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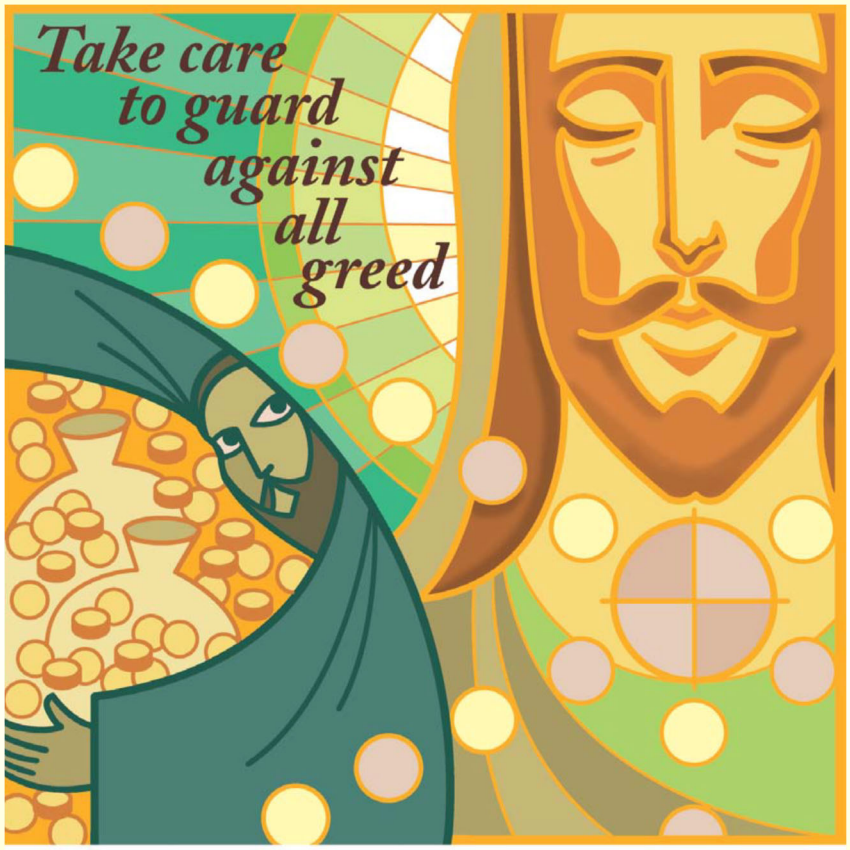

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you" (Luke 12:20). Hardly sounds like mercy! Unlike some contemporary rich folks, there is no indication of lying, stealing, or cheating in Jesus' parable. The rich man made a living, not a killing. Why does Jesus name him "fool"? First, because of presumption. Five times in nine verses, the rich man declares, "I shall." God's not in charge here, I am! Second, selfishness—four times, "my/myself." No God, no neighbor; he talks to himself, about himself: *my* possessions, *my* productivity, *my* plans! So, instead of chasing "treasure for ourselves," Jesus and Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bid us grow "rich in what matters to God" (12:21), namely, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Give food, drink, clothing, and healing; visit the imprisoned; bury the dead. Heal with Jesus' own gentleness the doubt, ignorance, and sins of others; comfort, forgive, be patient; and pray for the living and dead. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ***5:00 p.m.***

SUNDAY ***8:30 and 11:15 a.m.***
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. *(Summer)*

WEEKDAY ***8:00 a.m. Tues.-Thur.***

HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES
(please refer to bulletin)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
First Friday each month
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office for Mass & Prayer Intentions, Carillon Memorials, Catholic Exponent, Family Info. Changes, Bulletin News, Parishioner Registration, or details about any Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back -flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means "turban." Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a *camelaucum.* Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop's removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass.....	*Virginia Lesso*
	10:30 a.m. Mass.....	*Frank J. McKinley*
Mon.	No Liturgy	
Tues.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	*People of St. Joseph*
Wed.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	*Mary Ann Painley*
Thur.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	*For Vocations*
Fri.	6:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Sat.	4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation	
	4:20 p.m. Rosary	
	5:00 p.m. Mass.....	*Peg Cofojohn*
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass.....	*Jane Ann Bernier*
	10:30 a.m. Mass.....	*Janis Rooth*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102; Mt 14:13-21
Tues: Jer 30:1-2,12-15, 8-22; Ps 102:16-21,29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14
Wed: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10,11-12ab,13; Mt 15:21-28
Thur: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15,18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Fri: Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,41; Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .

Sun: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-22; Hb 11:1-2,8-19 [1-2,8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

PASTOR'S CORNER

Christ the Teacher offers us a lot to think about in today's gospel passage. He reminds us that "one's life does not consist of possessions." The rich man is focused on "I"- concerned only about himself and his acquired possessions. The Christ-centered focus will always be upon "we." How do we share the many gifts that are given to us by a loving God and Father, for the benefit of God's entire human family? The challenging question presented to us by Christ is how do we grow rich in what matters to God? We live in a faith community that encourages us to put the needs of others before our own. We are called as disciples of Christ to live and serve others as an expression of gratitude to a generous God who provides for our needs and wants us to be good stewards of His gifts. May we pray for the Holy Spirit to help us always guard against greed and continuously keep our hearts generously open to the many opportunities that allow us to care for all of God's people. *—Fr. Ed Stafford*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Suzy Hafemeister	Paula Krebs	Lynn Davis
Joe Robine	Diane Sanderson	Dan Nuti
Sabina Delgado	Irene Welling	Jo Marie Bailey
Andy Kollarik	Cheryl Erickson	Susan Temple
Joan Kodash	Dean Kohanyi	Mary Ann Feddor
Jane Raps	Zoe Craig (Pinter)	Dan Baumbick
Kathy Morcarski	Bunny Fritz	Natalie Jahn
Pat Smith	Alivia Julliana	Vic Santillo
Chuck & Marcia Verardi	Tammy Cozzone	Reynaldo S. Bernardo
Kathy Paroff	E. Louise Clark	Cathy Sherbondy
Sharon Olszak	Lily Peterson	Betty Flynn
Marcia Reed	Ann Salva	

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—8/6-7:

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

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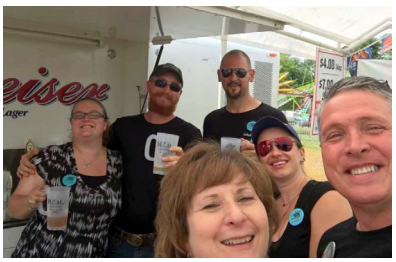

EVANGELATION IN ACTION

"Not sure who to thank. But, after I came out of the event to my motorcycle, I found a pin, and was told my motorcycle had been blessed. To some, they may have brushed it off, but to me, it was very moving and touching, and much more appreciated then you would know. We all have our personal battles we contend with, and this act helped lighten my spirit tremendously. Simply put, thank you." *—Bert Csizek*

(shared on Ox Roast Facebook page)

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MANTUA SOCCER ASSOCIATION SIGN-UPS
Sign-ups for the Fall 2016 season of the area's recreational soccer league take place on Sundays, July 31 & August 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in St. Joe's Pavilion. There will also be an opportunity at Crestwood Community Days on Sunday, August 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the High School Stadium. Boys & girls ages 4-12 (on or before Sept. 1) may participate. If you can't make the in-person sign-ups, the printable registration form is available at www.mantuasoccerohio.com. You'll also find more information on their Facebook page. Questions??? Please contact Kate Hankinson, Vice President (330-606-3440 or katehankinson@gmail.com) or Andy Pfost, President (330-714-8455 or apfost3@gmail.com).

SEPTEMBER SONG CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR SENIORS
Camp Christopher's September Song is an excellent choice for anyone age 50+ who enjoys meeting new people, spending time outside and making new memories. Throughout the day, campers are offered a variety of activities from which to choose: daily Mass or prayer services, swimming, crafts, canoeing, hiking, riding the zipline, or simply relaxing on the beach. September Song campers can be as active or as relaxed as they choose. September Song 2016 begins Sunday, August 14, and ends Friday, August 19. The cost is $300.00 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and all entertainment and activities. Financial assistance is available from Friends of Camp Christopher, friendsofcampchristopher@gmail.com. For more information or to register, see www.ccdocle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song or call Catholic Charities at 330-762-2961.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Mantua K of C Women's Auxiliary is hosting a bus trip to Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA, on Friday, September 16. The cost is $40.00 person and each attendee will receive $20.00 in free play. The group will depart from the K of C Hall at 9:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Please call 330-274-4982 and leave a message to reserve your seat.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~
St. Paul Church, 935 E. State St., in Salem is hosting an event for everyone in the area on Sunday, August 14, 2:00-4:30 p.m. & Monday, August 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Can miracles stand up to the test of science? If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event! Watch a video preview of this event at www.sciencetestsfaith.com/stpaulsalem.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome *Kilian Vincent Kulka*, son of Eric & Allison, who entered our Christian faith through the waters of Baptism on Sunday, July 24, 2016. May the grace and blessings that he receives from God guide him throughout his life.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
St. Joseph Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 8, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. For more info., please visit www.redcrossblood.org/ or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
CAN YOU HELP? We are in need of volunteers for the donation day – one person to help with registration and one person to assist at the refreshment area. Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com) if you're able to lend a hand for all or part of the day. Thank you for your support.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is on Monday, August 15. It remains a holy day however the obligation to attend Mass is cancelled. However, we will have an 8:00 a.m. Mass in observance of this feast day.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION ENGAGED COUPLE RETREAT
The next diocesan sponsored one day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held August 20, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. This experience is ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation. Reservations are required. To view the entire schedule for 2016, visit www.doy.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page.

CHICKEN DINNER & CAR SHOW
SS. Edward and Lucy Parish, 16150 Center St., Parkman, is hosting their 8th Annual Chicken Dinner & Car Show on Sunday, August 21. BBQ Chicken Dinner served 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and features BBQ chicken, parsley potatoes, homemade coleslaw, roll, dessert & beverage for $11.00 Adults or $6.00 Children (10 & ↓). This rain or shine event includes Classic Cars & Trucks, Chinese Auction, Raffles, Bingo, DJ Cory, Family Horse Racing. Car Show Entry is only $10.00 donation. Entries receive goodie bags & dash plaques and there'll be raffles and door prizes. For more information, please visit ssedwardlucy.com or call 440-548-3812.

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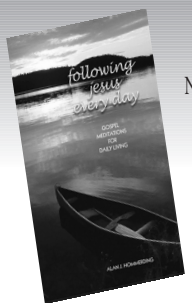

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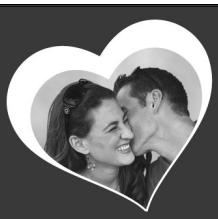

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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of July 31 - Aug. 7 ~

Sun.	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Mantua Soccer Assoc. Sign-Ups (Pavilion)
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	K of C Women's Auxiliary Mtg. (K of C)
	7:30 p.m.	K of C Mtg. (K of C)
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Cares Mtg. (APR)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Obers)
Wed.	8:00 p.m.	AA Mtg. (Hall)
Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Fri.	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sat.	4:00-4:30 p.m.	Private Reconciliation (Church)
	4:20 p.m.	Rosary (Church)
Sun.	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Mantua Soccer Assoc. Sign-Ups (Pavilion)

CARILLON MEMORIALS

August 1 *Joe Koval*

Carillon Memorials are always welcome to memorialize or honor those special people in your life or mark events such as anniversaries, birthdays or graduations. A $20.00 donation will reserve your date for which the Angelus and seasonal hymns will ring both at noon and at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com) to schedule your Carillon Memorials.

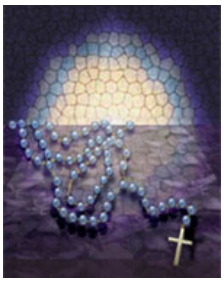
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place the first Friday of each month, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The next scheduled date is Friday, August 5. Parishioners are encouraged to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion. Silent prayer is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., praise, worship, and adoration takes place from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy is 8:15 to 8:45 p.m., and group prayer concludes the evening, 8:45 to 9:00 p.m. Music is also provided. All are welcome to take part in this act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist.

WORRY

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about *never* happen. —*Anonymous*

THE HOLY ROSARY
CONTEMPLATING CHRIST WITH MARY



The Rosary is an incredible prayer. It's deceptively simple, and profoundly deep. A simple vocal prayer, and a school of silent contemplation. It's as small as a palm full of beads, and as wide as the Gospels. The Rosary will be prayed on the first Saturday of each month at 4:20 p.m. (parishioners are asked to sign up for future months). Please join us for this devotion this coming Saturday, August 6.

A LIFE OF SIMPLICITY

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Are you rich in what matters to God? If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Please contact Fr. Christopher Luoni (330-744-8451 or cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

FR. ED TRIES OUT NEW MOWER

Thank you for your strong support of our need to maintain our extensive property with a new, very sturdy and reliable mower. Your generosity directed to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund and the revenue produced from the Ox Roast Fair helped in the purchase and delivery of this important piece of equipment. May it provide many years of service in maintaining the grounds of St. Joseph Parish! God bless you all for your support and generosity! —*Fr. Ed*

WHY THE CHURCH ALWAYS NEEDS MONEY

Every need is an unfailing sign of life and growth. Body, mind and soul have their needs and they must be met continually. A ministry that is constantly in need of funds is alive and growing and going somewhere. A dead ministry has no need and will not bother you.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To be a registered member of a parish is to have a sense of belonging to a family. Registration is important when it comes to requesting the Sacraments or becoming involved in the life of the parish family. Please do not take for granted that you are registered just because you attend Mass here. Are you on our database? Do you receive envelopes? If not, you are most likely not registered as an active parishioner. Each family member, 18 years of age or older, should be registered separately. If you would like to become an active registered member of the parish, please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com) and we will be happy to provide information about our parish and our many ministries and programs.