



RELIGIOUS 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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 28, 2019

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

MONDAY, JULY 29TH

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30TH

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

9:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

9:00AM Kathleen Canosa req. by Jody

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

5:00PM Paula Zullo Spratt req. by Terry and Bruce Green

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Joan Lorraine Gargani req. by The Parrino Family

11:00AM Camille Spadaro req. by St. Mary's Staff

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.

CHURCH REPAIRS

As you may have noticed, there are some repairs being done at both Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's Churches. The doors at Our Lady of Mercy are being repaired and the floor in St. Mary's Sacristy and entryway is being replaced. As you can tell by the wood leaning on the outside of St. Mary's side door, the floor was starting to rot and badly needed to be replaced.

Money for these repairs are being taken from your contributions to our recent Renew and Rebuild Campaign. If you remember, a certain %age was to go to the Archdiocese and the parish would be reimbursed the remaining monies to be used for future needs of the Church.

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

by Rev. William J. Reilly



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.

"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say, Father, hallowed be your name...'"

TITHING REPORT



Our Collections this past two weekends:

7/14/2019 Collection: Total \$4587.00; 108 Envelope Users contributed \$3050; non-envelope users contributed \$1537.00.

Archdiocesan Collection for the Church in Africa: \$656.00.

7/21/2019 Collection: Total \$2133.00. 95 Envelope Users contributed \$2133.00; non-envelope users contributed \$1454.00. As always we thank you for your generosity.

Jesus directed His prayer to the Father. Paul tells us we can pray only through the inspiration of the Spirit. The Trinity is found in every prayer, 'How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?'

We, like the disciple, ask the Lord to help us to pray and to pray better. We pray in response to the Spirit's urging. We pray in many ways, with words, in silent meditation and reflection, we pray with our hands in serving others. Jesus is ever present to lead us, strengthening our prayer life.

WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...



..... all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

Let's use an example. In teaching people how to swim we can tell them to close their mouths, kick their feet, move their arms and hold their breath. That's teaching technique, but is not swimming. One must enter the water and try.

Prayer is no different. We learn to pray better by praying. Like swimming we are refreshed and renewed by our experience.

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. An engineer has been hired to monitor this work on behalf of the Church's best interests

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for someone who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heads us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

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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.

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**?

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.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

We have been trying to correct a few problems at our cemetery this summer and, at the moment, we think things are looking good.



One of the concerns we have is the crucifix behind Msgr. Dugan's grave site. For a long time the crucifix has needed attention but we are finding out that to do things properly, it would cost us about \$20,000. That is a great deal of money which, at the moment, the cemetery funds cannot afford. We have been given several other options which we need to think about.

Since the crucifix was there prior to Msgr.'s death, we are wondering if any of you have any background information. Did any family place that crucifix there? Was the crucifix placed there in memory of a particular person? Who installed it? When was it installed?

If you know anything at all about its origins, please call the rectory. Thank you.

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.



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