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August 23rd, 2026

The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am
10:30am

Daily Mass:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 6:00pm

Wed-Fri: 8:00am

First Saturday of the Month:

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 8:00am

Holy Days:

Mass: 8:00am

Mass: 6:00pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 8:30am-7:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30-5:20pm
or any day by appointment

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings

Call the parish office. (For weddings, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of a potential date.)

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, being part of the universal Church, shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Ushers	Lectors	EMHCs	Altar Servers
8/29 5:30 PM	Mike Henry	Pat Dieringer	Becky Wooten	Ed Schneider
8/30 8:00 AM	Scott Bible	Danielle Dryden	Kristine Bible	Clay Dryden, Claire & Grace Pattyn
8/30 10:30 AM	Larry Carnahan	Carolyn Brown	Marina Logue	Ed Schneider & Achilles
August Church Cleaners		August Altar Linens	Coffee Hour Servers 8/30	
Mary Pattyn		Pam Erickson	9am: Linda & Mark 11:30am: <i>Volunteer</i>	

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A PETER'S PROFESSION OF FAITH



Jesus Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of His flock. The primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church. It went right back to the beginning, yes, to the mind and will of Jesus Himself. Peter made a solemn confessional declaration, "You are the Son of God," and Jesus reciprocated by conferring a new title on Peter. He will be the foundation-stone of the new people of God. Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church.

Peter himself failed the Lord. In giving authority to the man who denied Him, Jesus wanted to show that He was establishing His Church not on human strength, but on His own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ Himself.

Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all. All of us are mere mortals, who are inconsistent in our beliefs. We must learn to forgive our momentary weaknesses and failures. We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms.

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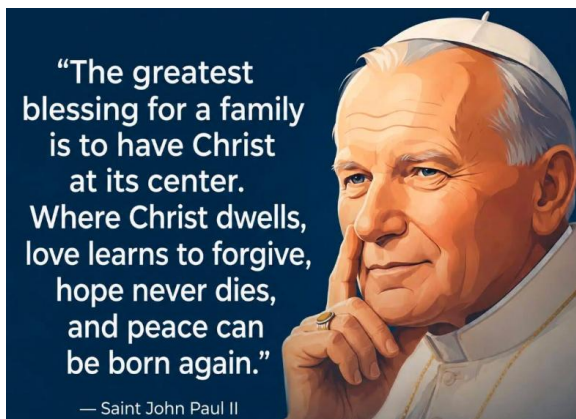
Liturgical Events This Week

The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/23/26	
9:00am	Mass: + Les VanDyke (Jan Alderman)
10:00am	SPB 60 th Celebration and Picnic
Monday 8/24/26	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Bill Pritchard (Mike & Mary Ann Mitchael)
Tuesday 8/25/26	
6:00pm	Mass : For Kimberly Stanchfield & Family (Mike & Mary Ann Mitchael)
Wednesday 8/26/26	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Wayne Brown (Tom & Debbie Schaffer)
Thursday 8/27/26	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + All Souls (The Alexander Family)
8:30am- 7:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration 
Friday 8/28/26	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: + Steven Carter (Rhonda Evans)
Saturday 8/29/26	
4:30- 5:20pm	Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm	Sunday Vigil Mass: + Tom Bible (Judy Bible)
The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/30/26	
8:00am	Mass: For All Our Parishioners
10:00am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30am	Mass: + Wayne Brown (Tom & Debbie Schaffer)



Congratulations to
Weston Gary Whalen
on his Baptism into the Catholic Faith
Saturday, August 22nd at the 5:30pm Mass
***May God's grace continue to guide you
and light your path.***

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL ETIQUETTE 12 ST. PHILIP BENIZI – OUR FAMILY



In a world that often pulls families in different directions, Saint John Paul II reminds us of the one foundation that never fails: Jesus Christ. A family is not made strong by wealth, comfort, or perfection, but by hearts that seek God together.

When Christ is at the center of our homes, love becomes more than a feeling—it becomes a daily choice. We learn to forgive even when we have been hurt, to be patient when life is difficult, and to remain faithful when the future is uncertain. His presence transforms ordinary houses into places of grace.

Every family experiences struggles. There are misunderstandings, disappointments, financial burdens, illness, and moments of sorrow. Yet these trials do not have the final word. Where Christ dwells, hope is always renewed, peace can be restored, and broken relationships can begin to heal.

Today, let us invite Jesus into every corner of our homes—through prayer, the Holy Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and acts of charity toward one another. The more we make room for Him, the more our families reflect the love of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

May Saint John Paul II intercede for the family of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church and every family, especially those carrying heavy crosses, that their homes may become places where faith is lived, love is strengthened, hope never dies, and the peace of Christ reigns forever. Amen.

Fr. Peter O. Okola, AJ

Registration is now open for:
Confirmation, First Communion,
Religious Education and
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Register online at www.philipbenizi.com
If you have questions, please call the office
at 503-631-2882

Finance Corner

8/16/26	Actual	Budget
This Week, General Fund	\$4,184 (includes \$850 Online)	\$5,500
Fiscal Year (YTD)	\$33,554	\$38,500

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish! May God's continued blessings be upon you and your loved ones.



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We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time. Jesus was aware of Peter's faults, but Jesus saw that, despite everything Peter's heart was sound. Which meant Peter had the ability to love. And eventually **LOVE** is what counts.

Jesus challenged Peter to grow in love. We need to be challenged to grow in loving Christ. That growth finally leads us to mission. Peter's story is our story too. We too, blow hot and cold. Sometimes we are strong, other times we are weak. Without a warm relationship with Christ, we are only on the fringes of our faith. We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love.

Rev. Peter O. Okola, AJ



The Oregon State Fair is coming up!
Oregon Right to Life need volunteers at their Oregon Right to Life Fair booth from August 28-September 7th at the Oregon State Fair
Questions or if you would like to help,
email robert@ortl.org or call 503-463-8563

Featured Listing!



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A EUCHARISTIC AND MARIAN CELEBRATION

Featuring a keynote on

The Apostle of the Rosary Saint Bartolo Longo



Auxiliary Bishop
Peter Smith



Saint Bartolo Longo
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Keynote Speaker
Fr. Theodore Lange



EVENT DETAILS

9am Confession | 10am Mass

11am Holy Hour and Rosary

1:30pm Keynote on Saint Bartolo Longo

The Apostle of the Rosary

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Community Resource Fair | Diaper Drive

2:45 pm Chaplet

East Salem Community Center

1850 45th Ave. NE, Salem, OR

Sat Oct 3 2026 | 9am - 3pm

A freewill offering taken

Details at dinamarie.org



Registration is open for:

Volleyball,

Cross Country,

Fall Hot Shots! Call 503-231-9484



*Beginning Experience of Oregon Ministry is
offering a Healing Weekend
Retreat program that is designed to help
those who are grieving the loss of a
spousal relationship due to death,
divorce, or separation.*

Date: October 2-4, 2026 (Friday evening
through Sunday afternoon)

Registration Cost (per person):

\$335 double / \$420 single

Registration Deadline and Non-

Refundable \$100 Deposit Due:

September 1, 2026

Balance Due at Check-in

(Checks/Cash only, No Credit Cards)

Location: Alton L. Collins Retreat Center,
32867 SE Highway 211, Eagle Creek, OR
97022

*For additional information or to register for
the weekend retreat, please
visit www.beeforegon.org.*