

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 30, 2017

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

What would you ask for if God offered to give you anything you wanted? Our response would reveal a lot about who we are and what we value the most. God made that offer to the young King Solomon in our first reading today: *"Ask something of me and I will give it to you."* God was pleased that Solomon did not ask for worldly riches, power, or other things for his own pleasure and convenience. Rather, he asked for an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong, for the wisdom to know what is pleasing to God.

True Wisdom, Wisdom that comes from God, is recognizing what is truly valuable. Jesus says in today's Gospel as He continues to teach us about the Kingdom of God in parables: *"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. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds the pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."*

Often we pray to God for what we want or think we need to be happy, thinking that if God would just take this or that problem away, if only we had just a bit more money, or a better job, or some other thing, then we would find the happiness we are looking for. But we know it doesn't work that way. We are wired for God. Our yearning for happiness is a yearning for God, for the things of Heaven. The things of this world are good, but they cannot finally satisfy us. Seek first the Kingdom of God, Jesus tells us, and everything else we desire will take its proper place. This is true Wisdom, knowing what is most valuable, having our priorities in the right order. Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta put so simply. The secret to Joy, she said, is in the word itself: **J-O-Y. Jesus first, then Others, and Yourself last.**

This Wisdom is expressed so profoundly in this reflection from a man who was a great athlete, Roy Campanella, who became paralyzed from the neck down in a car accident after he retired from Major League Baseball. Even though stripped of all the things this world tells us we need to be happy, of all the things that had made his life meaningful, he discovered true Wisdom, what is most valuable, the pearl of great price.

It is called, *"A Creed For Those Who Have Suffered."*

**"I asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health, that I might do great things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among men, most richly blessed."**

And so are we. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Matthew J. Furey



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

**Registration  
2017-2018**

**For First Grade and New Registrants**

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-1:00pm  
Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00am-1:00pm

**Baptismal Certificate is required at time of registration for all First Grade and New Registrants.**

A program for children with **Special Needs** is available. Please contact the Religious Education office to schedule an appointment.

Registration will be held in the Religious Education Office in the school. Please go to the Clinton Place entrance (the side street) of the school and ring the bell during the hours listed above. Thank you.

Please call the Religious Education Office at 357-6044 if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment if you cannot make any of these dates.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

Sacred Heart Preschool 3 year old program has limited openings for Fall, 2017. Our school is a place where a child feels secure, loved and happy which is an excellent backdrop for learning. We have very experienced teachers who are caring and professional and there is an enclosed, gated playground for your child to play. Please contact the school's main office at 845-357-1684 for more information.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Monday, July 31**  
Novena – 7:15pm  
**Tuesday, August 1**  
**Wednesday, August 2**  
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria  
**Thursday, August 3**  
**Friday, August 4 First Friday**  
**Exposition – 1pm**  
**Holy Hour -7pm**  
**Saturday, August 5**  
St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory  
**Sunday, August 6**

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'  
NAME**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection – \$14,150.**  
**Last Year's Collection - \$14,601.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**UPCOMING EVENT  
HONORING THE  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
YEAR OF CELEBRATION**

**FALL HARVEST WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 2017**

Pumpkin decorating, pie baking contest, games and a petting zoo will be featured. Stay tuned for more details.

Please be sure to visit our online store for memorabilia honoring our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org) and look for the online store link in the **About Tab**.

**IONA COLLEGE ROCKLAND GRADUATE CENTER**

An MBA Information Session will be held on Wednesday Aug. 2, 2017 at 6:00pm at our campus located at 2 Blue Hill Plaza in Pearl River, NY. Call 845-620-1350 to register or online at [ionaevents.org](http://ionaevents.org)

**MASS TIMES  
ON VACATION**

Call 1-800-MassTimes. This is a number you may call for Mass Schedules, location and directions to all Catholic Churches in any given area. Enter the zip code where you are going and all the information will be given to you. Website: [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE  
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:  
1-800-723-8331 [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2017**

. We have well surpassed our goal! **60% of every gift now will come directly back to our parish. Thank you for your generous support.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is closed for the summer, and will reopen Wednesday, September 13, 2017. **For food emergencies please call the rectory at 357-0035.**

**ANUNCIOS**

El Grupo de Oración en Español, que tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles; se suspenderá durante el mes de Agosto, para reanudarse el 6 de Septiembre. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 19 de agosto 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

**AVA MAISY SEGOVIA CORONADO**  
Daughter of Bryan and Iris



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For Second Time  
**PEDRO GUTIERREZ AND MAVIS GOMEZ**



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for

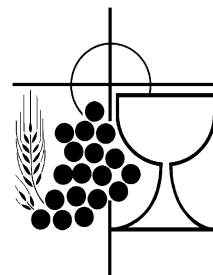
them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Bauer, Peter Boano, Michael Brady, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Gerrie Freeman, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Carrin Holborn, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Marion Lauterborn, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Donna Manthey, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, William R. Sichel, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sargo, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Fr. Wing.**

## ALTAR MEMORIALS JULY 30, 2017

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads In Memory of  
D'URSO & CONTE FAMILIES**

**Altar Candles In Memory of  
BEA & CHARLIE SWEENEY**

**Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
TERRY-KELLY VERDUCCI**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:00am – Richard Lynch, Jr.

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Dolores Mendolia

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Joseph Dugandzic

10:00am – John Parisi

11:30am – Michael & Caroline Plewak

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Nicholas Argiento, Sr.

### MONDAY, JULY 31

7:00am – Special Intentions Ermuda Morency

9:00am – Anthony Gianni

7:15pm – **Novena**

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00am – Francesca & Antonio Cavaliere

9:00am – Jessie Cici

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00am – Special Intentions Alan Petukh

9:00am – Special Intentions Vivian & Kevin O'Connell

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00am – Special Intention Susanna Bernard

9:00am – Ernestina Magurno Gagliano

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00am – Anna Karsperska

9:00am – Palma M. Heck

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00am – Verna Jarkiewicz

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Special Intentions Dolores Cangelosi

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Kenneth Gaudreau

10:00am – Craig Handwerker

11:30am – Andrew Haggerty, Jr.

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Pat Brennan



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

**Especially: Ida Montenero  
James Kralik**

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 10-Tom & Connie Duffy**