

JULY 24, 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 23

5:30PM People of St. Stanislaus Kostka

Sunday, July 24

8:15AM No Intention Requested

11:00AM No Intention Requested

Monday, July 25

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Tuesday, July 26

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Wednesday, July 27

No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday, July 28

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family

Friday, July 29

9:00AM Gjeto Dushaj – The Dushaj Family



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

We're hoping to bring the Cardinal's Appeal to a close as soon as possible. So far, we have received 122 pledges totaling \$43,032.50 which represents 82% of our goal of \$52,500. Will you help us reach our goal and get a rebate this year? Return your gift to our Office or in the collection, use the parish website or go directly to the Appeal Website, <https://cardinalsappeal.org>.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS*

July 23

Dominick Amorosano, Michael Bull, Shelby Carlo, Andrew Fanuele, Robert Greenspan, Elizabeth Ketcham, Matthew Moran, Kimberley Saltarelli, Judith Stokes, Rosa Valente

July 24

Renee Cardella, Elizabeth Carroll, Donna Diamond, John Loftus, Kole Niznik, Patricia Walsh, Frank Zanchelli

July 25

Katrina Jaeb, Gianna Skelly, Jaqueline Wagoner

July 26

Colin Eckhardt, Samantha Matuk, Mary Beth Muir

July 27

Jim Hayes

July 28

Malorie Greenspan, Steven Lorenz

July 29

Katrina Huller, Michelle Mazzola, Brandon Rodriguez



Confessions will be heard on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 7:30PM in the Church. During that time, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. All are welcome



Let us pray each day for peace in our world, especially Ukraine

The “Martha and Mary” Project

I would like to share a thought with you that came to mind when I was reflecting on last Sunday's Gospel. My first thought was to wonder about how much more “Martha” work I needed to do as a priest. What more could I do to serve our parish better and more effectively? What things had I let “slip” because of Covid and what did I need to put back into my weekly routines? How was I going to do this?

Immediately, I began to “excuse myself” for letting things fall by the wayside and to find justifications for not doing this or that. I tried to protect myself, but in reality, I knew that I already knew the right path and just needed to get going again. We all see a need to be “Martha” when it comes to following Jesus.

But then I was struck by Jesus's words that “Mary has chosen the better part”. I had always left the “Mary” work to the cloistered nuns of *Corpus Christi Monastery* in the South Bronx who spend many hours each day praying for the priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of New York and saw their efforts as giving me the strength to do the “Martha” side of my vocation, my life.

That's when the light bulb “lit up” and I really understood what this Gospel story was saying to me and to all of you too. Yes, we are all called to be “Martha” and do our very best to serve God's people—this is what being a disciple, a follower of Jesus is all about. He doesn't need you and me to be his admirers or his fans...he needs us to follow, to walk, in his footsteps. But then it struck me: can I do this if I am leaving the “Mary” work to others and just focusing on what I have to do? I realized that the answer, for me and for all of us, is a very loud and clear “NO”. I really cannot serve the Lord if I do not take the call to “pray...reflect...and learn at the feet of Jesus” like Mary a bit more seriously than I have done so to this point. How can I serve God without grounding that service in study and prayer? Yesterday's Gospel was a call to renew both the “Martha” AND the “Mary” part of my life. I will not serve the Lord as I would like to if my service does not flow from a time of prayer and study which it won't if I do not find more time for that prayer and study each and every day. I am not called to be “Martha” OR “Mary” but a little bit of BOTH and I need to do it now.

What can I do to make this happen in my life? Well, why not start with our presence at this Mass. First, could I get to Church a bit earlier each week and *read and reflect on the Gospel of the day* so that when it is read and explained in the homily I have already started to “open my ears, Lord...help me to hear your voice”? Secondly, could I try to make use of *Formed.org* as a source of learning more about my faith and as a starting point for discussing my faith with family and friends? Thirdly, do I need to get back to saying *Grace before meals* with my family, even when we have company? And finally, for now at least, do I start and end each day by some form of *touching base* with God, even as simple as “good morning and good night, dear God”?

I'd like to call this the *Martha and Mary Project* for a better world? Will you join me?

Father Jay

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

“Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him: ‘Lord teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.’ He said, ‘when you pray, say....And I tell you, ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.’”

How familiar! Can I picture Jesus at prayer, as when He was in the garden of Gethsemane, asking His Father to take the cup ‘but not my will, but yours be done?’ Can I picture Him praying as He blessed the loaves and fishes? Can I see Him at prayer as He prepared the breakfast for the apostles at the seashore? Can I hear His prayer as He said ‘little girl get up?’ Jesus at prayer.

He not only provided us with the words we recite so frequently, but we also hear Him tell us – right now - ask, seek, knock. Do I accept His teaching, as He taught the disciple who asked?

*From HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly,
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For more Catholic online learning tools see: www.Ascensionpress.com and the AMEN App. If you have any favorites, please call the office so we may share them with our parishioners.

Vacation Bible School 2022

A big “thank you” to all the Parishioners who donated items for this year’s VBS. We couldn’t have done it without you!

A LOOK AHEAD: READINGS FOR JULY 31, 2022

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for some one who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

Start With Jesus SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Join us for **Family Bingo Night** on Friday, July 29, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you are planning to attend or volunteer, please sign up on the sign-up sheets at both doors of the church. All proceeds will go towards Faith Formation equipment.

CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR FUN

Join us after 11:00am Mass on Sundays in July and August for a children's kickball game and other outdoor activities on the rear field, weather permitting.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

2022-2023 Registration is ongoing!

Parents...have you registered yet?

Please do so as soon as possible so that we may announce our plans.

Registration forms can be found on our website or in the parish office.