

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SS. SIMON AND JUDE

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

-registration required -

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ 5:00 p.m. at SEAS

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. at SMOS

8:00 a.m. at SEAS 9:00 a.m. at SSJ 10:00 a.m. at SMOS 10:30 a.m. at SEAS 11:30 a.m. at SSJ

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ 12:00 p.m. at SEAS

THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

CLERGY TEAM

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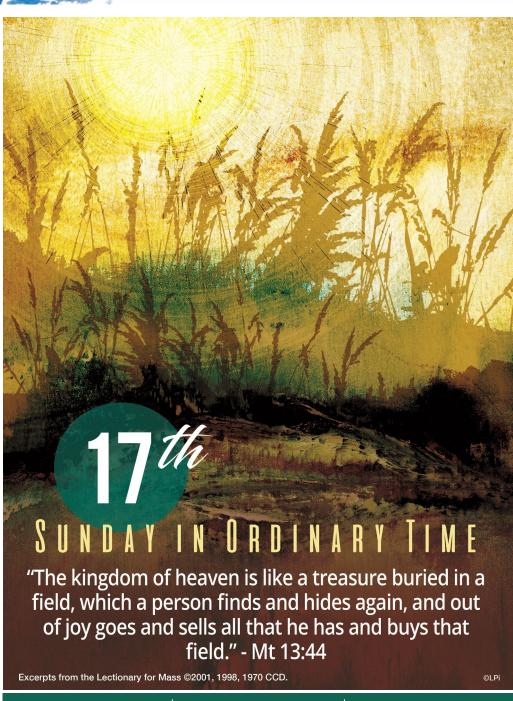
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Sacraments

Baptisms and Marriages Call Parish Office You must be a parishioner for at least 6 months prior to requesting forms/certification. Allow 3 weeks for completion. RCIA: 412-857-5356

Sick Calls, St. Clair Hospital Visits, or Communion to the Sick or Shut-ins. Call Parish Office Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon (subject to change

for holidays)
bulletin@CGScatholic.org

SACRAMENTS



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For arrangements call 412-857-5356



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.



MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.



PENANCE:

Saturdays: Noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and outdoors at Ss. Simon and Jude (weather permitting) Please use masks and adhere to all

posted safety protocol. Restrooms will not be available.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

A WEEKEND TEMPORARY SCHEDULE has been prepared because of restricted attendance in each space, required social distancing, as well as the knowledge that some may not feel comfortable yet attending. Live streaming will continue to be available from SSJ. Additionally, those who are not admitted to the SSJ Masses, because the limit has been met, can remain in their cars and tune to FM frequency 96.7 for the entire audio of the Mass. Communion will be distributed outside to those who "attend" Mass from their cars. Times reflect the necessary space needed for the "sanitizing" of pews and door

cars. Times reflect the necessary space needed for the "sanitizing" of pews and door entrances. Note: 11:30 Mass on Sundays will be live-streamed and repeated throughout the day.				
JULY 25/26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joe and Mary Petti by family		
5:00 p.m.	SEAS	John Kandracs by Mark and Jackie Kaltenecker		
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	Ruth and Dan Deasy by children		
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Nick Charles by Wife and Family		
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Andrew and Mary Schultz by family		
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Doris Urbatis by Nancy Alauzen		
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	People of the Parishes		
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Daniel Cronin by family		
JULY 27 MONDAY OF THE 17 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Francis Damiani by family		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Amy and Amber Dell by William Dell		
JULY 28	TUES	SDAY OF THE 17 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Mary Katus and Regina Pencosky by Bill and Donna Pencosky		
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Health & Healing of Nancy Potoski by Michael Potoski		
JULY 29	MEM	ORIAL OF ST. MARTHA		
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Nardi Molinero by family		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Martha Young by Family		
JULY 30 THURSDAY OF THE 17 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Robert Damiani by family		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Guy Pollice by Family		
JULY 31	MEM	ORIAL OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA		
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	David Kiel by Harry and Maris Crowley & family		
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Beth Stephens by the Sommerer family		
AUGUST 1	/2 E	IGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		

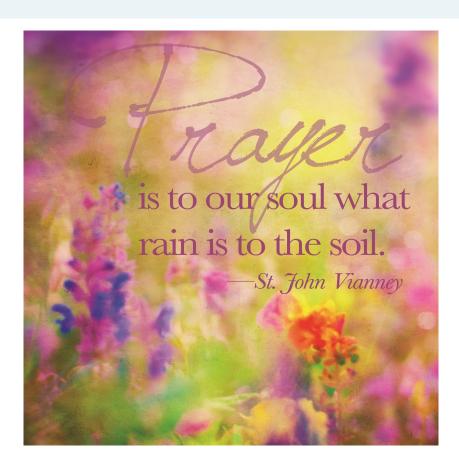
4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joseph and Rosalie Venturella by Jim and Marie Walther
5:00 p.m.	SEAS	Jennifer Andrew by Charles and Mary Matlak
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parishes
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Mary Novelli Robison by brothers and sisters
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Martin, Sophia, and Edmund Gudewicz by family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Nick and Antoinette Episcopo by Tony and Sara Maruccio
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Josephine Witzel by Marlene and Jack Urso

Pasquale DiMatteo (40th Anniversary) by Adelmo DiMatteo 11:30 a.m. SSJ and daughters

FROM FR. GRECCO

"...true prayer is not at all foreign to reality. If prayer should alienate you, remove you from your real life, be on your guard it would not be true prayer! On the contrary, dialogue with God is a guarantee of truth, of truth with ourselves and with others and hence of freedom. Being with God, listening to his word, in the Gospel and in the Church's Liturgy, protects you from the dazzle of pride and presumption, from fashions and conformism, and gives you the strength to be truly free, even from certain temptations masked by good things. You asked me: how can we be 'in' the world but not 'of' the world? I answer you: precisely through prayer, through personal contact with God.

(Pope Benedict XVI- meeting with Young People, July 4, 2010)



Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Robert Abbott Giuseppina Capriotti Anna Marie Fisher

John Kirby Dottie Serzega



Please call the Parish Office to be placed on our prayer list. Be sure to have permission if adding others.

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please let us know so we can get you the proper spiritual care. Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so



In memory of Camille Copeland Cash by Tess Keddie





STEWARDSHIP

Please know that we need your financial support more than ever!

If you are able to continue to assist your parish, please mail your donation to us.

You may also contribute online using the link on our homepage: CGScatholic.org. Please follow the easy directions listed there.

We thank you in advance for your generosity during these difficult times.

Note:

Parishes are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.

The regular bulletin deadline is Monday at Noon. Please watch for early holiday deadlines. Email: bulletin@cgscatholic.org



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DO NOT RECYCLE THE BULLETINS AT MASS!

During this crisis, we are asking that you take your bulletin with you when you leave the church buildings. In the past, families would take one copy home but leave all others for the next Mass. This type of recycling was a wonderful way to save paper and reduce the number of bulletins printed. However, with the fear of spreading illness, you are being asked not to leave anything behind at Mass. This includes prayer cards, tissues, pamphlets, and, of course, bulletins! Please respect our many volunteers who offered to sanitize the churches after each Mass. Do not make extra work for them by leaving things behind.

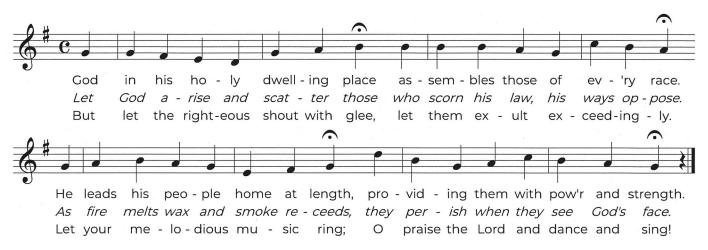
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THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY AT SEAS HAS REOPENED

Open 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Tuesdays.

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ENTRANCE HYMN I GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING PLACE



Tune: OLD HUNDRETH; Pseaumens octantetrois de David, Geneva, 1551 Text: Psalm 68; Christoph Tietze Introits Hymns for the Liturgical Year © 2005 WLP

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, (all strike their breast as they say:)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING | 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for thisnot for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you." The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 119:57, 72, 76-7



- 1. I have said, "O LORD, my portion is to obey your words." The law from your mouth means more to me than large quantities of silver and gold.
- 2. Let your merciful love console me by your promise to your servant. Show me compassion, that I may live, for your law is
- 3. That is why I love your commands more than the finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.
- 4. Your decrees are wonderful indeed: therefore my soul obeys them. The unfolding of your word gives light, and understanding to the simple.

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SECOND READING | ROMANS 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn

among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"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 a pearl of great price,

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore

and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household

who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow at the following bolder words)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

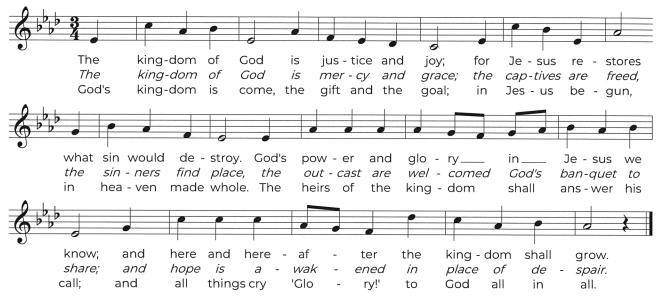
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN | THE KINGDOM OF GOD



Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

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SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH

Priest: The mystery of faith:

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

or When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

or Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

Priest:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever:

All:



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come as least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN | DRAW NEAR



- Draw near and take the Body of the Lord, and drink with faith the Blood for you outpoured.
 Saved by Christ's Body and his holy Blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
- Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son, has by his cross and blood the victory won. He spent his life for greatest and for least. Praise Christ, the Paschal Victim, Christ the Priest.
- Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and claim the promise of salvation here.
 Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints defends; he gives believers life that never ends.
- 4. With heavenly bread Christ makes the hungry whole; his living water fills the thirsting soul. Alpha Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations of the earth, be with us now.

Tune: NEALE, Steven R. Janco, b.1961 ©1992, WLP

Text: Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite, 7th C; trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt

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CARING + GIVING + SERVING

In the last days of July, we have the feasts of three important saints:

"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

-St. Martha in John 11: 27



St. Martha (July 29) had the privilege of hosting Jesus as a guest in her home. Jesus gently admonished Martha for her anxious attention to the details of entertaining and criticism of her sister, Mary, who "chose the better part" by being with and listening to her Lord. Later, when their brother, Lazarus, died, Martha greeted Jesus with the profound profession of faith above. Let us ask St. Martha's intercession to sanctify the necessary work and duties of our daily life and to always keep a

healthy balance between our to-do lists and our time in daily prayer.

"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful."

-St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



St. Peter Chrysologas (July 30) was Archbishop of Ravenna, Italy in the fifth century. He was concerned about boring his listeners, and attempted to keep his homilies short and succinct. Although concise, the profound content of his preaching, as exemplified above, earned him recognition as a Doctor of the Church. Through the intercession of St. Peter Chrysologas, may we be attentive, appreciative, and able to apply the knowledge and wisdom our clergy

share with us in their homilies.

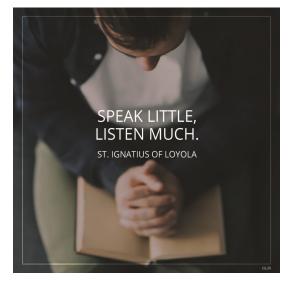
"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



St. Ignatius of Loyola (July 31) founded the Jesuit order and wrote the spiritual exercises that have been helping Christians to pray contemplatively since the sixteenth century. Ignatius advocated praying a daily examen, by which we can notice the presence of God in our daily lives, and also be aware of our sins and opportunities for growing in love of God and others. May St. Ignatius intercede for us so that we can see

God's presence and know His love even during challenging times.



AN OUTDOOR EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020 AT 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in Gibsonia.

Father Levi Hartle and local worship leaders will lead the praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the world as we enter into a time of praise, worship, Adoration, intercession, confession, prayer ministry and rich fellowship.

Father Boniface Hicks, OSB will preside and speak about 1) the movements of the Holy Spirit that led to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Duquesne Weekend and 2) how to open our hearts to deeply receive the fire of God's Love—the Holy Spirit.

Join us in person @ 10745 Babcock Blvd, Gibsonia, PA 15044 or online @ thearkandthedoveworldwide.org.



HEARTS SPEAK TO HEARTS

WE SHOULD BE CHRISTIANS IN DEED, AS WELL AS IN NAME

We Christians frequently hear the parable of the wheat and the weeds. In a recent homily based on this reading, Fr. Alek shared some helpful nuggets of wisdom. What made ears perk up and listen extra closely was when he said, "Sometimes WE are the weeds!" Now, most of us don't regularly recognize, or even want to think of ourselves as 'the bad guy', but in our common humanity we ALL have a bit of 'weeds' in us, as well as (thankfully!) a goodly amount of 'wheat'. Fr. went on to explain: "The 'weed' is any of us when our public witness to the world is contrary to the Gospel we proclaim and the Creed we profess." And therein lies the rub ... we want to be evangelizing with our words, as well as with our lives, but we all have moments when our actions betray our stated beliefs.

St. Paul, in the seventh chapter of his letter to the Romans, puts it this way:

"For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want. Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. So, then, I discover the principle that when I want to do right, evil is at hand. For I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self, but I see in my members another principle at war with the law of my mind, taking me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?"

But then, Paul immediately answers his question with: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Fr. Alek offers reason for that thanks, reminding us that God is merciful, and telling us that "...Jesus is a wise farmer. He urges patience." (And, dear Reader, let us remember that patience, like love, is a decision! We can do this!)

Therefore, not to worry ... for there is hope! As long as we breathe, there is hope — hope of repentance, and change, and new life. Fr. Alek encourages us to "...focus single-mindedly on our task now. Our job is to preach the Gospel, and to work, to the best of our ability and with the help of grace, to ensure that we are not weeds, but wheat: strong and virtuous, nourishing and wholesome, good seed-bearing, abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God."

- R. Be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity.
 - * In this way you will save both yourselves and those who listen to you.
- $\dot{\mathbb{V}}$. Practice these duties; devote yourselves to them, so that all may see your progress.
 - * In this way you will save both yourselves and those who listen to you.
 - Responsory from The beginning of St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Magnesians, Office of Readings, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGISTER FOR MASSI

Although, our re-entry to in-person worship has gone well, it is good to offer the following reminders:

With the number of Covid-19 cases rising in our area, it continues to be necessary that everyone who is participating in person at Mass (including daily celebrations) register. The in-church count has been higher than the number of those registered. At this time, the registration process is mandatory. If you do not have access to the online *Sign Up Genius*, a friend, neighbor, or church staff member can sign up on your behalf.

If you are not comfortable with this process yet still want to receive the Eucharist, please listen to the Mass from your car at SSJ. After Mass, Communion will be distributed to you.

Masks are still required. Please exit the church after receiving Communion; do NOT return to your pews. Maintain a 6-foot distance around you at all times, especially when receiving Communion. Those who wish to receive the Eucharist on the tongue are to take places at the end of the line to allow the priest or deacon to sanitize fingers before offering you the Eucharist.

Reminder: Do NOT come to Mass if you are ill. If you have traveled to high risk areas, or have been in contact with someone with Covid 19 symptoms, please stay home for at least two weeks.

PARISHIONERS ARE STILL GIVING HOPE TO ALL BY **PLACING** CROSSES. STATUES, AND **MORE IN THEIR** WINDOWS AND **OUTSIDE THEIR** HOMES!

Join us! Display a cross, a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Or create an outdoor display for all to see!





Thanks to all who are participating in this unique way to evangelize and give hope to our neighbors! Send your picture to: bulletin@CGScatholic.org

MUSIC AT OUR MASSES

The following Masses will have music (organist-cantor):

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. SSJ Saturday: 5:00 p.m. SEAS Sunday: 10:00 a.m. SMOS 10:30 a.m. SEAS 11:30 a.m. SSJ* Sunday: Sunday:

The early Sunday morning Masses will be with NO music: 7:30 a.m. SMOS | 8:00 a.m. SEAS | 9:00 a.m. SSJ

The weekday Masses at SSJ will have music, in accordance with "keeping Sunday all week," as these Masses are livestreamed and will rebroadcast throughout the day.

*The 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at SSJ will be livestreamed and will rebroadcast throughout the day.

This is subject to change as things slowly return to the new normal in this "green phase".

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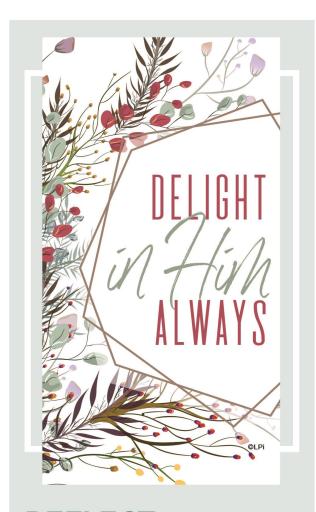
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Please do not attend a Mass in person unless you have registered on our website. There is limited seating permitted. If you are not registered, you cannot attend. Call Melissa if you need assistance. Visit our website: CGScatholic.org



REFLECT

FIRST READING

As a young man and new king of Israel, Solomon asks the Lord for the gift of wisdom. How do you exercise the virtue of wisdom in your daily life?

SECOND READING

How do you think Paul can assert with such certainty: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God"?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus offers several "end of the age" parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an inclusive invitation). What do you think Jesus is teaching his disciples about the kingdom of heaven?



Liturgy of the Hours

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."
—Psalms 119: 105

We all need regular and dependable guidance in our everyday walk as Christians. God's holy Word provides us with just this type of holy assistance as we pray through the Liturgy of the Hours. It can be occasionally, or regularly, all of the Hours, or just certain ones that our daily routine allows us to find time for. Either way, any time we expose ourselves to God's Word, and every time we open ourselves to listening and responding to God, most especially when using words that have been given to us by the Holy Spirit, we'll find ourselves in a good place and on the right track.

Check into praying the Liturgy of the Hours. You'll be glad you did!

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." — Hebrews 4:12

MASS INTENTIONS SAID BY FR. JEROME

Intention Requested by Margaret Stewart Marie Morgan Theresa Scotti Anthony & Barbara Penna Sister Antoinette Basia, DCP Tom O'Shea Tom O'Shea Michael Romah Ann, Paul & Cathy Basia Tom O'Shea Tom O'Shea John L. O'Shea Emil & Catherine Lopatawski Tom O'Shea Rose Felix Marie Morgan Bernadette Gillotti Edgar Kochka Tom O'Shea Marianne Milroy Kathleen Y. Shea Tom O'Shea Rosie Ramos Tom O'Shea Barbara Gilberti Tom O'Shea



WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer. don't we?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES IN CHURCH?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

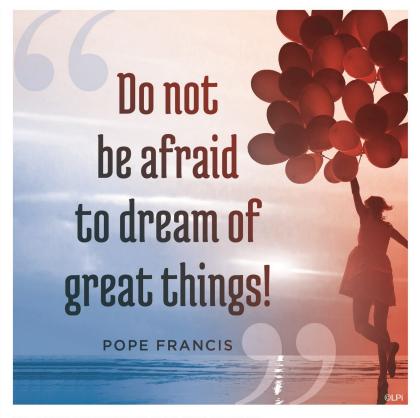
As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

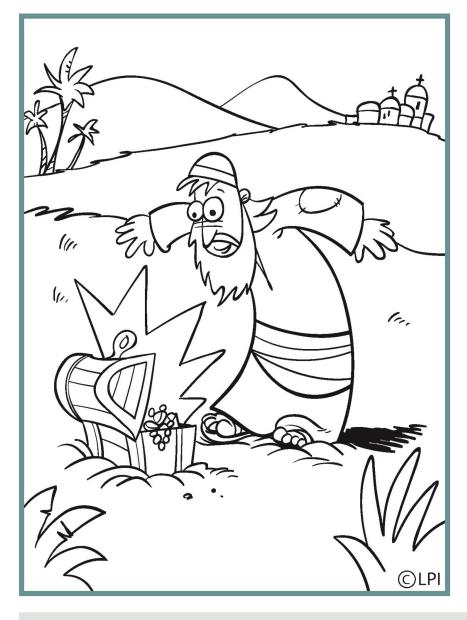


17世 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Kids Corner READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

PRAYER

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

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For arrangements please call Dee Fitzsimmons.

Marriage

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Anointing

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death.

If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.

Penance

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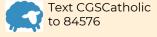
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