

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 7/25	8:00 a.m.	Phillip Overbaugh <i>Req. by Anita Yates</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Kathleen Ball <i>Req. by Gaynel & Richard Tavares</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Helen Rea <i>Req. by Jacqueline Rea</i>
Mon 7/26	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Jones <i>Req. by wife & family</i>
Tue 7/27	8:00 a.m.	Frances Riccio <i>Req. by Carol Morrissey</i>
Wed 7/28	8:00 a.m.	Anniversary remembrance of Kathy Burgher <i>Req. by husband Kevin</i>
Thu 7/29	8:00 a.m.	Anniversary remembrance of Rita Misasi <i>Req. by Kelder family</i>
Sat 7/31	4:00 p.m.	Anna Tagliaferro <i>Req. by Eleanor Sawchuk</i>
Sun 8/1	8:00 a.m.	Anne Rea <i>Req. by June & Jean Selli</i>
	9:30 p.m.	Kathleen Ball <i>Req. by Jessica Ginty, Amy Gulnick & Leeslie Kell</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Ret. Col. William P. McMonegal <i>Req. by Tulu</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon – Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thu – Saint Martha

Fri – Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sat – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year will be available in the churches by the end of July. Our program begins in First Grade. Please share this information with families who may be interested in the program.

If you are interested in volunteering in our program, please contact Alison at smssjreligious@gmail.com.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office. If you need to reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 246-4913.

CATHOLIC BRAIN – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education will continue to use Catholic Brain for “catch up” over the summer as well as a supplement in the upcoming year. **ALL students should register!**

Go to www.catholicbrain.com

2. Click on the top bar where it says ENTER CODE (Our school code is STM49660) On the next page you can select STUDENT and enter your child's name, your email and create a username and password for that child. (do this multiple times for different children.) USE OUR SCHOOL CODE: STM49660

These are the core curriculum for each grade level. Not all topics are on Catholic Brain currently.

First grade – Sign of Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Church items

Second grade – Reconciliation & First Communion, Act of Contrition

Third grade – Sacraments, Parts of the Mass, Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

Fourth grade – Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross

Fifth grade – Sacraments, Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Gloria

Sixth grade – Old Testament, Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

Seventh & Eighth grade – Personal Growth, Jesus & the Gospel, Church History, Theology of the Body, Morality, Prayer

Eighth – Confirmation preparation

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Food Pantry is open on the First Saturday of every month between 10am – noon.

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

If any students need service hours this summer, please contact Christine Molinelli at 845-246-6381.

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Facing the “Impossible?”

From *MyCatholicLife.com*

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” [John 6:9–10a](#)

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an “impossible situation?” Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it’s easy.

Jesus’ miracle speaks to His commitment to “feed us” in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it’s symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God’s will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God’s idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love. Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

SEPTEMBER 1ST – EXCITING NEWS!

Back in November 2020, St. Mary of the Snow, St. Joseph & St. John the Evangelist officially become one united parish. On September 1st, our finances will become one. I am excited to become the pastor of our merged parish and look forward to us continuing to grow together.

Also beginning September 1st, Alison will be returning to the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Religious education will be held in person this year as well. ☺ More information will be forthcoming over the next month.

We will have one bulletin which will share news pertaining to all 3 churches, including Mass intentions and other activities. The deadline for bulletin submissions will be Tuesdays at 1pm.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can work to help our parish grow and thrive. May God bless each of you.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jan vander Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, Melanie Hagan, Darryl Caldwell, SherryAnn Kenjersky, George Dale, Clare Miller, Patricia Robinson, Doreen Churchill, Francis Posavec, Robyn Daugherty, CB Slutzky, Shanna Pesce, Laura Bach, Tony Gallo Sr., Jacqueline McNeil, Miriam Imbierowic, Amy Schofield, Laurie Simmons, MaryLynn Ceccotti-Cody, Joseph P. DeFozio, Kathy Schmitt, Brian Marshall, Esther Lemmerman, Edward Castinidos, Sr., Dashell Baptista, MaryEllen D’Amico, Giada Pettengill, Allen GianCola, Kathy Trees, John Creegan, Beth Marshall, Charles Visich, Rosa Lattanzio, Fred Lenz, Fr. Joe Lorenzo, Kathleen Brooks, Kenneth P. Sinnott, Florence Snyder, David VanBenschoten, Mary Martino, Rose S. Riozzi, Joseph Veltrie, John Adam, Nick Gasparro, Sister Peggy, Joseph Konopka, Edward Sinnott, Brandon Smith, Genevieve Orbacz, Cindy, Anonymous Parishioner, Walter Johnson, Taylor Sherman, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Betty Cotich, Mike Leung, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Star Berzal, Richard Evans, Joe Defino, Sr., Bobbi Jo Matthews

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333.

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.