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“At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !”

A noteworthy preacher on the West Coast once recounted a story from his youth. When he was growing up, drought ravaged the family farm. The family prayed for rain that never came. His father, who normally harvested 100 wagons of corn, reaped only a half wagon full. Reflecting on the experience, the preacher said, “I’ll never forget it. His calloused hands holding ours as he looked and prayed, ‘Thank you Lord, I’ve lost nothing. I’ve regained all the seed I planted in spring and so I will be able to plant again.’ While other farmers were saying, ‘We lost 90 or 100 loads,’ my father told me, ‘Never count the might-have-beens or you’ll be defeated. Never look at what you lost, only at what you have left.’” What wonderful and insightful advice. His father was a wise man.

Holy Scripture reminds us to give God thanks “in all things.” Note that it does not advise us to give thanks “for” all things but “in” all things. In other words, maintain a grateful heart, because as we think so shall the realities of our existence unfold. Our perceptions, of our circumstances and of others, shape our reactions and behaviors, which in turn create our future both here and in the hereafter.

A grateful heart never sees lack but only opportunity. The glass truly is never half empty but rather half full. A grateful heart recognizes that however dark the night might be we may look forward to the coming of the dawn.

Notice that resentment can never take root in a grateful heart. There is no room for anger, bitterness and negative criticism. Rather there is an excitement and eagerness that manifests itself in a zest for life and in a love of others. There is a true sense of joy and “wonderment”, even in everyday and seemingly mundane experiences.

People with grateful hearts are not overcome by the challenges life brings. They learn or discern the opportunity which a challenge may bring, then act on it and move on. They do not reinforce the negative by dwelling on it or engaging in rationalizations which usually makes matters worse.

Notice, too, that people are drawn to those whose lives are grateful. Gratitude, and its accompanying joy, brings out the best in others and enables others to experience a more fulfilling life. Spouses would tend not to focus on each other’s faults, which we all have, but on the good qualities that brought them together when they met. Parents would exercise greater patience with their children, remembering their own youthful transition. Co-workers would be more helpful and productive and less likely to be concerned with the poor work performance of other co-workers. Spirituality would be exciting and fulfilling rather than something tedious and obligatory.

So, today count your blessings. Thank God for what you have rather than complain about what you don’t have. Understand that your challenges are an opportunity for growth and fulfillment. Accept yourself and make the best of each day that is given you. Do not concern yourself with the shortcomings of others, but see others as the Father sees them. Learn gratitude and you will find life to be the great gift and creative experience it was intended to be. Peace!

In His Light,

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WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday - - Cancelled

Sunday - 9:00 AM *

Wednesday- - Cancelled


RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS

By Appointment (413) 324-1164



July Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers Ministers of the Word

5th	Ron, Paula Ann		Beth, Ron
12th	Ron, Paula Ann		Catherine, Paula Ann
19th	Ron, Paula Ann		Ron, Jayne
26th	Ron, Paula Ann		Beth, Dan



Bethany Food Drive

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer.

Thank You for your constant generosity.



“Hunger never takes a vacation.”

Walking in the Light of Christ



As summer unfolds around us, *July* reminds us to pause and see God's hand in the beauty of His creation. The warmth of the sun, the laughter of family and friends, and the quiet moments of peace are all gifts from our loving Father.



This month, as we celebrate the blessings of freedom, let us also remember the greatest freedom we have—the freedom found in Jesus Christ. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He has set us free from sin and called us to live lives of faith, hope, and love.



May we use this season to deepen our relationship with the Lord, serve one another with joyful hearts, and be a light to those around us. Let us pray for our families, our community, our nation, and our world, asking God to guide us in His truth and fill our hearts with His peace.



“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

— Galatians 5:1

May God bless you throughout this beautiful month of *July*, and may His love shine brightly in your life each day.

Dates to Remember July 2026

Happy
4th of JULY!

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God bless AMERICA!
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“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance.”

— Psalm 33:12

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FREEDOM IS A GIFT FROM GOD.
May we always remember to thank Him,
and live for Him.

- 5th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass
- 14th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass
- 21st: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass
- 29th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

Prayer Requests

“As a community, we support each other through prayer in communion with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Please let us know of your prayer requests.”



“Lord, give us a perfect heart to receive your word, that we may bring forth fruit in patience.”

Liturgy of the Hours

