

## PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

### Sunday, August 23

**10:30 am** Mass - **OLPH Parishioners**  
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open  
 11:45 am Altar Server Pizza Party, FLC  
 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH

### Monday, August 24

**12:00 pm** Mass - **Paul Michael Stephenson †**

### Tuesday, August 25

11:00 am Confessions  
**12:00 pm** Mass - **Anto Ponjavić †**

### Wednesday, August 26

3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (3-6:15pm & 7-9pm)  
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open  
 5:00 pm Confessions  
**6:30 pm** Mass - **Generoso Jornales Sr. †**

### Thursday, August 27

**12:00 pm** Mass

### Friday, August 28

### Saturday, August 29

3:00 pm Olive Branch Open  
 3:30 pm Confessions  
**5:00 pm** Vigil Mass - **OLPH Parishioners**

### Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Diocesan Retreat - Initiation Leaders, SH  
**10:30 am** Mass - **Linda Tucciarone †**  
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open  
 5:00 pm Mass at Roanoke College

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**RIGHT AFTER THE 10:30AM Mass**

|                                                  | August 29<br>Saturday Mass<br>5:00 pm                     | August 30<br>Sunday Mass<br>10:30 am                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                             | Elijah Buchanan                                           | Victoria Fukumoto                                                                                                        |
| <b>Lectors</b>                                   | Cathy Wizorek<br>Dennis Kafura                            | Brenda Holtzlander<br>Jeffrey Krajnik                                                                                    |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Christine Stanley<br>Peggy Miller<br>Parish Deacon        | Christine Johnson<br>Nathan Johnson<br>Janie Christian<br>Barbara O'Connell<br>Parish deacon<br>Laurie White<br>Jim Laub |
| <b>Linen Washer</b>                              |                                                           | Sharon Nelson                                                                                                            |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                    | Bogdan Czachor<br>Scott Kuhn<br>Jack Miller<br>Al Scalera | Jay Fukumoto<br>David Hafey<br>Greg St. Clair<br>Christopher Verner                                                      |
| <b>Bus Driver</b>                                |                                                           | Nathan Johnson                                                                                                           |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK August 23 - August 30, 2026

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

***Please pray for our sick, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ.***

Nassib Azar  
 Rob Ahlers  
 Louise Amato  
 Timothy Bennett  
 Celeste Gibilisco  
 Therese Huynh

Robin Jane  
 Marita Keener  
 Dennis La Cour  
 Bernie Langheim  
 Donna McGuire

Dcn. Steve O'Connell  
 Judith Perrine  
 Muriel Suggs  
 Dolores Vetrini  
 John Wizorek  
 Pat Wyble

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

*What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"*

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

~Father John Muir



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help in the hospitality kitchen in the Commons for "First Treats" on the 1st Sunday of the month. Call Kristen Collier at 434-422-5799.

**NEEDED** volunteers to help with the parish picnic on September 13. Areas of need to be posted soon.  
Email Tom Collins  
thomas.p.collins@comcast.net

| WEEKLY OFFERING          | Aug. 15 & 16, 2026 | JULY 1 YTD  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Sunday - Holy Days       | \$15,190.00        | \$87,866.00 |
| Total Income Budgeted    | \$11,738.00        | \$86,078.00 |
| Better or <b>Worse</b>   | \$ 3,452.00        | \$ 1,788.00 |
| Capital Improvement Aug. | \$ 1,959.00        | \$ 5,947.00 |

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