

JULY 23, 2017
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY - Saint Sharbel Makhlof

8:30 Mary and Vito Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre
 Special Intention for Olsen Family req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

TUESDAY – Saint James, Apostle

8:30 Jacqueline Beesmer req. by Kurta Pavlovic Family

WEDNESDAY – Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Ken Nelson req. by Clare Cronin & Family
 Daniel & Dorothy Morganelli req. by the Wick Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Judy Beebe req. by Mr. & Mrs. Beach

FRIDAY

8:30 Dennis Gleason req. by Tim & Lisa Mulvaney
 Bob Tierney req. by the Jessop Family

SATURDAY – Saint Martha

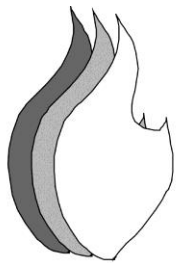
8:30 Pearl Collins req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl
 Paul Johnson req. by Karen & Bob McCrimlisk
 5:30 Nancy Zande req. by Charlene & Jeff Beebe
 Joseph Mulligan req. by Robert & Mary McGauley

JULY 30, 2017
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 James Lloyd req. by Joe & Celeste Alonzo
 Martha Wetzel req. by Jillian Loyas
 9:00 People of the Parish
 Ray Brewer req. by the Maccaro Family
 10:30 Sebastiana Modica req. by the Stock Family
 12:00 George Molinet req. by the Ormond Family
 Kathleen Hassloch req. by Stan Gasior

PARISH FINANCES

July 16, 2017	\$10,344
Carnival Profits	\$24,500



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REFLECTION

What Does the Spirit Do?

St. Paul spends much of the eighth chapter of his Letter to the Romans teaching about the Holy Spirit. Yet for all of Paul's words, the Holy Spirit can often be an afterthought in our daily lives.

What does the Spirit do? Paul says that the Spirit is our source of life. He says that the Spirit lives in us and shows us how to live for God. He says that the Spirit reminds us that we are God's children. Best of all, he says that the Holy Spirit "comes to the aid of our weaknesses."

We all have weaknesses, don't we? One weakness we face is the way we respond to suffering or hardship. Temptation, sickness, addiction, division in families, financial problems, natural disaster – any of these challenges can leave us fearful and overwhelmed if we try to face them on our own. But with the help of the Spirit, we can start to see things from God's perspective and find the strength we need to keep moving forward.

Another weakness can be our struggle with prayer. The Spirit loves to help us pray! He helps us speak to God from our hearts and not just through rote prayers. He gives us a desire to pray for our loved ones. And he gives us the reassurance that our prayers have been heard.

It's easy to think that it's "just us" – that we are doing it all by ourselves. But this is just not true. Every holy thought that we have and every loving action that we take have their origin in the Holy Spirit. Every day, in good times and bad, the Spirit is with us, teaching us to ask God for what we need and filling us with grace.

So when you find the strength to push onward in a trying time, a renewed desire to love people, or a new insight into how to solve a problem, rejoice! It's the Holy Spirit coming to your aid.

From: *The Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH - JULY 24 – 30, 2017

Mon. - Fri. Rev. Brown S.T.E.A.M. Program	School
11:00 AM Lunch & Learn	Cassidy Hall
Wed. RB Uniform Exchange	McKenna Hall
Thurs. 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri. 8: 30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat. After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun. 1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

LITURGY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

NEXT SUNDAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

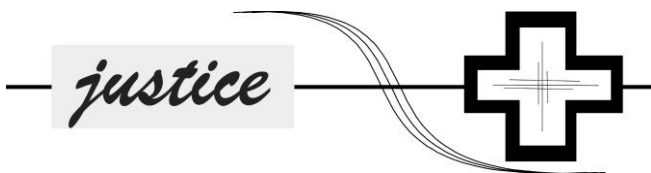
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF, Pfc Paul Wilcock II. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

Please let us know when your loved one has returned. Thank you.



RCIA

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm starting September 11th. For information please contact Deacon Jim McGovern at [\(973\) 864-7669](tel:9738647669), jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

CONFIRMATION

Attention all parents of Public, Private, and Catholic School 9th and 10th graders.

If you have not registered your son or daughter for 9th or 10th grade Confirmation Classes, please visit our website for parent information and necessary forms.

YOUTH GROUP/DOGMA TEAM

Starts up again Monday, August 21st.

Youth Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

FINANCE

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, www.parishpay.com through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

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WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Healing of Mind, Body & Spirit

Presented by Fr. Tony D'Souza, S.J., who holds a Doctorate in clinical psychology. Friday, September 22, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Saturday, September 23, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. At the Shrine Auditorium, 1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, NJ 07980. \$30 suggested donation, includes lunch & ends with Mass. RSVP online stshrine.org or 908-647-0208.

Assumption College for Sisters

Announces that Ps101 General Psychology course will be offered online for the Fall 2017 Semester, August 23-Dec. 15. Cost: \$510/course. It is offered by our current Psychology faculty member who teaches this course online at both Centenary University and Caldwell University. To register call or email (973-957-0188 Ext. 106 or academicdean@acs350.org by August 10, 2017.

Assumption College for Sisters welcomes lay people to register for theology and philosophy courses for credit or audit and any other course for audit. For information on other course, please contact the Academic Dean. \$510/course for credit; \$255/course for audit.

Th 101- Sacred Scripture I – Thursdays 9-11:45 am
Th 202- Sacramental Theology – Thurs 12:30-3:15 pm
Th 204- Spiritual Theology – Tuesdays 9-11:45 am
Ph 205-Historical Intro. To Philosophy – Tues 2-3:15
Fri. 9-10:15

For registration call or email: (9973) 957-0188 Ext. 106
academicdean@acs350.org.



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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Looking to ignite your spiritual life, or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider to participate in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The trip will take place on October 21, 2017 and will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer-filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. There are two options to participate: a two-day trip which includes visits to the St. Jude Shrine, the Baltimore Basilica, and the National Shrine in Washington, or the one full-day trip. Please sign up, for this important spiritual journey that can change your life. Celebrate the year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.



TAKE TIME TO LISTEN

Stop. Create a space to listen. Allow yourself the time to hear what God is saying in your life. Be still enough to see, really see, what is going on in the world and how to ask how you might respond, how you might participate in the healing of the world, and thereby your own healing.

Believe that yours is a call to the fullness of life. Allow that reality to infuse every corner of your being: your spirituality, your values, what you care about, how you use your time and resources, your relationships, your work.

No matter where you are or what your calling, try to deepen your reflections on your vocation. Pray for the guidance of the Spirit. Fill the canvas of your life with new possibilities.

Marie Dennis from "Diversity of Vocations"

SUMMERTIME, VACATIONS AND MASS

If you are traveling to new territory and don't know the Mass schedule there, it is easy to find out. Go to www.masstimes.org on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit. But though you are master of might you judge with great clemency and with much lenience you govern us...and you taught that those who are just must be kind."

Do I understand that when I decide 'I am going to pray' that this is a response to the movement of the Spirit? When I pause to pray or plea, to thank or speak my words do I recognize the aid of that same Spirit? Paul helps us understand what sparks our prayer. Remember the prayer poem 'Lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray.'

I might also find strength knowing that my intentions are good and positive as I pause and pray for others. I am concerned about their well-being, their peace and happiness. I want to be free of judging others, as God judges me with clemency and wants me as a just person to be kind.

There are many helps for our prayer life in the readings of scripture today.

ST PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Moderated by: Mary Theresa Conca
Madison: Saturdays -Sept 24, Oct 29, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 11, June 17 (rescheduled from May 13)
10 AM - 12 PM

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community

Catholicism from Scratch

Presented by: Fr. Paul Manning
Madison: Saturdays 10 AM - 12 PM

2016 - 2017 Schedule:

Saturday, Oct 29 - Grave Matters: Questions about the End of Life

Saturday, Dec 3 - Saving Work, Saving Grace: Questions about Salvation, Faith and Works

Saturday, Jan 21 - Who's Got God? Questions about World Religions and Catholicism

Saturday, Feb 25 - The Inner Voyage: Questions about the Spiritual Life

Saturday, Mar 25 - Too Much Mary? Questions about the Blessed Mother

Saturday, Apr 29 - Making Sense: Questions about the Eucharist

A course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before.

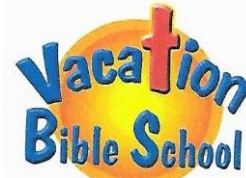
Go to insidethewalls.org to register.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

Registration Form can be found on our website or at the parish office!

Cost is \$50 per child.

August 7th – 11th (8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon)



Our Lady of the Lake's Vacation Bible (incoming PreK-4 to 4th grade) is seeking volunteers to help with this summer's VBS. Those interested must be entering 6th grade through adult. All adults 18 and over must be Virtus trained.

Please consider sharing your time, treasure and talent with our church community. This is also a great way to earn service hours! Questions, please contact Angela Bell: 862-955-0222 or huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

Dinner, Auction and Wine Tasting
Thursday, October 5th at 6 PM (Dinner 7 PM)
The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry



invites you to join us at the Lake Mohawk Country Club for our largest fund-raising event of the year.

This event provides much of the funds required to provide food for the citizens of Sparta and Sussex County that are currently down on their luck.

Ticket prices are \$60 (\$25 tax deductible donation) The Food Pantry is 100% staffed by volunteers and all funds raised (with the exception of the cost of the meal) go directly toward providing food for our clients.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP PICNIC
AUGUST 6, 2017 – 1:00 PM

At the home of Betty Donnelly, please RSVP by August 1st to (973) 383-2502 or email TANTEBET@PTD.NET.

