration is required. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-679-5192. This event is sponsored by Ohio Valley General Hospital.

## WOSB Shoe Boxes

The Women of St. Benedict are collecting soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. to send to families in Appalachia this Christmas. As you travel this summer please save hotel samples for us. Last year we packed 500 shoe boxes and hope to pack more this year. We also need women's size shoe boxes. Please place your items in the collection box in O'Brien Hall. If you have any questions, call Jackie Buck at 724-941-6955.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Sunday, July 4

***Parish Office Closed***

***Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass***

### Monday, July 5

***Parish Offices Closed***

### Tuesday, July 6

11:30a	Altar Server Training	(Church)
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### Wednesday, July 7

11:30a	Altar Server Training	(Church)
12:00p	AA	(208)
6:30p	Confessions	(Church)
7:45p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)

### Thursday, July 8

11:30a	Altar Server Training	(Church)
12:00p	NA	(206)
5:00p	Councils Picnic	(Rector)
6:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:30p	Boy Scout Troop 1313	(OBH)

### Saturday, July 10

9:00a	Aerobics	(PBAC)
11:00a	Confessions	(Church)

### Sunday, July 11

***Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass***

## Abbey Community Ministry Update

At our informational meeting on June 15 we received a lot of great ideas and volunteer names who agreed to help us facilitate and coordinate the activities with their teams. We are planning to begin with four teams which include the Parish's demographic areas. Over the next month, a more definitive program service model will be discussed. The enthusiasm and interest has been great, and we have had very positive comments from many of our parishioners. You still have time to get involved and share your time and talents. Please sign up in the Parish Office, online, or complete a registration form in the Narthex of the Church on the Welcoming table. Watch the Bulletin for further updates. We look forward to having you join us!



## TO GET INVOLVED, CALL . . .

### **Abbey Coffee House**

Ellie Puskarich  
724-941-4686

### **Altar Servers**

Kathleen Bench  
724-941-0338

### **Ben's Men**

Jeff Mertens  
724-941-6484

### **Bowling League**

Blaise Hollot  
724-942-0748

### **Boy Scouts**

Kevin Dolinar  
724-942-0388

### **Cantors, Choirs,**

### **Bell Ringers**

Greg Fincham  
724-941-9406

### **Catholic Men's Fellowship**

Ed Corbett  
724-942-6429

### **Catholic Scripture Study**

Tara Curry  
724-942-7539

### **Cub Scouts**

Steve Ridge  
724-941-9816

### **Elijah Cup**

Carlotta Zuback  
724-941-5758

### **Engaged Couples' Program**

Ed & Mary Lou Fraticelli  
724-941-4230

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Mary Ann Campbell  
724-941-4297

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

Jack McGinnis  
724-941-4213

### **Finance Council**

Fred Abrew  
724-941-4696

### **Food Bank**

Susan Brooks  
724-942-4287

### **Funeral Repast**

Mary Kay Schaner  
724-941-5147

### **Funeral Servers**

Dick Gawronski  
724-873-7911

### **Greeters**

Erma Grego  
724-941-6956

### **IHN**

Mary Spinabelli  
724-942-2478

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Dawn Pustay  
724-942-2451

### **Library**

Ellen Mavrich  
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### **Liturgical Environment**

Emma Diamond  
724-941-8315

### **Military Support**

Jamie Christopher  
724-747-9396

### **Ministry to the Sick**

Barb Scheuering  
724-941-9104

### **MOMS**

Kathleen Chaudhari  
724-941-8546

### **Pastoral Council**

Aimee Schmidt  
724-941-7046

### **Respect Life Committee**

Beth Quinn  
724-942-1057

### **Stephen Ministry**

Jay Jarrell  
724-941-5026

### **St. Benedict Gardeners**

Linda Maydak  
724-941-3123

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Please call parish office  
724-941-9406

### **Ushers**

Mike Silvestri  
724-941-5238

### **Wedding Coordinators**

Lois McCloskey  
724-941-6879

### **Women of St. Benedict**

Nancy Huffner  
724-941-6805

### **Youth Council**

Sheila Arcuri  
724-942-6431