SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 24, 2016

Saturday, July 23rd

St. Mary

5:15 p.m. Grace Merold

Sunday, July 24th

St. Mary

7:30 a.m. Carmela Giuliani 8:45 a.m. Michael Santoianni 10:00 a.m. Pamela Zawiski 11:30 a.m. Anne Jordan

St. Matthias

10:30 a.m. Soledad Argentina Santos De Morales

Monday, July 25th

8:00 a.m. Anne Marie Murphy 9:00 a.m. Rosalie Gessman

Tuesday, July 26th

8:00 a.m. Harry Malloy

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Amanda Ramirez

Wednesday, July 27th

8:00 a.m. Joe Erlanger

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Amanda Ramirez

Thursday, July 28th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Living Members of

the Fiumara Family

9:00 a.m. Loretta Bronico

Friday, July 29th

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Borrelli

9:00 a.m. Eugene Farley

Saturday, July 30th

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Mary Farley

5:15 p.m. Harriet Halsey

Sunday, July 31st

St. Mary

7:30 a.m. Dean Ringgenberg 8:45 a.m. Paulina Maurantonio

10:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Evelyn D'Eletto

11:30 a.m. Angela & Edward Dosso

St. Matthias

10:30 a.m. Albert Chiappinelli, Jr. and

David McQuade, Sr.

COLLECTION TOTALS

For Last Sunday: Church: \$ 6,336

Parish Pay: \$ 1,387 Total: \$ 7.723

Please pray for our sick:

Susan Gmuer, Barbara Cordiano, Tammy Hannan, Frank Hunt. Sarah Rose Martinez

Pray for those in our armed forces:

Victoria Arena, Dan Burns, Jack Foley, Billy Trotta, Anil Joseph Kulangara



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

"And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says 'Friend lend me three loaves of bread...' 'I tell you if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of his friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence...' 'Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples.'"

From our earliest days, we were taught to pray. We learned prayers, recited them with faith and devotion, and often used formulas which we did not really understand. The word today offers a remedy.

The apostles observed Jesus at prayer. Something special was portrayed before their eyes. This led them to ask for a prayer lesson. The petitions, the praise, the expression of remorse provide a summary for prayer 101. Perhaps they saw a special peace and intimacy reflected in Jesus.

The passage continues with the conversation and the request of one friend develops. The lesson is clear 'don't give up' or 'hang in there', especially if you think that the Lord is too busy listening to others. Or 'help me help the one in need.' We don't have to wait on line or jump through hoops to get God's attention. He knows our needs, but only wants us to acknowledge our dependence and His generosity.

Perseverance in prayer is a gift from God. May I make it my first request.

Women of St. Mary's are welcome to join us for our next scripture study:

Walking with Purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com/

Discovering our Dignity

Two groups will be meeting, one in the mornings and one in the evenings, beginning September 28th & 29th, respectively. Please join the session that works best for your schedule.

Wednesday session at 10:00 am Thursday session at 7:00 pm

Discovering our Dignity shows us women in the Bible struggled with many of the same things that we find hard today. Relationships characterized by comparison and competition, habits leading to places of frustration and discouragement, wondering what is the point of it all... these challenges are nothing new.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, we learn where we go for true contentment and fulfillment.

If you have any questions, please email Maura at mgal@earthlink.net, or call 914-232-1872.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

Thank you to all our parishioners who have helped St. Marys reach its Cardinal Appeal pledge goal of \$105,000. A reminder that for every dollar over our goal, we get a percentage back. As of today, St. Marys has received pledges of \$110,455.

Thank you for all you do,

Fr. Duff

THE 2017 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Masses may be requested by mail or in person at the rectory. In person requests will be filled first; followed by mail requests—in the order they were received. The requested donation is \$20 per Mass. Forms are available at the rear of the Church and on the parish website.

Blood Drive

Blood Emergency - a critical time of year - donations are down but needs are constant! Please take time to donate!

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be at St. Mary's School on Sunday, August 14th from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm to collect blood. Please mark your calendars and consider being a donor, and give the gift of life. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event. Please contact George McNamara at 232-3031 or go to www.NYBloodCenter.org and click on "donate" to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Summer Dress Code

With summer days soon upon us, the tendency to cool and casual attire is understandable. The Good Lord seeks not our perspiration but our reverent love and worship and with that principle in mind, we have a few suggestions.

Attire at Sunday Mass should always reflect our dignity as a Christian people exercising our Baptismal priesthood in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

A good rule of thumb is that our mode of dress should be that appropriate to a dignified summer social occasion.

To make one specific point: Short-shorts and flip flops, whether worn by men or women, are not appropriate attire at Mass.

Having said this, all of us at St. Marys wish you a deserved respite during these "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer."

Fr. Duff

Eucharistic Adoration Summer Months

Friday June 10th was the last Daytime Eucharistic Adoration for the summer months. The church will still be open for private prayer before our Lord in the tabernacle during the summer.

Daytime Adoration will resume September 16th and Nocturnal Adoration will resume October 7th.

Religious Education

Saint Mary's Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Grade 1 on Thursday and Grade 5 on both Monday and Tuesday.

Classes are held once a week from 4:30 to 5:45pm. Parents, grandparents, high school and college students are welcome.

Please consider sharing your time and your faith with the students of our parish.

Families new to the area who wish to register for religious education classes should contact the office at smaryrek@gmail.com or by phone at 232-4648.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

From time to time people come to the Rectory because they have the honor of being asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or a Sponsor for a Confirmation and they need a document from us. This document states that they are members in good standing of this parish. The only way we can comply with this request is if the individual is indeed, a registered member of the parish who worships here on a regular basis. Please note that although you may be registered with the CCD Office or may have made all your sacraments at St. Marys, this does not automatically mean that you are registered at the Rectory! If you would like to become a fully registered member or check to see if you are registered, please stop by or call the Rectory. If you are new to the parish, Fr. Duff would like to greet you personally!



SOCIAL MEDIA!!!

For the Hudson Valley Area

www.CatholicHV.com

www.facebook.com/HVCatholicYoungAdults

Twitter: @HVCatholicYA

Linkedin: Catholic Young Professionals of the Hudson Valley (Job Opportunities Posted Here!)

For NYC & the entire Archdiocese of New York:

www.catholicnyc.com

(The Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of NY)

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions? ArchCare can help with housing for seniors and disabled persons, access to healthcare, health-related legal and financial issues, dementia care, transportation options, caregiver support groups, food and nutrition, volunteer opportunities. Call ArchCare, they'll answer. ArchCare Navigation Center 855-951-CARE (TTY/TDD):711. Their Care Navigators are available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.

RideConnect, a not-for-profit program of Family Services of Westchester, is dedicated to finding the fastest and most cost-effective transportation options to meet the needs of older adults, the disabled and home health professionals in Westchester County, NY.

Are you finishing it difficult to visit old friends, attend community events or see your favorite hairdresser? If so, then let RideConnect help you get back on the road to a fulfilling life!

To find transportation resources, you can call one of our friendly and caring transportation counselors at 914-242-7433. We are staffed Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and we look forward to speaking with you!

CYO Families: Hersheypark Discount Tickets

- **★**Discount tickets for CYO friends & family
- ★Purchase tickets at http://tinyurl.com/CCCSTKTS
- ★Use promo code: 78164
- ★Save almost 30% off 1 day tickets (ages 9-54)
- ★No blackout dates, purchase now and go anytime
- ★Print tickets right at home

VACATION MASSES

Need to find a Mass in your vacation location?



Plan ahead.....

go to MassTimes.org or call 858-207-6277 with your destination zip code!!