

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

July 19, 2020 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


MASS INTENTIONS
— OF THE WEEK —

Saturday, July 18

5:30 pm For Mary Vayda *by Kearney Family*

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am For Anthony Pantiliano *by Connallon Family*

Saturday, July 25

5:30 pm For Thomas Wolf *by Kearney Family*

Sunday, July 26

9:00am For Fernanda Rojas *by Brigitte Dizon*



For the Month of July

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry *by Corry/Benardone family*

Mass Candles: In loving memory of Dorothy Totin Donohue and Marion Chambers *by Stokes family*

Altar Breads & Wine:



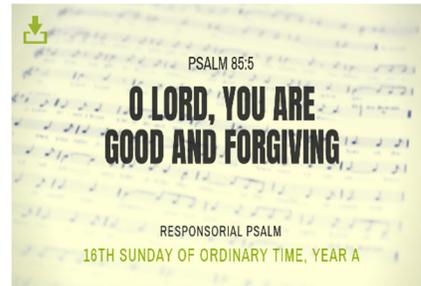
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MASS CARDS...

If you need a mass card please call the parish office and we will get back to you as soon as possible to arrange for pick up.

My dear parishioners,



Today we commemorate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. In the Gospel

parable the Lord tolerates the presence of evil but not its triumph. What will conquer is the Kingdom of God that may first appear as small and unimpressive, but which will explode into an eternal reality for the faithful. We are reminded that small gestures and little deeds, done in the name of Christ, grow to transform the world. Yes, you and I are crucial in sanctifying the world. You may think that you are unimportant in this task but that is far from the truth. That is why we must stay close to the Lord through our prayers, reception of the sacraments and our Christian witness in the world. The Apostle Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that the Holy Spirit is joining with us in praying for the success of God's will. Yes, our spiritual life must remain vibrant and strong against the lure of evil if we are to be gathered in the harvest of eternal life.



In this parable today Jesus advised not to pull up the weeds before the harvest i.e. not to let our opinions interfere with how we treat others. If we are

tempted to judge others negatively I would suggest two things:

1. Firstly think of the love of God for others. Even if we cannot see the love of God in others right now, can you see Jesus crucified in them?
2. If we do find ourselves succumbing to forming negative opinions of others we should not allow those negative opinions to interfere in how we treat others.

It would be better for us to concentrate on removing the weeds from our lives than judging others.

What are you doing to remove the darnel from your life?
The spiritual prescription I give is:

- pray as much as possible every day.
- read the Bible every day. If you are new to reading the Bible regularly begin with the Gospels, perhaps Luke or John.
- If at all possible go to daily Mass.
- Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.

IN THIS PARABLE JESUS ASKS US NOT TO PLAY GOD AND JUDGE PEOPLE BUT TO ALLOW JUDGMENT TO GOD. GOD IS MUCH MORE MERCIFUL AND PATIENT THAN WE ARE.

GET MASS INTENTION (MASS CARD) FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

WHY THE HOLY MASS IS SO POWERFUL? WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE MASS IS OFFERED?

- First, to adore God as our Creator and Lord.
- Second, to thank God for His many favors.
- Third, to ask God to bestow His blessings on all men.
- Fourth, to satisfy the justice of God for the sins committed against Him

The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father.

In our catholic tradition it is a practice to give an offering that the Holy Mass might be celebrated for the living and deceased.

Living masses are offered for those who are sick or thanksgiving to God for a special blessing received and any other occasion (birthday, wedding anniversary, graduation). Deceased masses are offered to assist them in their journey to heaven.

I pray that more of our parishioners will make offers so that Holy Mass will be offered on Sunday for the living and deceased.

A MASS CARD MIGHT BE THE BEST GIFT FOR A BIRTHDAY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, GRADUATION OR TO PRAY FOR YOUR BELOVED DECEASED AND HELP THEM GET TO HEAVEN!!!



Next Sunday we celebrate First Holy Communion at 11:00am. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL THE BEST TO OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS.

OUR TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Mark's: 5:30pm (Saturday - outdoor) and 9:00am (Sunday – indoor).

OLM: 7:00pm (Saturday – outdoor) and 9:15am (indoor), 10:45am and 12:15pm (indoor).

OUR ATTENDANCE AND WEEKLY COLLECTION RECENTLY IS VERY BAD. IF WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MASSES AT DIFFERENT TIMES PLEASE LET ME KNOW. EVERY WEEK IT SEEMS WE HAVE LESS AND LESS PEOPLE COMMING IN.

ST. MARK'S IS IN OUR HANDS, IN YOUR HANDS.

**TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The grace of the sacrament of Matrimony

My dear brothers and sisters, according to our Catechism "*By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God.*" This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children.

Christ is the source of this grace. "*Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony.*" Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ, and to love one another with supernatural,

tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb: *"How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? . . . How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit"*.

God bless you.



We are working to bring you a new Christian Education Program. We will begin our program sometime in the fall, and will make online registration available as soon as we have the program ready to go. This year, the emphasis will be on safety, as we continue to serve families, with Catholic Faith instruction. We are aware of the challenges we face during this pandemic crisis, and are planning to make Christian Education available to our children and their families in an easy way, which can be enjoyed by everyone. Those who were registered in the program last year, will receive a message with the details of the program for the coming year, within the next few weeks. We welcome all those who are interested in participating, and details will be made available for those who have not been in Christian Ed. previously. Please enjoy summer as best and as safely as you can! Sue Reilly

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.



The Christian belief that God is a Trinity is not a theory with which we try to explain God. It is the most living truth of the Christian faith, the foundation of everything else we believe and the reason behind everything else that exists. In Jesus Christ, who suffered, died and was raised, God showed himself to us as we really is: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a living dialogue of love. A God Who is Threefold Love – KOC Brochure

Reflection for the Week

*If you find yourself in a hole,
the first thing to do is stop digging,*

Will Rogers

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Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please call the parish office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on our prayer list.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Assumption College for Sisters, 200A Morris Avenue, Denville, NJ 07834...Is offering their fall classes beginning August 25-December 17 Theology and Philosophy Courses. \$516/course for credit and \$258/course for audit. For registration or information call 973-957-0188 Ext. 106
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