

July 26, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25th, 5:00 pm
 † Brian Guay
 by Karen and Mike Macedo

Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 am
 † Eleanor G. Smith
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, July 26th, 10:00 am
 Happy Birthday Anne Starnes
 by Karen Chewning

Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Monday, July 27th
 Dave and Siggy Smith
 by Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, July 28th
 Wayne Johnson
 by Annamarie and Eddie Ferris

Wednesday, July 29th
 † Brian Guay
 by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, July 30th
 † Talmage Woodrow Sexton
 by Jean and Frank Mudd

Friday, July 31st
 No Mass

Saturday, August 1st, 5:00 pm
 † Joseph J. Banish
 by Mom and Dad

Sunday, August 2nd, 8:00 am
 † Mady Cavanaugh
 by Anneva and David White

Sunday, August 2nd, 10:00 am
 Available

Sunday, August 2nd, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 18th and 19th was \$4,547.00. **This includes \$1,272.00 from online giving.** This is \$853.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal

Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:

Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy, Tracey Green Wakeland, Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Kristin Melfi Fournier, Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Frank Del Duca, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr.

Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:



Keith Williamson, Aric Burks, Victoria Beltran, Michael Bryant, Jr, Karen Smith, Kevin Mattero, Sandy Hill, Jane Sementilli, Nancy Engel, "Bud" Williamson, Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, Lucille Jacobs, Sean Sheely, Irene Burks, Elijah Davis, Rachel Ecle, Wallace Moulton, Bill Jackson, Joe Larimore, Cynthia Dawson, George Nichols, Jennifer Gray, Nancy Harvath, Andrew Childers, Cameron Cook, Joanne Urso, Bryan Couture, Joan Kenny Marshall, Ellie Thomas, Donna Jones, Dr. Matt Stover, Carol Lusby, Brandie Barr, John Benford, Christi Sorokach Miller, John Belusz, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Chuck Vanover, Eugene Edwards, Arthur Cannon, Wayne Johnson, Sandra Garrett, Murrey Lord, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Elizabeth Del Duca, Brandy Barr, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francly Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito Leach, Mike Sorokach, Daniel Vega, Mandy Moore, and Nick Nicoletti.

Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, and Brian Eduardo Vazquez.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**

A donation was made to St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in memory of Jerry Klaras by Nancy Bourne.



**The Knights Corner
 "Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

Thanks to all those who were able to contribute last week to this month's Food Pantry Drive. The food donations were delivered last Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Our next drive is at the weekend Masses of August 15- 16th!

Our semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 18, 2020, being held from 1 to 6 pm again at St Mary's Parish Hall. As you have probably seen from all the media attention, the need for blood is constant and blood contributions continue to be very important especially with the summer months! For the safety of our donor community and in accordance with the CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask. Please bring a face covering or mask to your donation. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided to you. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a face covering or mask, we kindly ask that you postpone your donation appointment until a time when masks are no longer recommended. If your appointment is specifically to donate platelets by apheresis, please remember not to take aspirin products two full calendar days before your appointment. Please contact chair Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869 if you can assist our council with this project and/or donate at this drive; or you can also schedule your blood donation anytime at www.redcrossblood.org.

New Grand Knight Bob McMahan (843-729-6463) will announce when our regular monthly business meetings will resume.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent Shane Goheen remains on call if needed at 843-457-5757 or email at Shane.Goheen@kofc.org.

Religious Education

Many students have not been receiving assignments and correspondence from the Catechists. These assignments were mailed from March through the beginning of June. If you are missing assignments or haven't gotten anything at all, please call the office and a packet will be made for you. All classes except for the HS class have been given written assignments. Packets will be available for each class to be picked up at the office. Please complete and return them as soon as possible. They are due in September, but if possible, please return them sooner to make sure that your child is placed in the correct class next year. If you have any questions, please call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43

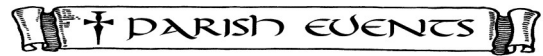
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18
Jn 11:19-27

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21



St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets every third Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.



Mass Intentions for 2020 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2020

please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



Liturgical Roles

August 1st Saturday 5:00 pm	August 2nd Sunday 8:00 am	August 2nd Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: M Roberts	B Clark	P Lazzari
Ushers: J Lauro P Medved C Peterson	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	S/M Edwards K/F Pieterse
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A N/A N/A		
Altar Servers: D/T Macedo J Espinoza J Duncan J Espinoza		
Altar Care: M Roberts M Boelke L Ortiz		
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.

Sign Before the Gospel

Question: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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