



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God’s kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside. ©LPi

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *John McKenna, Robert George* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 7/25</u>	4:00 pm	Anita Beardsley , by Doreen Gallant
<u>Sun., 7/26</u>	8:00 am	Mary (14 th Anniv.) & William (3 rd Anniv.) Metterville , by family
	10:30 am	Lena Pietrewicz , 6 th Anniv., by family
	6:00 pm	Adolfo Ortiz, Jr. , by family
<u>Mon., 7/27</u>	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
<u>Tue., 7/28</u>	9:00 am	George McCarthy , 20 th Anniv., by family
<u>Wed., 7/29</u>	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
<u>Thu., 7/30</u>	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
<u>Fri., 7/31</u>	9:00 am	Parishioners’ Intentions
<u>Sat., 8/1</u>	4:00 pm	Tommy Desautels , by his mother
<u>Sun., 8/2</u>	8:00 am	Carol & Tony Peluso , by family
	10:30 am	John Gilmartin , by Elizabeth & Alberto Simonelli
	6:00 pm	Parishioners’ Intentions

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$3,824.00
(\$157.00 in loose offerings and \$3,667.00 in 92 envelopes)	
-- Peter’s Pence:	\$ 11.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 354.00
-- Debt Reductions Donations:	\$ 10.00
-- Memorial Gifts:	\$ 50.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,477.64
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 15.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 120.05
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 25.00
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 50.00

We are grateful to those who are faithfully continuing to support the parish. Many more are now doing ONLINE GIVING. Thank you also to many who are not yet ready to return to church on the weekends but drop off or mail donations regularly.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

HOSPITAL VISITS

The Worcester hospitals are now allowing parish priests to make brief visits to parishioners who are hospitalized. Fr. Monroe will begin to check for OLA members who are admitted. St. Vincent Hospital seems to be asking those admitted for religious affiliation and parish information if they would like a visit from their parish priest. The UMass/Memorial hospitals are not as consistent in this regard. It would be helpful if you call the rectory if a family member is admitted especially with any serious illness or surgery.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We have raised \$40,940 from pledges and one-time gifts offered by Fr. Monroe and 159 other households – 71.2% of our \$57,500 goal.

Material was mailed to households who gave last year but have not contributed this year. We ask **everyone** to offer something to this important effort. If you need a Partners in Charity envelope, call the rectory and we will mail one to you or you can come to pick it up.

The money raised helps to fully fund the following: *Clergy Retirement, Retired Priests Health Ministry, Catholic Charities, Haitian Apostolate, McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Pernet Family Health Services, Seminarian Health Insurance, St. John Diocesan Cemetery System, Diocesan Development, Stewardship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Catholic School Department, Office of Religious Education, Ongoing Priestly Formation, New Evangelization Worcester for Youth and Young Adults, Grant-in-Aid for Catholic Schools, Seminarian Education, Central Catholic School Subsidy, Advanced Studies for Clergy & Laity, African Ministry, Communications Office, Hispanic Ministry, Office of Marriage & Family, Minister to Priests, Office of the Diaconate, Respect Life Office, St. Paul's Cathedral, Vocations Office and the Office of Worship.*

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL

There are openings in all grades for the 2020-2021 school year.

The school administration, with input from faculty and parents, is now engaged in developing the framework for onsite learning this Fall with social distancing of students' desks and established protocols. We offer a wonderful academic and healthy personal growth program for Pre-school through Grade 8 with excellent teachers under the guidance and supervision of our principal,

Doreen Albert. We also have some financial assistance to offer to families of our parish who could use some help to be able to enroll their children. If you would like to examine what we have to offer your children, contact Doreen Albert: call the school at 508-752-5609 or email her at doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org. You can also gather information at the school website:

www.ourladyoftheangels.us.

We also have structures in place for virtual instruction should that become necessary at any point during the school year. Our school successfully finished the last academic year with 11 weeks of online **teaching** -- 4 1/2 days a week throughout the shutdown.

LEGACY OF HOPE PROJECTS

We will be receiving our first parish share of pledges and onetime gifts this week. The check for \$67,339 is 40% of payments on pledges and onetime gifts that the diocese received from our parishioners through June 30th.

We will be using some of that money to upgrade the condition of our parking lot. Work has already begun on repairing the sunken drain area halfway up the parking lot at the left and the drain near the Family Center at the bottom of the lot and a number of other potholes. The driveway into the property from Main Street will be repaved. The rest of the lot will be sealed at the end of the project. As indicated when we undertook the Legacy campaign last year, we will also use some money to pay down some of our remaining \$15,000 debt from last summer's oil tank removal and conversion to gas for the convent building and upgrade Fr. Dougherty's bathroom at the rectory.

We will receive a check for 40% of money collected each quarter for the next 3 and one-half years.

PLEASE NOTE

Fr. Monroe is on vacation this week until the Vigil Mass next Saturday afternoon. Fr. Dougherty will preside at all regularly scheduled Masses and one of our retired priests will preside at any funeral that needs to be scheduled.

The Office Director will be available Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. At other times leave messages at #12 for her voicemail or at #10 for Fr. Monroe who will return your call as soon as possible.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., July 26 – 17th Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass

10:30 am Lord's Day Mass

6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., July 27 – Monday of 17th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., July 28 – Tuesday of 17th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., July 29 – St. Martha

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., July 31 - St. Ignatius Loyola

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., August 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is **Chuck Joslyn - # 89**

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, August 1	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, August 2	8:00 am	Fr. Monroe
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

IGNATIAN INFORMATION NIGHT

An Information Night will be held at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester on **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm** explaining the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on September 29, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church in Worcester. Information and an application form is available on the website:

ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com or contact the team by email at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

PIETA - WORCESTER

Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend this ongoing support experience. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St. The next meeting will be held **Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.** in the church hall. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com.