

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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### Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Holy Family Parish  
Saturdays - 5:00 PM

St. Michael's Parish  
Sparwood  
Sundays - 11:00 AM

St. Bernard's Mission  
Elkford  
Sundays - 4:00 PM

The Holy Rosary is  
prayed 30 minutes  
before  
Holy Mass

Confessions:  
30 minutes before  
Mass or by  
appointment

**Pastor:** Father Thomas Kakkaniyil

**Secretary:** Lucrecia Lynch

#### Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## Welcome

First Reading:

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Second Reading:

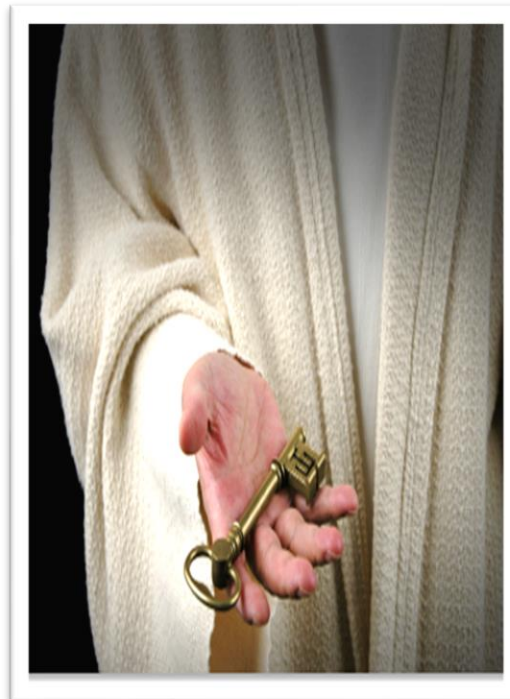
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

Psalms 138

'Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
endures forever. Do not forsake  
the work of your hands.'



"I will give you the keys of  
the kingdom of heaven, and  
whatever you bind on earth  
will be bound in heaven, and  
whatever you loose on earth  
will be loosed in heaven."

- Matthew 16:19

## Pastor's Message

Who is Jesus for you? August 27, 2023

Today, Jesus is asking each of us a very personal question: Who am I for you? He asks of our individual understanding and conviction about Him in our lives! The pressing question here is in relation to what the disciples and we open up the possibility of a decisive difference between the popular opinion and their Personal understanding of Jesus! The disciples kept silent to this question, who Jesus is for them? Each one had to respond to this question. With the exception of Simon Peter, they don't seem to have an opinion of their own. In this standstill situation Peter emerged as spokesperson for the rest of the disciples: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16).

Yes, Peter had a spirit-inspired answer. "Messiah" is a Hebrew word for the "anointed one" and which corresponds to the New Testament title of "Christ." Peter combined Christ with "Son of the living God." No one had combined "Christ" with "Son of the living God" before Peter. Peter was certainly giving voice to an exalted view of Jesus. His words bring out the essential being of our Lord in the most comprehensive expression in the Gospels. Jesus states that Peter's answer did not come from human beings; it is divine: "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven" (16:17). Yes, it is an important spiritual insight from the revelation of "God the Father." Peter, in turn, is referred to as "Kepha", the Greek word for the Aramaic word, which means rock. So Peter is the Rock on which Jesus will build his Church. Here is the first use of "the Church" in the Gospels (16:18). Jesus' response means: (a) that the church will be built upon "this rock"; (b) that it will prevail against the gates of Hades; and (c) that the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the authority to bind and lose will be given to Peter.

Lastly, Jesus instructed his disciples that they should tell no one that he is the Christ or Messiah or anointed one, of the living God. It is a command to silence. In this instance, the disciples of Jesus are asked to proclaim Him by their lives rather than their words. The Gospel of the day invites all of us to give a personal answer to the question: Who do you say that I am? Is He a loving and forgiving God or a cruel and punishing God? May God bless you!  
+++ Amen. Fr. Thomas

## Weekly Mass Intentions

August 26 – September 2, 2023

Saturday	August 26	Mass at 5:00 PM	Mass intention: Repose of the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Gropp at Holy Family Requested by: Celia Roccamatissi
Sunday	August 27	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Monday	August 28	Mass at 9:30 AM (Private)	Intention for M.S.T
Tuesday	August 29	Mass at 7:00 PM (Private)	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	August 30	Mass at 11:00 AM (Private)	Intention for M.S.T
Thursday	August 31	Mass at 10:30 AM (Private)	Intention for M.S.T
Friday	September 1	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for M.S. T
Saturday	September 2	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S. T

## Finance Report

### Contributions for the week of August 12, 2023

Actual: \$318.75  
Budget: \$1,000.00  
Variance: (-\$681.25)

Total Contributions YTD  
\$37,481.21

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of July 31, 2023

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$5,670.00

Needed to reach goal: (\$15,980.00)

God loves a  
cheerful giver  
and a generous  
heart...thank  
you.

## Volunteer Schedule

August 26, 2023

Liturgical Reader  
Mike Delich

Sacristan  
Lucrecia Lynch

September 2, 2023

Liturgical Reader  
Colin Lynch

Sacristan  
Diane Slywka

Church Cleaners

August 21 – September 3

Lina Campisi and Maria Scarpelli

## News and Announcements

### Holy Family Parish Council Meeting

An important Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **September 6, 2023, at 4:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. This is to discuss parish finances. We ask all parishioners that are interested to come. This is an open meeting all parishioners are welcome to join.



### Parish Fall Tea

**When:** Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tickets are \$10.00.

Children 5 and under are free.

Please bring your donations between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday night.

Baked items to the bake sale are appreciated.

Chautauqua, the fall fair sponsored by the Museum, will also be this weekend.

It has been suggested to use or make a hat to wear when participating in events.

