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Saturday: Anticipated Mass4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am &10:15am

Monday through Friday at 8:00am

Sacrament of Penance:
Sunday: 9:30to9:50am
Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50am & 6:30 to 7:00pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

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JULY 5, 2026

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREP
Parish Religious Education Program

A very special thank you to Linda Moser, Coordinator of Religious Education and to her staff: Michelle Efthimiadou, Barbara JanFrancisco, Joan Koeck, Tracy Nunan, Brenda Turner and teacher assistants: Billy Moser, Michelle Suess, & Georgia Watts for a wonderful week-long summer session of religious education for our children.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to sharing the faith which is deeply appreciated. God bless you all!
Father DiMaria

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I suppose it's a natural choice on this occasion of our 250th anniversary as a nation to focus on the famous people linked with our founding particularly in terms of their special qualities. These make not only for good observation but also for worthy imitation. So, we have, for example, George Washington's courage. Or Thomas Jefferson's eloquence. John Adam's persistence and Ben Franklin's inventiveness. You may have a different list of qualities for the same roster. But all of it would be seen as a tribute to their foresight and vision for what became the United States of America.

Yet on any Sunday morning, of high festivity or more regular celebration, we must pay decisive attention to God's holy Word in the Bible as the first half of every Mass. We call it "the Liturgy of the Word" and so it is. From it we learn various lessons on how best to imitate Christ Jesus Our Lord by focusing on qualities of His seen in their perfection. This ensemble of Readings today puts the accent on His less heralded virtue called "gentleness."
That word needs clarification, if for no other reason than the times we live in might argue that it is a waste of time and effort. Here is a good definition of it that I discovered: "Gentleness in the Bible is described as a vital characteristic that embodies humility, kindness, and patience, reflecting inner strength rather than weakness. It is often associated with Our Lord's teachings, and it is encouraged as a fundamental aspect of Christian conduct in relationships with others."

In the gospel for today we have a beautiful aspect of Our Lord's teaching on gentleness: His invitation for all those who are feeling burdened, tired, or overwhelmed, to come to Him for rest and comfort. In today's fast paced world, where stress and burnout are common, we need to hear Him. He wants us to adopt that gentleness in dealing not only with others, but also with ourselves. That's the formula for true peace. Even if we are never as famous as George, Thomas, John and Benjamin.

In the first grade, Miss Grant said that my purple tepee wasn't realistic enough, that purple was no color at all for a tent, that purple was the color of people when they died, and that my drawing wasn't good enough to hang with the others. I walked back to my seat, head bowed. With a black crayon, I brought nightfall to my purple tent in the middle of the afternoon.

In the second grade, Mrs. Henson said, "Draw anything." She didn't care what. I left my paper blank and when she came around to my desk, my heart beat like a tom-tom. She touched my head with her small hand and in a soft voice said, "The snowfall. How clean and white and beautiful!"

God love you and give you a gentle heart.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4

4:00pm Daniel Paciello
Requested by Roberta Nelson

Sunday, July 5

8:00am Sr. Mary Elizabeth Guidry, SSCJ
Requested by MaryCatherine Murphy

10:15am Scott Wittmer
Requested by The Wittmer Family

Monday, July 6

8:00am Mary Ann Collison
Requested by Barbara Roskos

Tuesday, July 7

8:00am Vincenzo Dello Buono
Requested by Maria Dello Buono & Family

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am Richard L. Stiles, Sr.
Requested by Larry & Mary Sue Kilian

Thursday, July 9

8:00am Denise Fignar
Requested by Joe & Suzanne Antonello

Friday, July 10

8:00am Pat Gutkowski
Requested by Michael Zadroga & Family

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm Mike & Rita Moore
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Bores & Stalker Families

Sunday, July 12

8:00am Betty Shannon
Requested by Mark & Mary Leszczynski

10:15am Elizabeth Evan
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Eleanor & Junior

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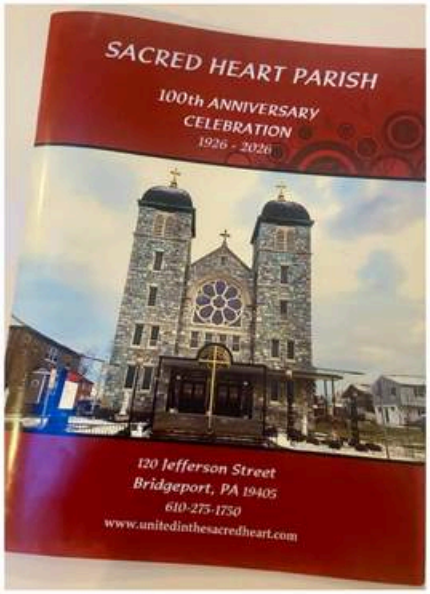
Saturday evening, July 11:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco
Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, July 12:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Marjorie Pruskowski
Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba
Lector: Sal DiNenna

REMINDER!

We have several people who need to pick up their photo directory.



If you had your portrait taken by the professional photographers, you are entitled to a copy of the directory.

Please pick it up at the rectory.

Thank you.

Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.

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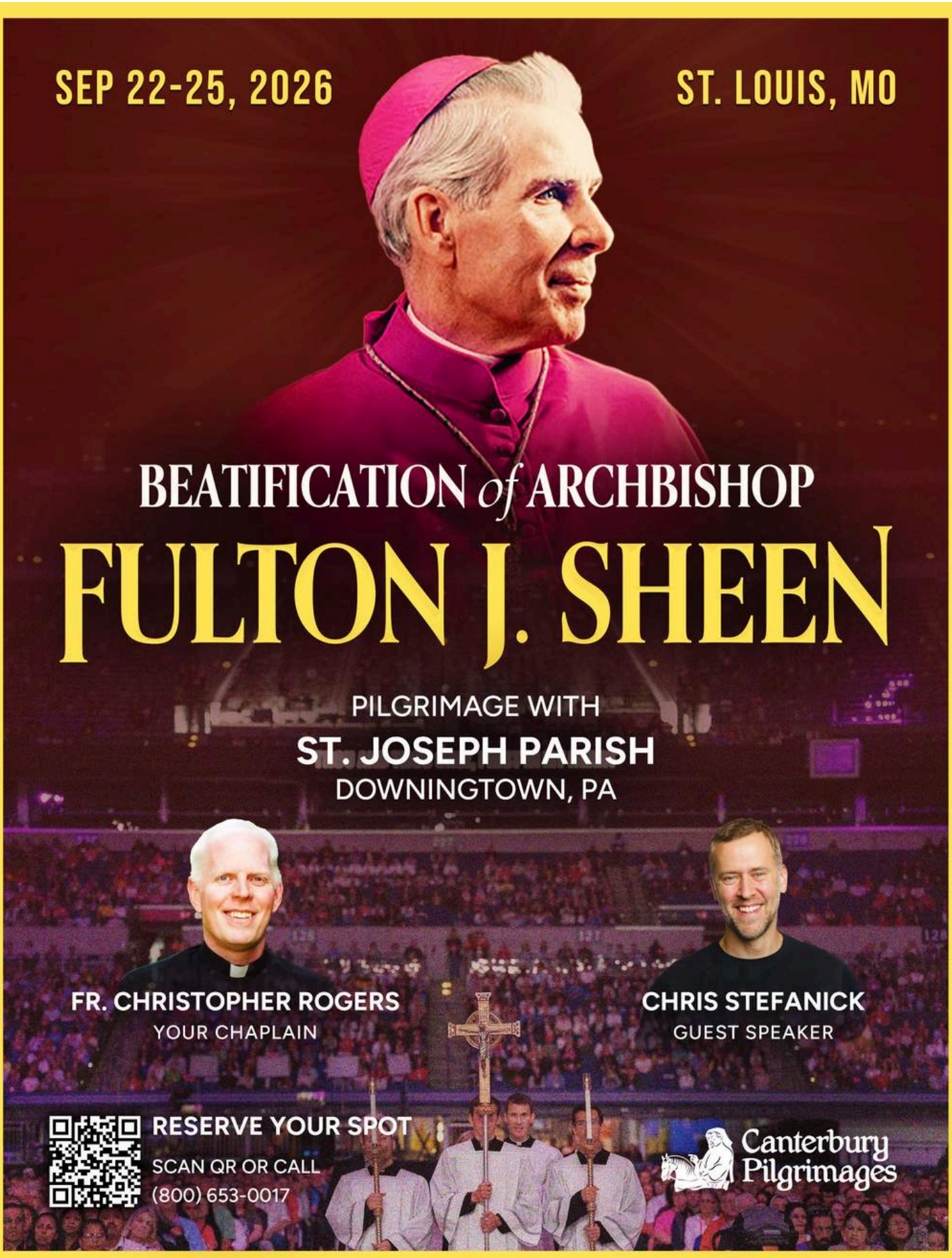
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DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, September 22 | St. Louis
- Fly into St. Louis
- Visit the Shrine of St. Joseph, in St. Louis
- Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
- Dinner in St. Louis
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 2: Wednesday, September 23 | Our Lady of the Snows & Cathedral of St. Peter
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
- Visit the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville
- Afternoon free time (visit the Gateway Arch, Mississipi River boat ride, Forest Park)
- Dinner in St. Louis
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 3: Thursday, September 24 | Beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
- Breakfast at the hotel
- *Attend the Beatification Mass at the St. Louis Dome*
- Exclusive evening talk and dinner with Chris Stefanick
- Overnight in St. Louis

Day 4: Friday, September 25 | Return Home
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for return flight home

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