

# The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

August 2, 2020 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS

— OF THE WEEK —

### Saturday, August 1

5:30 pm For Laura Konopczynski by Stokes Family

### Sunday, August 2

9:00 am For Philip Karas by Brian Duffy

### Saturday, August 8

5:30 pm For Michael Melnyk, Sr. by Brian Duffy

### Sunday, August 9

9:00am For Tracy Tobin by Stokes Family

Let  
us Remember

#### For the Month of August

**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:



Shoprite and Weis gift cards are available for purchase in the parish office. Please call the office to schedule a time for picking up your gift cards.



#### 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 gather on the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time to celebrate the Lord's Day. The Gospel tells us of the 5,000 plus: "They all ate as much as they wanted". The hunger in our world today is all too real and painful. But there are other hungers too -hunger for peace and security, hunger for help and comfort in difficulties and, perhaps the strangest and deepest of all, the hunger for happiness. So what remains? To believe, to trust that the Lord is absolutely to be relied on.

The people with Jesus had practically nothing, nothing to eat, "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish." It was practically nothing for so big a crowd, five thousand men to say nothing of women and children. It was up to Jesus to provide them with something, and he did, so much that they had twelve baskets of scraps remaining. Perhaps it is only when you have nothing that you can see Jesus providing you with something. When you have everything perhaps it is more difficult to see Jesus at work. In one sense you could say that now we have everything. Because we have everything we don't see the value of anything. We don't see that everything is a gift from God. In a sense because we have everything there is less room for Jesus to work a miracle of the loaves and fish for us. In a sense because we have everything it is more difficult for Jesus to speak his word to us. Maybe because we have everything we might sometimes forget about God, forget about the Eucharist, forget about the Sacraments, forget to pray every day, and forget to read the Bible. That would be sad because then we would have everything but it would mean nothing because the only one to give meaning to life is Jesus.

#### **EVERYTHING PASSES AND EVERYONE, BUT JESUS REMAINS.**

St. Augustine would often end Mass by saying to his people: "Be what you eat." As we receive the Eucharist today may we "be" that loving and caring presence of Christ in our world today. May we be motivated by a joyful gratitude for what we already have and by a constant concern for the needs and concerns of others. May we attend not only to our own hungers but to the hungers of those in our world who suffer with empty stomachs, aching hearts and lonely spirits constantly crying out for help.

## IT IS TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO FR. JAVIER.

*Thank  
you*

After three years our parochial vicar Fr. Javier Bareno Castillo will be leaving us in two weeks. His new assignment is at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. Fr. Javier's last weekend with us is August 8/9.

I will let you know what mass Fr. Javier will celebrate that weekend. For the last three years Fr. Javier served faithfully at OLM and St. Mark parishes. It is our priestly life we come and go. We were blessed to have such a good and humble priest with us. I believe that our loss will be a big blessing to the people at the Cathedral.

**WE SAY BIG THANK YOU TO FR. JAVIER AND WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AS HE BEGINS HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN TWO WEEKS (AUGUST 15)**

At this time I do not know who is coming to replace Fr. Javier. I was told by the Diocese that one of the newly ordained priests will come to us. Please pray so we can get good and holy priest!

### **FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSION --- FRIDAY 7PM-8PM OLM CHURCH**

**How do you conduct the Holy Hour???**



---Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II,

Dominicai Cena)

---Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, Mysterium Fidei)

---Jesus wants you to do more than to go to mass on Sunday. "Our communal worship at mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

---You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

---The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

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**From Fr. Javier...**

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

#### **The Sacrament of Matrimony**

##### The fidelity of conjugal love

My dear brothers and sisters, by its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable fidelity of the spouses. This is the consequence of the gift of themselves which they make to each other. Love seeks to be definitive; it cannot be an arrangement "until further notice." The "intimate union of marriage, as a mutual giving of two persons, and the good of the children, demand total fidelity from the spouses and require an unbreakable union between them."

The deepest reason is found in the fidelity of God to his covenant, in that of Christ to his Church. Through the sacrament of Matrimony the spouses are enabled to represent this fidelity and witness to it. Through the sacrament, the indissolubility of marriage receives a new and deeper meaning.

It can seem difficult, even impossible to bind oneself for life to another human being. This makes it all the more important to proclaim the Good News that God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love, that married couples share in this love, that it supports and sustains them, and that by their own faithfulness they can be witnesses to God's faithful love. Spouses who with God's grace give this witness, often in very difficult conditions, deserve the gratitude and support of the ecclesial community. Yet there are some situations in which living together becomes practically impossible for a variety of reasons. In such cases the Church permits the physical separation of the couple and their living apart. The spouses do not cease to be husband and wife before God and so are not free to contract a new union. In this difficult situation, the best solution would be, if possible, reconciliation. The Christian community is called to help these persons live out their situation in a Christian manner and in fidelity to their marriage bond which remains indissoluble".

God Bless you.



Congratulations to our 18 children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. God Bless You.

Sophia Almieda, Andrew Applegate, Flynn Baker, Gavin Buchanan, Gavin Candura, James Cardello, Esteban Cortes, Ricardo Cortes, Christopher DeCicco, Daniella DeCicco, Penelope Draghi, Declan Dwyer, Benjamin Jaross, Maximillian Piatek, Gabriella Rolli, Preston Siedsma, Landon Terrazas, Ashley Thaler



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



Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, James Barone, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Brittany Cicchino, Carol DeAlvandes, Trisha Drechsel. Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Suzy Ladlee, Vincent Lai, Mary McArdle, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Rosemarie Picarelli, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John S, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Josh Winnker, Christopher Zeliff .



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Reflection for the Week

*The empty vessel makes the loudest sound.*

*William Shakespeare*

If you would like to be a part of an international organization of Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we’d like to meet you.

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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3**

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ--neither trial--nor persecution--nor death.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people numbered about five thousand, there was still food remaining.

