



July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
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Catherine Pavlowski, Jr. High Coordinator/Youth Minister
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552
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MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance.
Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



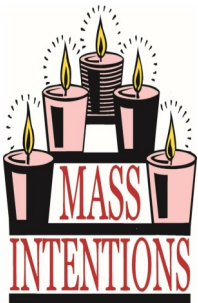
July 23—July 31, 2022

Sat.	23 4:00 PM	Maria Louisa Bonvin
Sun.	24 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Rose, Tony, & John D'Andrea Antonette Varrone
Mon.	25 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Tue.	26 9:00 AM	Special Intention
Wed.	27 9:00 AM	Maria Sendas
Thr.	28 9:00 AM	Fr. Greg
Fri.	29 9:00 AM	
Sat.	30 4:00 PM	Baldino Family & Jessica
Sun.	31 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Vincenza Pietrangeli Robert & Joan Bissonette



The Sanctuary Light burns for peace in Ukraine

"If we don't pray for them, who will pray for us?"



We have many openings during the week
for Mass Intentions.

Please consider having a Mass said
in memory of a loved one.

Call the parish office to schedule a Mass.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

A few weeks ago, you should have received an email welcoming you to LEAD Academy.

Beginning June 1, 2022, all **Readers** and **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** who were originally mandated and completed their initial formation were invited by Bishop Caggiano to **take one course every six months** to maintain your authorization to serve in your ministry.

When you log into **LEAD** (<https://Bridgeport.leadlms.com/login>) you can enter your user name (**your email**) and your password.

Click on "**Academy**" and you will see a track for your ministry. Once you click on that track, you can add the courses you wish to take by clicking on the **+Add button**.

You are required to take **ONE course every six months**.

If you take more than one course per track, you might run out of courses in the future, so do not work ahead.

Hopefully, this answers all the questions our ministers may have. Your current mandates are invalid at the end of June unless you comply by taking the courses suggested at the LEAD Academy.

If you have no access to a computer, please call Jeannie at the parish office so that she can set up a training session for you face to face.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of July 17, 2022

Offertory — \$ 3620.90

On-line — \$ 1059.00

Co-op Missions — \$1053.00



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device.

Please go to the parish website,
www.standrewchurchbpt.org
and click on-line giving.

Credit Card Donations

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Andrew Parish

***We Stand With Christ
Campaign Redemption Update***

Total Pledged: \$317,585.00

Total Collected (As of 3/21/22): \$180,585.00 (57%)

To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.

If you have made a pledge, please honor your commitment so our church can benefit from your donation!



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.

Bible Brain Teaser

Answers to last week's brain teaser

- 1) C — 300
- 2) A — 7 sons, 3 daughters
- 3) B — Elihu

This week's challenge

- 1) What name appears in the shortest Bible verse?

A — Eve B — Jesus
C — Moses D — Job

- 2) Which angel announced the birth of John the Baptist?

A — Michael B — Raphael
C — Gabriel D — Angel isn't named

- 3) Samuel was brought as a child to Shiloh to serve with this person.

A — Eli B — Simon
C — Paul D — John



July Benedictions

Sunday, July 24, 9:00 AM
***Please stay for a few minutes
and spend some time with
Our Lord!***

NO BENEDICTION IN AUGUST

July 24, 2022

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



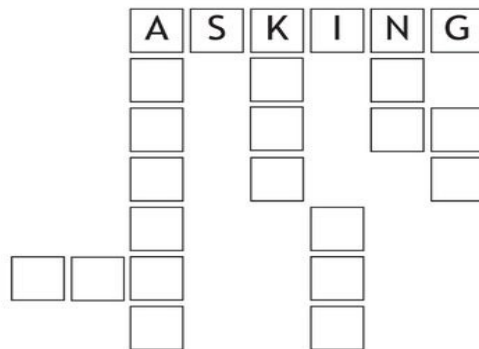
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 11:1-13



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.



MISSION

Make time to pray every day this week.



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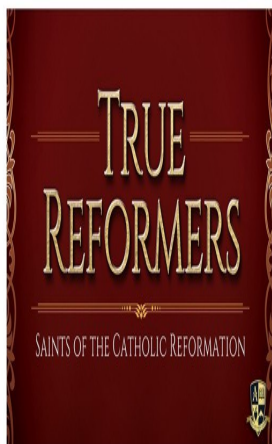
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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 24, 2022

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Food Pantry Needs

The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: Beef-a-Roni, Spaghetti's, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, Lysol wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, granola bars. Our food pantry is now open once a month. Many thanks in advance for your support.

If any family in our parish and school community is in need of a food, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171 or Janis at 203-610-1554.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.



**Please pray for all the intentions
in our parish prayer line book, especially
for those in the hospital and nursing homes.**

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Parish Rosary Group

We need you at Rosary! Mary, our Blessed Mother, nearly 105 years ago, gave this message to the three shepherd children of Fatima: "To pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia." This looms ever more so today, as Russia commits more and more atrocities against the Ukrainian people.



We also have our own problems in America with gun violence, drug addiction and so many others. We need the Rosary now more than ever! So, please join us Monday at 7:00 PM.



You can't sow and reap the same day!



Faith Formation

ADULT FORMATION

RCIA: If you have never been baptized or were baptized and never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation and would like more information on how to become a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

Adult Confirmation: If you are over the age of 18 and have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Registration packets have been mailed. Please complete all forms and return to the parish office as soon as possible. Program calendar and family handbooks will be sent in August to all who are registered for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you are new to the parish or have a child in grades Kindergarten thru Eight and would like to have your child attend our Parish Religious Formation classes in September, please contact the parish office.



Family Scripture: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

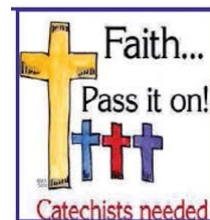
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

What a wonderful scene Luke paints for us today! The disciples watch Jesus at prayer. They see how much prayer means to him. One of them gets up the nerve to request: "Lord, teach us to pray." And Jesus responds by sharing the Lord's Prayer with them. (This is a shorter version than the one we pray, which is from Matthew 6:9-13.) Then Jesus completes his lesson on prayer by telling us two parables. The first urges us to persist in prayer. The second reminds us that we do not always pray for the right things. God know best what we truly need.

Questions for reflection and discussion: Try praying one line of the Our Father each day, at various times all during the day. The first day pray: "*Father, hallowed be your name.*" The second day pray: "*Father, your kingdom come.*" And so on. How can you hallow—make holy—God's name? How can you help God's Kingdom to come? How can you appreciate and share daily bread and all the gifts you receive from the Father each day? How can you ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness to others? (from Sadlier)

Seeking ways to pray?

The Jesuits of Ireland offer a daily opportunity for prayer and meditation through their website *Sacred Space*. Sacred Space guides users through a self-paced session of prayer centered on a passage of scripture. For more information or to long in go to: www.sacredspace.ie/daily-prayer.



PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

Become a catechist, and watch your faith grow!

We are looking for volunteers to serve in our Faith Formation Program (FLUFF) as a catechist for the 2022-2023 school year. Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit urging you to respond? By serving as a Catechist, you will have the opportunity to respond to this call by helping our young parishioners learn and grow in faith as they encounter Christ in their lives.

Please note: All volunteers must complete the 'Protecting All God's Children' (*Virtus*) awareness program. For additional information, please contact: Sandra Kluun or Cathy Pavlowski at 203-374-6171.