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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JULY 19, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 18

8:00am Joseph Farina
5:00pm Joseph & Elizabeth Brown
6:30pm Celebrant's intention

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Patrick Boyle
10:00am Bridget "Biddy" Walsh
12:00pm Helen, Artie & Richie
5:00pm The parishioners of St. John's

Monday, July 20

9:00am Edward Wtulich

Tuesday, July 21

9:00am Albert Fini, Sr.
6:00pm Joseph Briante

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am Msgr. Thomas McCaffrey

Thursday, July 23

9:00am Patrick J. Mahoney
6:00pm Matilda Buner

Friday, July 24

9:00am Carmelo "Chuck" Catalfano

Saturday, July 25

8:00am Joseph R. Donovan
5:00pm The parishioners of St. John's
6:30pm Celebrant's intention

Sunday, July 26

8:00am Patrick Boyle
10:00am Christopher Sorensen
12:00pm James Murphy
5:00pm Joyce Woods

"DRIVE-THRU" CONFESSIONS will be heard on Saturday, July 18 and on Saturday, July 25, from 3:00 to 4:00pm both days. Please enter via the driveway between the rectory and the parish center.

THE MODIFIED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (9:00am Monday-Friday; 6:00pm Tuesday & Thursday; 8:00am on Saturday) will continue at least until Labor Day. Intentions for the 6:30am and 5:15pm Masses will be moved to the 9:00am Masses on those days. We especially encourage those who are hesitant about coming to Sunday Mass to come on a weekday, when there are fewer attendees and there's even more room to sit apart.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. ADAMS, whose recovery continues at Cabrini on Hudson in Dobbs Ferry.

IS ANYONE ABLE TO HELP US by recording one Sunday Mass in the church each week? If you're willing, please speak with Fr. George. In the meantime, Sunday Mass may be livestreamed from St. Patrick's Cathedral (<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>) at 10:15am or the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC (<https://www.nationalshrine.org>) at noon.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for adhering to the protocols with which we are all now familiar. To that end, a few reminders:

- The red tape on the tops and bottoms of certain pews marks a six-foot separation. Please be mindful of these when leaving and returning to your pew for communion, as well as when leaving the church. (Obviously, those of the same household do not need to maintain social distancing with each other.)
- When leaving the church, we ask that those in the far side pews depart first, starting at the back (i.e., those closest to the doors) and working toward the front (i.e., those closest to the sanctuary). Once everyone on the sides has exited, then those seated in the center of the church may follow.
- When leaving the church, please don't congregate in the narthex or on the front steps.
- Please feel free to use the hand sanitizer stations when entering and/or leaving the church.

DRIVE-THRU VACATION BIBLE CAMP begins on Monday! Thanks to Debby Sheehan and all of the volunteers who have been working behind the scenes these last few weeks to make it happen.

A NOTE FROM FR. GEORGE

The last week has been a painfully difficult time for the Catholic school communities in Orange County. The outright closure of Divine Mercy School in New Windsor, along with the merger of Sacred Heart, St. John and St. Stephen-St. Edward Schools, have naturally caused great upset; the timing of the announcement has only contributed to the anger. If anyone had suggested such a realignment of schools four or five months ago, it would have been unthinkable.

Given the publicity that the merger has garnered, I have received countless emails and calls asking for my response to this, that, or the other thing that has been written or said. My reply has been consistent: I stand by everything I wrote in my letter to the parish, which was published on Facebook and sent by Flocknote last week; the letter is also reprinted in this week's Indy, with my consent. (If you are not online and would like a copy, please let me know; I'll be happy to print one for you.) As far as the school goes, I'm devoting my energy to helping map out our plan for its spiritual life, and seeing that the building is ready for whatever September may bring.

Readings for July 19, 2020

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god besides you who have the care of all,
that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.
For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved;
and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.
But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency,
and with much lenience you govern us;
for power, whenever you will, attends you.
And you taught your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
and you gave your children good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will.

The Word of the Lord.

+ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened
to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everyone was asleep his enemy came
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.
When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.
The slaves of the householder came to him and said,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where have the weeds come from?'
He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'
His slaves said to him,
'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'
He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat along with them.
Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.'"
He proposed another parable to them.
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that a person took and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.
It becomes a large bush,
and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"
He spoke to them another parable.
"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour
until the whole batch was leavened."
All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.
He spoke to them only in parables,
to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation
of the world.
Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house.
His disciples approached him and said,
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”
He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.
The weeds are the children of the evil one,
and the enemy who sows them is the devil.
The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.
Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age.
The Son of Man will send his angels,
and they will collect out of his kingdom
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.
They will throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.
Then the righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.
Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.