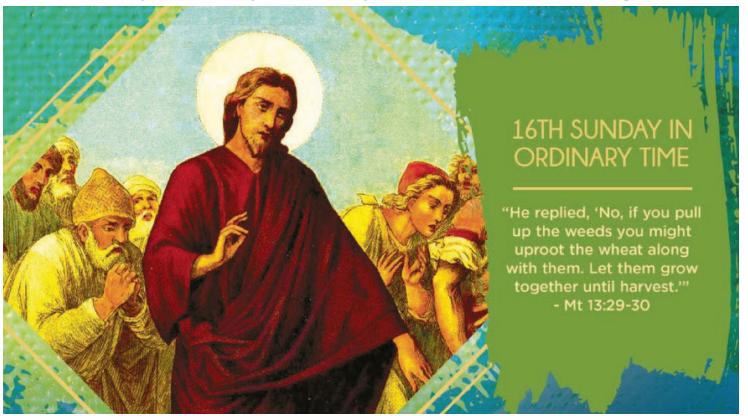


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Last week, we heard the parable of the Sower and the Seed in the Gospel. The seed, which the Sower sowed everywhere, is "the word of the kingdom" (Mt 13:19). The word is traditionally associated with who Jesus is, as mentioned in the beginning of John's Gospel (John 1:1-5; 14).

To receive the seed into our hearts means to receive the Word of God, Jesus, in various ways. The best way to receive our Lord is to receive Him in the most Holy Eucharist at Mass and in the other sacraments. Another way to receive the Word is through the written Word of God, the Bible. One of the best ways to approach the Bible, in my opinion, is Lectio Divina. Understanding Jesus as the Word carries profound significance for the practice of Lectio Divina. Here's how the importance of Lectio Divina relates to Jesus as the Word:

- 1. Encountering the Living Word: Through the practice of Lectio Divina, we engage with the written Word of God, which includes the Scriptures. However, as Jesus is the Word made flesh, Lectio Divina helps us encounter the living Word—Jesus Himself. By entering into a contemplative reading and prayerful reflection on Scripture, we create an environment where we can encounter the presence of Jesus, who speaks to us and reveals Himself through His Word.
- 2. Deepening Relationship with Jesus: Lectio Divina enables us to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus who is the Word. By meditating on Scripture, we open ourselves to His teachings, His character, and His transformative power. As we listen attentively to His Word, we grow in understanding, love, and communion with Him.
- 3. Transformation and Spiritual Growth: Jesus, as the living Word, has the power to transform us from the inside out. Through Lectio Divina, as we engage with His Word and allow it to penetrate our hearts, we become receptive to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. The Holy Spirit uses the Scriptures to illuminate our minds, convict us of sin, guide us in truth, and conform us to the image of Christ. Lectio Divina becomes a means by which we cooperate with the Spirit's transformative work, leading to spiritual growth and maturity.
- 4. Guidance and Discernment: In Lectio Divina, we not only read and reflect on Scripture, but we also engage in prayerful conversation with God. Jesus, as the Word, provides us with guidance and direction through His Word as we seek His will and discern His voice. By attentively listening to His Word, we can receive wisdom, discernment, and clarity in various aspects of our lives.
- 5. Living Out the Word: Lectio Divina is not just an intellectual exercise; it calls us to embody and live out the Word in our daily lives. Jesus taught His disciples to not only hear His words but to put them into practice (Matthew 7:24). Similarly, Lectio Divina helps us internalize the Word, allowing it to shape our thoughts, attitudes, actions, and relationships. It empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus, reflecting His character and sharing His love with others.

Being exposed to the written word of God allows us to continually nourish our hearts. Lectio Divina becomes a means through which we connect with the heart of God, allowing His Word to shape and mold us into His likeness.

Fr. Jae

NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection This Weekend: On July 22-23, there will be a second collection for Retired Priests. Thank you for your support!

Door Collection Next Weekend: The Little Sisters of the Poor Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the elderly poor and meeting their needs at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa, NJ. Challenged during these past two years, they ask for any support you can give according to your means. They will be at our Parish the weekend of July 29 - 30, 2023. www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

The Collection for the week ending July 16 will be in an upcoming bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 22 9:00am Dylan McAlister 5:00pm Mary Kocher

Sunday July 23
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am John Cannizzo
10:30am Janet Plourde
12:00pm Calvagna & Uzzi Families
6:15pm Elizabeth MacCallum

Monday, July 24 7:00am Josie Pellizzari 9:00am Mary Ann Hammond

Tuesday, July 25 7:00am Gertrude Nitsche 9:00am Mary L Cunnane

Wednesday July 26 7:00am Don Martin 9:00am JoAnn Scrudato Nusspickel

> Thursday, July 27 7:00am Dr. Orestes Iung 9:00am Brendan McGregor

> > Friday, July 28 7:00am Don Martin 9:00am Peter Collins

Saturday, July 29
9:00am Rose Collado
5:00pm Marcia Warner, Andrew
Shapiro, Robert J Quinn, Mark Jackson, Rosemarie McCarthy, Weddy
Tramutola, Danielle B. Sheehy
(Brovero)& Daniel P. Brovero,
Carmen Iozzia, Francesco Angilletta,
Helen Nolan

Sunday, July 30
7:30am Helen & Peter Dahlinger
9:00am Gary Innocenti
10:30am Louis R. Wejnert, III
12:00pm John Patrick Casey
6:15pm People of the Parish

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Hosting Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue: St. Elizabeth's Parish has 5 traveling statues of Our Lady of Fati-

Elizabeth's Parish has 5 traveling statues of Our Lady of Fatima. For 30 years, Our Blessed Mother's statues have been traveling from home to home....visiting with our families. Although this ministry began with a single statue, it has grown to 5 statues. Hosting families have found strength and comfort through Our Lady's presence. How pleased Our Blessed Mother must be to be welcomed into our homes and to bestow her many blessings upon Her children!



As you may know, Our Lady of Fatima asked Venerable Lucia, St. Jacinta, and St. Francisco to pray the Rosary daily, and to do penance for the salvation of souls. And today, to you and me, Our Lady's message is the same. And so, while the Blessed Mother is in your home, we ask that you try to pray the Holy Rosary or other devotional prayers to Our Lady and to perform other tokens of love for the salvation of souls.

We are scheduling families to host Our Lady for **2024**. If you have not been a host in the past and would like to have Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue visit your home in **2024**, please contact Kathy Marsico at kemarsico@gmail.com or at 201-485-7052. The "itineraries" for Our Blessed Mother are in development, so please email or call as soon as you can to book your week with Our Lady the "itineraries" fill up quickly.

Special "90 Minute" Devotion in Honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus: Saturday, July 29

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In honor of the Precious Drops of Blood lost by Our Lord on His way to Calvary and while on the Cross, there will be a special 90 minute devotion on after the 9 am Mass on Saturday, July 29 from 9:30 AM until 11 AM. The devotion will take place in the chapel.

During that time, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with recitation of the Holy Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other devotional prayers and consecrations to the Precious Blood of Jesus. There will also be time for personal, silent conversation with Jesus. We will conclude with Benediction and the repose of Our Lord into the Tabernacle.

It is through His Blood that we are redeemed. Please join us in thanksgiving.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Healing prayers for: Brenda Kelley

Recently deceased: Mary Hennessy, Ken Castka, Mary Alice Doherty Jane Sebok

Memorials for the week of July 23

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Salvatore & Gaetana Sinagara, donated by Anne Sinagara

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine:

In memory of Richard Mills donated by the Capentieri family



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- Ron, choir member

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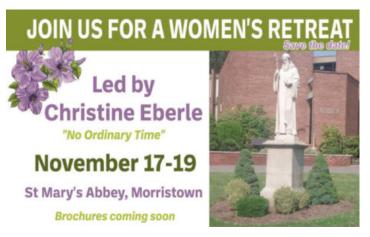
















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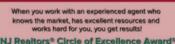
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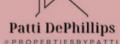


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