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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, July 21, 2024

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“When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them, for
they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.”

-Mark 6:34



July 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
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ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



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Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

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Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



***Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...***

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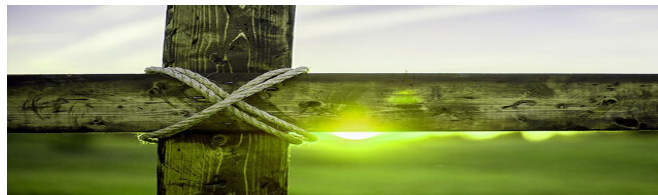
***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The theme of today's readings is to believe that God hears our yearnings and responds to us with goodness. In the first reading from the prophet, Jeremiah, the people are warned against bad behavior and a lackadaisical faith, especially from their leaders. But God will gather the lost and bring them home where they will thrive under new leaders. ***"I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble, and none shall be missing, says the Lord."*** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul stresses that Jesus, through his death on the cross has actually brought peace to all believers. ***"He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."*** And finally, in Mark's gospel we have a rather chaotic scene in which the disciples have returned from their practice mission. They were excitedly telling Jesus all that had happened. Jesus wanted to spend some time alone with his disciples but too many people kept coming to him with all their various needs. ***"When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things."***

At first reading, we might think that today's readings don't really apply to us. For those of you in the pews, you may feel that these readings don't apply to you. You're not scattering the flock of God's people. You are not misleading anyone. Now it sure does apply to your priests and bishops. We must always be careful how we serve God's people and live up to our vocations. But I don't think you should be completely off the hook when it comes to shepherding. The average Catholic isn't spending much if any time teaching others about the faith, or encouraging others to embrace the faith, or trying to make reasoned arguments to others about why the Church teaches what it teaches. So, if these topics don't come up in conversation, how can you be accused of leading people astray?

But don't you lead people astray when you take pleasure in the miseries of others, or poke fun at people when they did something embarrassing, or messed up in some way? .



How about when you spread some gossip, hold grudges or refuse to forgive? And what about the times when you refuse to act with mercy or compassion and never consider things from another person's point of view? Maybe there are times when you feel entitled or special, not wanting the same for others as you want for yourself. Then there are times when we look for excuses to not give to people who need it, not give to charitable causes, but rather grip selfishly every dollar you have. I guess there are countless ways you and I can lead people astray, teaching the exact opposite of what God is calling us to. We all must ask ourselves if the way I live my life truly builds up the very things I believe in. How we answer that question for ourselves makes all the difference.

The early returns for the **2024 Backwards Money Drawing** have been encouraging. Over 100 tickets have been sold but there is still a long way to go. Remember the grand prize is **\$10,000** awarded to the last ticket drawn as well as another \$10,000 spread throughout other lucky winners. Share the cost of the \$100 ticket price with family, friends or co-workers. The main thing is to be in it. Use the form mailed to you if you have taken a ticket the past two years or the order form found in the bulletin.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an order form for the **2024 Backwards Money Drawing**, info for **CYO Swimming** registration, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help foster communication from the rectory, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, shepherd well and remember: If you want your kids to follow in your footsteps, make sure your shoes have strong souls.** God bless always. **-Father Chuck**

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 21, 2024-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great

glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

Father, You take away the sin of the

world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,

receive our prayer; You are seated

at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and

in what I have failed to do,

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial

with the Father; through him all things

were made. For us men and for our

Salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate

of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in

Glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the

Son, who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church. I confess one

Baptism for the forgiveness of

Sins and I look forward to the

resurrection of the dead and the

life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JULY 21, 2024-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

ALLELUIA

Jn 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



The Religious Education office will continue summer hours until August 22nd, 2024. The 2024/2025 Registration process is on-going throughout the summer months. Please send in your forms along with full payment as soon as possible.

Our 2024/2025 Religious Education program is in need of 2 more catechists for the following grades and days:

1 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Wednesday

1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months. Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave, East Rockaway, NY 11518.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

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ANY CONDITION**

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



**Saint Raymond
CYO Swim
registration will be
open online on
July 15th -
September 15th.**

<http://www.straymondscyo.com>

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of **\$10,000** will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional **\$10,000** in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. **For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets!** While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of **\$10,000**. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

Ticket #1-\$500
Ticket #50-\$200
Ticket #100-\$200
Ticket #150-\$200
Ticket #200-\$200
Ticket #250-\$200
Ticket #300-\$200
Ticket #350-\$200
Ticket #400-\$200
Ticket #450-\$200
Ticket #491-\$300
Ticket #492-\$400
Ticket #493-\$500
Ticket #494-\$600
Ticket #495-\$700
Ticket #496-\$800
Ticket #497-\$900
Ticket #498-\$1,000
Ticket #499-\$2,500

Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 25, 2024

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



Dear Friends in Christ,



Welcome to the most important phase of the National Eucharistic Revival! When the bishops of the United States began this Revival, they envisioned that—through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—the People of God in our country would be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a world that is hurting and hungry. This Revival began with an invitation to dioceses and then to parishes in preparation for the mission phase, and that time has now arrived.

While the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024—the first such national Eucharistic Congress in our country in 83 years—stands as a key moment for the National Eucharistic Revival, it is by no means the conclusion of our Revival. The next phase of the Revival invites us to go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world! I invite each of you—no matter your vocational state in life, age, or profession—to continue encountering our Lord in the Eucharist, to grow in relationship with him, to allow Jesus in the Eucharist to shape your identity, and to go out on mission with him for the life of the world!

Pope Francis, in his catechesis on Luke 24:13–25 (the “Road to Emmaus”), instructs us that Jesus “repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. Does not Jesus’ entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? And is there not in every Eucharist, also the symbol of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, ‘breaks’ our life—because there is no love without sacrifice—and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone” (General Audience, May 24, 2017). In this playbook we have outlined this model, and it is organized according to the ongoing dynamic of four pillars: Eucharistic **Encounter**, Eucharistic **Identity**, Eucharistic **Life**, and Eucharistic **Mission**.

This Playbook, written as an open invitation to all engaged Catholics in the United States, offers ideas for helping you find different ways to participate in this Eucharistic Revival, whether you have been with us since the beginning or are just joining us for the first time. Each section provides strategies, ideas from around the country, and examples from saints who embodied each of these invitations. Please share this Playbook with others so that they, too, might join in the Eucharistic Revival and pray for its success.

At the beginning of this letter, I called this the greatest phase of the National Eucharistic Revival because it includes a concrete call to each of us as practicing Catholics to take ownership of Eucharistic renewal of our country. To this end, we have a new initiative for this mission year called "Walk with One"! This initiative is meant to challenge each of us to ask the Holy Spirit to show us one person whom we could accompany in and through these invitations.

Dioceses and parishes also have a role to play in this critical year. Throughout this National Eucharistic Revival, there have been numerous examples of bishops and pastors making this initiative a reality in their dioceses and parishes. But no matter how much or how little you have been able to participate thus far, we encourage you to join us in this mission phase, providing holy opportunities for encounter, forming minds and hearts for a Eucharistic identity, offering guidance and spiritual nourishment for living a Eucharistic life, and helping those in your care go out on mission!



Let us ask the Lord to continue to remain with us, to reveal to us our truest selves, to form us, and to guide us forth into the world, living out the missionary spirit of the Church, beginning with that person he is calling us to reach. This is the work of a synodal Church—inviting a deeper participation, communion, and sense of mission!

In Christ,

+ Andrew A. Cozzens

BISHOP ANDREW COZZENS

Bishop of Crookston; Chairman of the National Eucharistic Revival



STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

The Year of
Mission

Eucharistic Prayer Options

Having just joined the angels in singing the Holy, Holy, Holy, we next kneel down in adoration for the Eucharistic Prayer. Why do we kneel at this time? We kneel to prepare ourselves for the Lord Jesus to be really, truly, and substantially present on the altar. As Fr. Stefano Manelli, author of *Jesus Our Eucharistic Love*, relates, St. Louis IX, King of France, who was known to be regularly at Mass and would kneel on the floor, once said, "At Mass God offers Himself as a sacrifice, and when God sacrifices Himself, kings should kneel on the floor" (p. 24). Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is really an extension of the adoration we have for Jesus on the altar after the Consecration and in the elevations of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Mass.



The Commonalities and Differences between Eucharistic Prayers

You may have noticed that there are several options for the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins after the Sanctus. Although each Eucharistic Prayer is unique and has particular emphases, each has the same main elements, including the epiclesis, institution narrative and Consecration, anamnesis, oblation, intercessions, and concluding doxology. We will cover each element in detail as we continue.

Looking through our current Roman Missal, we find ten Eucharistic Prayers from which the priest can choose. The first four (The Roman Canon: Eucharistic Prayer I, along with Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV) are probably the most familiar, as they are often included in worship aids and other prayer books. The Missal also includes two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation and four Prayers for Masses for Various Needs. These options have the following titles: "The Church on the Path of Unity"; "God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation"; "Jesus, the Way to the Father"; and "Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good." These last four prayers come with suggestions for when they might be appropriate to use; for example, the prayer "Jesus, the Way to the Father" would be a good fit for a Mass "For the Evangelization of Peoples" or "For Persecuted Christians."

There are also three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with children (found in a separate book and prescribed only for Masses in which the majority of the participants are children).

Eucharistic Prayers I-IV



Sometimes people ask if I have a favorite Eucharistic Prayer. My honest answer is that each one is special in its own way. I really do like each of them! Eucharistic Prayer I includes many names of saints, which reminds me that we are supported by the witness and prayers of those who have gone before us (more on these saints in the near future). It also has several unique prayers for special days like Christmas and Easter. Eucharistic Prayer I is also called the Roman Canon, indicating its origin and centuries-long use in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. Eucharistic Prayer II has some of the oldest known prayers in the Mass, which go back to the 200s A.D. I am always strengthened by the thought that those early saints and martyrs were praying almost word-for-word the same words we use today; that is unity throughout time and place! Eucharistic Prayer III notes the Holy Spirit in particular and has a place for inserting the name of the saint of the day or patron saints. Eucharistic Prayer IV is really a tour of salvation history and reminds me of the Gospel of St. John with phrases like, "And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior."

After taking a closer look, we see there really is a rich variety in the different prayers we can use at the altar in the Mass. Whichever of these Eucharistic Prayers is prayed, be assured that the same holy sacrifice of Christ takes place, glory and honor is given to God, and the very Body and Blood of Jesus becomes present on the altar in front of us!

For Reflection:

Next time you participate in Mass, engage the celebrant afterward by asking about which Eucharistic Prayer he chose. As you get to know the Eucharist Prayer options better, see if you can identify which prayer you hear.

Next Week: The Background of the Eucharistic Prayers



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour
 Each Day, the Church is open
 for personal prayer until 5pm
 Each Thursday - Eucharistic
 Exposition from 1-4pm
 Each First Friday - Nocturnal
 Adoration 7:30-8:30pm



**“He said to them,
 “Come away by
 yourselves to a
 deserted place and
 rest a while.””**

Mark 6:31

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Each week we will introduce one of the
 Four Pillars of Mission.

PILLAR 1 – EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Encouraging missionary disciples to encounter Christ
 frequently through the Eucharist.



Before the most important moments
 in Christ's life, he retreated and prayed
 to his Father in heaven, offering us a
 model for our lives. In Luke's Gospel,
 we read that Jesus went up the Mount
 of Olives, as was his custom, to pray to

the Father in anticipation of the Paschal Mystery that was
 about to unfold. Before we go
 out, we too must encounter
 our Lord and seek him. Pope
 Francis exhorts us, “Let us
 make space for the prayer of
 silent adoration, in which we
 experience the presence of the
 Lord, like Moses, like Elijah, like Mary, like Jesus. Have
 we noticed that we have lost the sense of worship? Let
 us return to worship. Let us lend the ear of our hearts to
 the One who, in silence, wants to say to us: ‘I am your
 God—the God of mercy and compassion, the God of
 pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care...’ Do
 we believe that the Lord loves us, that the Lord loves
 me?” *Homily for Ash Wednesday, 2024.*



Pope Benedict teaches us, “The Eucharist is also
 integrally united with Pentecost and the work of the Holy
 Spirit: “In order to grow in our Christian life, we need to
 be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. In fact, we
 are baptized and confirmed with a view to the Eucharist.
 ‘Source and summit’ of the Church's life, the Eucharist is
 a ‘perpetual Pentecost’ since every time we celebrate
 Mass we receive the Holy Spirit who unites us more
 deeply with Christ and transforms us into him.... If you
 take part frequently in the Eucharistic celebration, if you
 dedicate some of your time to adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament, the Source of love which is the Eucharist, you
 will acquire that joyful determination to dedicate your
 lives to following the Gospel.” World Youth Day 2008

Eucharistic Witness

**“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses
 than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers,
 it is because they are witnesses.” St. Paul VI**

PILLAR 1 - Eucharistic Encounter

In order to lead people to a relationship with Jesus in the
 Eucharist, we have to maintain an active relationship
 with him ourselves. This pillar focuses on deepening that
 personal relationship through prayer, adoration, and the
 sacraments. Regular, profound encounters with Jesus
 strengthen us to be a more authentic and powerful
 witness to his love. St. Charles de Foucauld and
 Venerable Fulton Sheen are beautiful examples of how
 Eucharistic Holy Hours empower evangelization. What
 can we learn from their Eucharistic witness:

St. Charles De Foucauld: St. Charles, who
 was dedicated to evangelizing non-
 Christians in the Sahara Desert, would
 spend several hours each day before the
 tabernacle, understanding that
 “‘Eucharistic life’ evangelizes” (Pope
 Francis, “General Audience,” October 18,
 2023). St. Charles recognized that he needed to come to
 Christ in the Eucharist in order to be transformed by the
 Holy Spirit, filled with his strength, and made an
 evangelizing witness to the risen Christ (cf. Pope
 Benedict “Message to the Young People,” 2008).



Venerable Fulton Sheen: The Eucharist
 played a similar role for Venerable Fulton
 Sheen, who was widely known for his radio
 and television presence and his work with
 missions. Throughout the sixty years of his
 priesthood, Archbishop Sheen would spend
 an hour before the Blessed Sacrament each day. In his
 autobiography he writes, “The purpose of the Holy Hour
 is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The
 holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to
 Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as
 we need and to experience what a blessing there is in
 fellowship with Him. ... I have found that it takes some
 time to catch fire in prayer. This has been one of the
 advantages of the daily Hour”



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**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
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(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with
others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Hebrews 13:16

The Parish Social Ministry assisted **83 households** during the month of **June** with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of June, **2 new clients were welcomed** into our Outreach Program and they received food assistance and information on organizations for other services, such as DDS and Saint Vincent de Paul. Assistance with food is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income and need help obtaining food.

Pantry items needed this week: Canned Corn (no creamed), Canned Peas, Canned Beets, Banned Tomatoes, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Cooking Oil, Broth, Sugar, Grape Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Diapers from Newborn to Size 5.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

May God's blessings shower upon all of you!



*"You Were
Ransomed ...
With the
Precious Blood
of Christ."*

-Peter 1:18-19

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-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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Jesus wants to have a relationship with us. He loves us and wants to communicate with us (which means that we LISTEN as well as talk). This week, make a point to pray an extra five minutes, or read a Scripture verse every day, or learn a new prayer. Build upon your relationship with the Lord.



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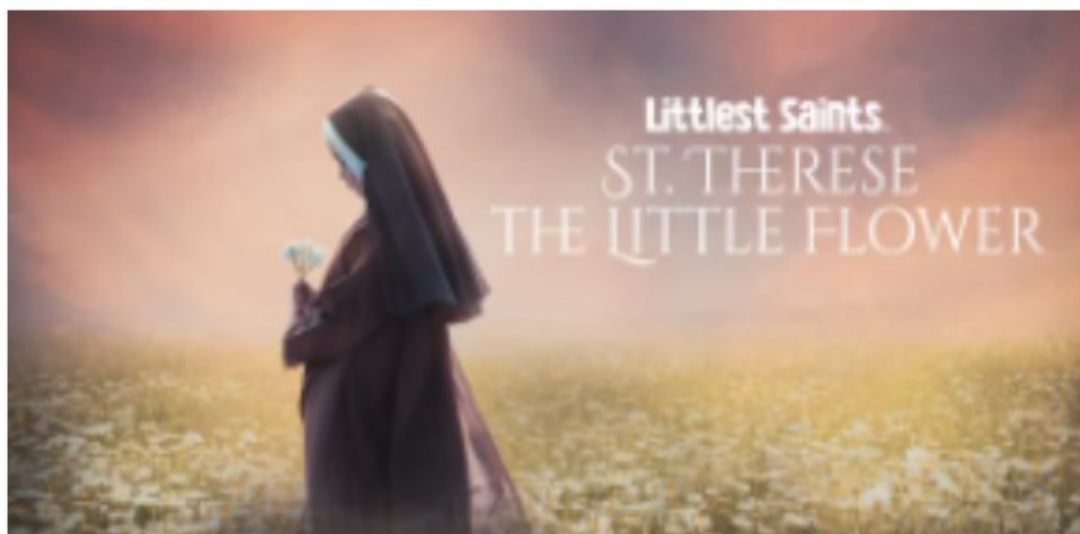
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Masses for this week

Monday, July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene

7:15am Kathleen & Patrick Duggan

8:45am Dennis Keane

Tuesday, July 23rd

7:15am Jeremiah Murphy

8:45am Judy McCarthy

Wednesday, July 24th

7:15am Holy Spirit for Forgiveness

8:45am Michael Caraher

Thursday, July 25th St. James

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Ann & John DiBartolomeo

Friday, July 26th Sts. Joachim and Anne

7:15am Maureen Condiss

8:45am Anna L. Campbell

Saturday, July 27th

8:45am Vincent & Geraldine Malone &
Deceased Members,
The Intentions of Jesus

5:00pm Elizabeth LaChance-Fernandez
Sheryl A. Lonergan

Sunday, July 28th Sts Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

7:30am Clara Hildebrand

9:00am Daisey O'Neill

10:30am Rose & Jack Pellicano

12:00pm William & Dorothy Riehl, Richard
McInerney, John Pat Vesey,
William Boyce, Sebastiano Geraci,
Clemente DiMondo, Gloria Villalba,
Maryanne Malone, Robert Pruno

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

SGS 3:1-4B/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

MI 7:14-15, 18-20/MT 12:46-50

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Friday

JER 3:14-17/MT 13:18-23

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

JER 13:1-11/JN 11:19-27



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Maureen McCarthy

Fr. Don Hansen

Christine Gillidan

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Tim Rowland

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Nick S.

Dawn

Joseph DelGiorno

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

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Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his

Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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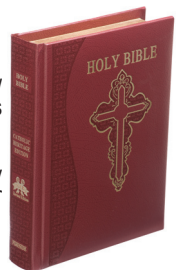
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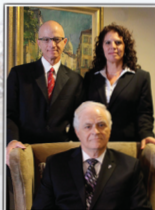


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