



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 21, 2019

SENIOR CITIZENS' NEXT TRIP

The Seniors' next trip is scheduled for July 25th to the **Royal Manor** in Garfield, NJ to see "Coming To America" – a tribute to Neil Diamond. Included in the Fee of \$54 are 2 complimentary drinks and a Family Style Lunch. Please contact Mary Martin for more information or to make a reservation – 845-389-6575.



SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

5:00PM Patricia Koch req. by Kate and Ed Sagarese

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

8:00AM Julie Sadler req. by Mother-in-law, Millie

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Giuseppa Maucchia
 req. by The LoPiccolo Family

MONDAY, JULY 22ND

9:00AM Paula Zullo Spratt req. by Aunt Beanie

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD

9:00AM There is Mass but no Intentions scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

9:00AM Frank Sorbello req. by *Prayers and Squares*

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

9:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 26TH

9:00AM There is Mass but no intentions scheduled.

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

5:00PM Bill and Pat Koch req. by The Runberg Family

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Parrino and
 Franzoni Families req. by The Family

11:00AM Maria Abel req. by Gaetanna Losi Family

DIVINE MERCY MONTHLY MEETING...

...for July will be held on July 21st after the 8AM Mass in St. Mary's. This weekend we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Our Lady of Mercy Church and will continue this devotion every 2nd Sunday of the month.

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

by Rev. William J. Reilly



"Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said, 'Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way...and he waited on them under the tree while they ate."

During the hot, hazy, dusty days of summer we find the Genesis story welcome relief. Don't we all seek some help at this time of the year, a gentle breeze, a quiet fan or air conditioning? Imagine how welcome was this encounter with Abraham.

A fundamental principle in the Christian life is found in the virtue of hospitality. Saint Benedict likened it to prayer. Jesus found it in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We have often experienced it in visits, being welcomed into a new parish community or home. We can offer this gift to others at little cost to ourselves. The first to come to mind are immigrants and refugees.

Jesus fled to Egypt following no acceptance at the inn. Those fleeing the ravages of war, gangs and poverty at our borders, might be the God hidden from recognition in the book of Genesis. Our gift of hospitality reveals the compassion of Jesus Christ to others.

ACTIVITY AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

If you happen to notice some activity at Our Lady of Mercy during August, it will be an organization working for the company building the underwater tunnel in the Hudson. Since Our Lady of Mercy is situated "in the path of the tunnel," they are going to do some boring on our property. A great deal of planning has gone into this procedure and all efforts are being done to make sure there will be no harm to the Church's structure.



We warmly welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Churches and invite you to participate and enjoy our liturgies. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please call the rectory office at 236-4340 during the week.

RELIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has closed but there are still a few openings left. If you have not yet registered and wish to do so, please call the Religious Ed Office. There will be a small late fee. If your child's class has reached the maximum number of students, then he/she will be put on a waiting list.

We are always in need of teachers. You do not have to be a professional teacher to volunteer for our program. All you need is a willing heart and a love for children. So, won't you please take this under consideration and volunteer to teach. As an added bonus, tuition fees for our teachers are waived.

For more information, please call Mrs. Mary Noonan, our Religious Ed Coordinator at the rectory office. Thank you.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with the Lord, who planned to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the evil and sin in those cities. Abraham asks him if he would spare the city if fifty, forty, thirty, twenty or even only ten innocent people were found there. God says that he would spare the cities even for the sake of only ten.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Paul explains to the Colossians that through baptism, they are raised to life with Christ because they believed in the power of the God who raised him from the dead. Even though they once lived in sin, their sins have been pardoned through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' disciples asked him how they should pray. He gave them some phrases similar to those now used in the Lord's prayer. Jesus also reminds the disciples how even men with sins are able to give good things to their children, and explains how much more the heavenly Father wants to give to us.

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PARKING IN ST. MARY'S LOTS

A while back we mentioned that people will no longer be able to use our lots for parking unless they are attending Mass or an event either at the Church or in the Parish Hall.

However, we have seen people completely ignore the posted signs, park their cars and/or trucks, and leave. Unfortunately, we must comply with our insurance carriers and ask that the cars be removed. Most people do remove their cars but, for those who still ignore, we have no choice but to have the cars towed. We appreciate all of you who understand and have been very cooperative with us.

Another matter which has come to our attention concerns the inspections held by the state DOT in the 9W lot across from St. Mary's. The DOT has always requested permission to use the lot and has been given permission to do so. They have been very cooperative and do leave if we have a funeral or wedding planned. We have received numerous calls from people complaining about the inspections but the calls are always anonymous, so we cannot return the call to properly address the complaint.

Please keep in mind that our parish pays a little over \$2000 a month to insure all our buildings and property and we will continue to keep in compliance with the insurance company. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

AS ALWAYS....

...we are in need of people who may be interested in helping around the Church with one of our ministries. What would we do without our volunteers? The answer probably is: "Not much."

Although we have a few employees, our parish also has many volunteers involved in all aspects of Parish Life. Would you be interested in becoming a **Lector or Minister of the Eucharist**? Do you have any kind of musical talent which you could add to our weekly liturgies – **play an instrument, sing**? Also needed are people to **help clean our churches and assist with the gardening in the summer. Would you be interested in bringing back the Spirit of Community with some social activities?**

Often people come to us to ask whatever happened to our summer bazaars, covered dish social gatherings, youth program, social committee, etc. The answer is that they kind of "went by the wayside." Most of the people who were involved years ago have either passed on or moved - not to mention have gotten older and can no longer do what they once did with ease.

If you would like to reignite that little spark of parish community or just help out once in a while, please call the rectory office.

IF YOU NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FR. TOM...

...please be aware that during the summer months Fr. Tom's days off will be from Wednesday after the 9AM Mass until the following Friday morning Mass at 9AM. Our office will, of course, take message for him.

OFFERINGS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S IN NEW PALTZ

Showing the Film "LaStrada" – Come join the parishioners of St. Joseph's on Sunday, July 21st at 1:00PM in St. Joseph's Church Hall (34 South Chestnut St. – New Paltz) for a showing of the film "**LaStrada**." This classic film directed by Federico Fellini and in the Italian neorealist tradition stars Anthony Quinn and Giulietta Masina and deals with themes of redemption and hope. Refreshments will be served and there will be a discussion after the film. All are welcome to attend.

AT ST. MARY'S IN MARLBORO...

On Friday, July 26th at 9:00AM, Mass will be held in the Rectory Chapel in honor of All Grandparents. The Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim is celebrated on this day. They were the parents of Our Blessed Mother, grandparents of Jesus, and are the patron saints of the Catholic Grandparents Association. Please join us for Mass and plan to stay for some coffee and donuts afterwards in the Rectory Dining Room. All are welcome.



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