

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2015

SATURDAY: AUGUST 15TH

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5:00 PM ED FLAHERTY

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. W. FREDRICKS

SUNDAY: AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM ROSE DI MICCO

9:30 AM PATRICK WRIGHT

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. E. BUSH

11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. BY THE MEN'S CLUB

MONDAY

8:00 AM BELINDA MEEHAN

REQ. BY HEIMALL FAMILY

TUESDAY

8:00 AM REV. SALVATORE IVINO

REQ. BY HIS FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF THOMAS & PHYLISS COTE'

THURSDAY

8:00 AM CHARLES HAUTAU

FRIDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF CHRIS QUINN

REQ. BY THOMAS & PHYLLIS COTE'

SATURDAY: AUGUST 22nd

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5:00 PM JOSEPH W. STOBER

SUNDAY: AUGUST 23rd

8:00 AM DICK BIRCHFIELD

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. MARC YOURSH

9:30 AM DONNA BRACCIOFORTE

REQ. BY THE ORAS FAMILY

11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. BY JOAN POLANSKI

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and of our families.

SHOP-RITE, WEIS, STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

Cards in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations are available. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser.

FLEA MARKETS

Last Saturdays of the month (Apr through Oct). For info & registration call Joe Zidek 973-948-5752.

Bake Sale: Sat, August 29th at the flea market - baked goods may be dropped off in the hall on Fri., August 28th between 9am & 2pm or Sat morning.

CAMP AUXILIUM SCHOOL

Now accepting registrations. School serves ages 6 weeks through Pre-K 4 (ages 4-5) Hours 6:30am – 6:30pm. Visit our website at

www.campauxilium.org or call 383-2621 x1 for info.

PARISH CRUISE

Panama Canal – March 4-14, 2016 – Reserve now and save!!! Contact Regina @ UNIGLOBE Travel Partners (973)810-8025

LECTORS

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Lorri Opitz

8:00 John Iacopelli

9:30 Debbie Carter

11:00 Scott Ruvo

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Ric Hahn

8:00 Tom Lapinski

9:30 Mary Dunleavy

11:00 Kathy Braun

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Steve Opitz

8:00 Judith McMahan

9:30 Gabriella LaBouseur

11:00 Katie Brady

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Kim Hahn

8:00 Lorraine Lapinski

9:30 Doug Post

11:00 Linda Jorritsma

ALTAR SERVERS

AUGUST 8TH AND 9TH:

5:00 Andrew Opitz

8:00 Joe Mitchell

9:30 Paul Corazza

11:00 Tai Ruvo

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH:

5:00 Remy Hautau

8:00 Samantha Price

9:30 Carly Studt

11:00 Jon-Paul Devetori

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday in our Responsorial Psalm the antiphon is, *“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”* The psalm is an invitation to come and see for yourself how good the Lord is. The Psalmist continues by saying, *“I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.”* We come to experience the goodness of the Lord whenever we turn to him in prayer because he always hears and answers our prayers. *“Let my soul glory in the Lord.”* What a joy in our soul in the very depths of our being knowing that God hears our prayers and an ever greater joy when he delivers us from our trials and tribulations. Our God is a Father who waits for us to call upon him and delights in hearing and answering our prayers.

I remember as a teenager growing up and asking my dad to borrow his car or asking him for some money to go out. He never wanted to give over the keys to his car too easily or make it too easy for me to have his hard earned money but I know he loved it as a father whenever I asked his help; how much more does our Heavenly Father delight in our asking. He wants to give us every good thing to help us grow in holiness and for our salvation. Our Father will never refuse anything that is good for our souls and he will never be outdone in generosity.

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” Not only does our God want us to see his goodness but he wants us to taste it. As we continue in John’s Gospel and once again we hear from chapter 6, the Bread of Life discourse, we are invited to taste and eat the Eucharist, which is truly the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, which gives us life. Jesus warns us, *“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you”*. He goes on to promise us, *“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day”*. See how good our God is to us...He gives us the greatest gift, the gift of his very self in the Eucharist. And he makes it so easy for us to share in his life through eating bread and wine, which has been changed in essence to his Body and Blood. Once the Priest says the words of consecration, which are Jesus’ words and through the power of the Holy Spirit at the Epiclesis the bread and wine cease to be bread and wine and have changed in essence to the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Church recommends for our brothers and sisters who cannot receive at the altar to receive the Lord in a spiritual communion; calling upon the Lord’s presence in the Tabernacle to come into our souls, trusting and believing that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and delights in coming into our souls in a spiritual communion. All of are invited to make spiritual communions throughout our day.

Our second reading this weekend is from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. St. Paul reminds the Ephesian community to *“be filled the Spirit, addressing one another with psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father”*. When we have tasted the goodness of the Lord in the Eucharist we are filled with the Holy Spirit; that is if our souls are right before God and we are in the state of grace and properly disposed to receive the infinite graces that are poured out at every Mass. (Where One Person of the Blessed Trinity is present there also are the other Two. Jesus is present in the Eucharist and so also is the Father and the Holy Spirit). Through the Eucharist our souls are filled with the Holy Spirit and if properly disposed joy overflows with thanks to the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Our God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, continually invites us to *“taste and see the goodness of the Lord”*. We experience this goodness through a life a prayer and staying close to the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) where we get our souls right before God and then we come to dine at the Banquet of the Eucharist. The Father gives us his only Begotten Son and we are filled with his Spirit, united into the family of God as his sons and daughters. Let us *“bless the Lord at all times and together extol his name because his is so good to us...He gives us life with Him and promises us Eternal Life with Him forever!”*

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us,

Father Ed

Administrator

Parish Life:

The antiphon for the Responsorial Psalm for the weekend is *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"*. Each Monday night at 7:30 pm in the Church we have a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. In addition we have a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Friday morning Mass at 8:00 am. The Holy Hour on Friday usually begins at 8:30 am and ends at 9:30 am.

Several people have mentioned to me that they are not familiar with this devotion. Bishop Arthur Serratelli in his formal letter assigning me as Administrator of the parish noted, *"I would ask you to do all in your power to encourage reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament by the reverence you personally show and also by fostering Eucharistic Adoration as part of the spirituality of the parish"*. I have implemented this devotion firstly because our Bishop has asked us to but also because it is one of my favorite forms of prayer and devotion to the Lord.

Making a Holy Hour with the Lord has been a long tradition of our faith. In the gospel account in the garden of Gethsemane Jesus suffered his agony and asked his Apostles to stay with him and to keep watch. Although they fell asleep he asked them to keep watch for one hour. *"When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* We come to adore him and to be with him for one hour. Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist is placed in a glass and gold case called a monstrance and placed on the altar where we sing hymns of praise and burn incense before the King of kings, the Lord of lords. It is a wonderful prayer experience and a chance to get away from the hectic lives that most of us live and to sit in the quiet with Jesus and let him enter more deeply into our hearts and souls. Come and join us and *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"*.

Joan Polanski, the administrative assistant of our parish has decided to retire after 35 years of service at Our Lady Queen of Peace. After the 8:00 am Mass this Sunday, which Joan attends regularly, there will be a farewell "Coffee And" so that we can thank Joan for her wonderful commitment in serving so many people in the parish. Please be sure to join us and keep Joan and her family in your prayers as she begins her retirement.

Our Bishop has requested that at all Masses in the month of August we are to pray for those suffering religious persecution. There will be a prayer card that we will use at the end of Mass, after the Prayer after Communion. Please pray especially for our brother and sister Christians who are suffering in the Middle East.

Parish Picnic

This year our Parish Picnic will be sponsored by the Men's and Women's Clubs on Sunday, **September 20, 2015** after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Music, games, hamburgers, hotdogs and more will be provided at the picnic.

This year we are hoping to rent **several inflatable rides** and **games** for the children of our parish. We will keep you informed as we get more information.

For further information please call:

John Dalmas 973-600-8010 or

Geralyn Boyce 973-702-7755

Second Collection:

Thank you for last week's generous offering and support of the missionary work of the Church. I am certain that many people in the missions will benefit from your charitable gift. Please continue to help our parish and the many good works that our Bishop and diocese support.

Collections

Aug. 8 & 9: \$3,731.50
Weekly Goal: \$6,500

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Missionary Cooperation Plan: \$2,033.36

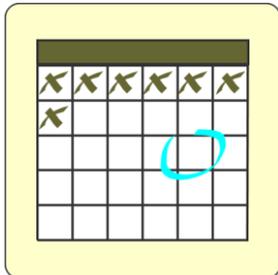
Envelopes Mailed: 219

Envelopes Received: 125

If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS. Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes.

Calendar of Events:

Aug. 17 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug. 24 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug. 29 Flea Market from 8am to 3pm
Aug. 31 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm



Memorials:

Week of August 16th the Sanctuary Lamp
Burns for:

Joyce Finlayson



Knights of Columbus Calendar

Aug 23 Past Grand Knights Dinner 2pm Bella Italia in Andover
Aug 29-30 Football Ticket Sales-St. Joseph & Good Shepherd
Sept 10 Council Mtg Sacred Heart Cntr 7:30pm
Sept 14 St. Joseph Migrant Ministry Dinner 7:30
Sept 27 Picnic Panther Lake Camp Grounds 2pm