

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 7, 2019



SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

5:30 P.M. Lawrence & Frances Koslowski
Jared Fisher
Vincent "Jim" Spina
Ron Moebius
Rosalia Pizzuto

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Walter Donnelly
10:00 A.M. Jose Veneracion
Bernard Harrsch
William H. Neurouter
12:00 Noon Elaine Arendas
Beverly Jenkins

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

8:00 A.M. Anna Manica

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

8:00 A.M. Tranquilino de Guzman

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Deborah Schaefer

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

5:30 P.M. Vincent "Jim" Spina
Dorothy Smyth
In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Rev. Otto Hearle
10:00 A.M. Rev. Arkad Biczak
Robert Killi
12 NOON Elaine Arendas
Eugenia & John Gryscko

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto Ray Nyhuis
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Jordan Soroko
Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Jeffrey Barsness
Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Kathleen Kiley
Ann Cervino Bernie Shushan Jean'na Wojik Post
DECEASED: Our Faithful Departed

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few" Lk. 10:2

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. When I've read these words of Jesus before, I always thought that Jesus was complaining about the lack of laborers. But what if the shortage of laborers isn't a bug in God's program? What if it's an intentional feature?

Throughout God's story, he has always used the most unlikely people in the most ridiculous ways. He chose a barren couple to be the parents of many nations. He picked a wimpy kid to be the king of Israel. He selected a family from the backwoods of Galilee to give birth to the Messiah. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. And maybe that's the way God likes it!

I think of Gideon's army, which God whittled down to just 300 men. In the eyes of common sense, they had no chance at all. But through God's power, they were able to defeat the enemy.

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What does it mean for us, as a tiny congregation amidst the great parishes, to be faithful? What does it mean to claim the hope of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus and the disciples, whose life he changed forever? What does it mean to be the few laborers, steadfast even when we can't perceive the harvest?

As God said to the prophet Samuel, "the Lord does not see as mortals see; human beings look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Holy Spirit, speak to our hearts. Show us how to be faithful to your guidance, your mission, your love.

Jesus' ministry

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. Jesus ministry and mission to his people was and is defined by three simple yet incredibly significant things:



Teaching – In synagogues training disciples on kingdom values and what a kingdom citizen looks like.

Preaching – calling people to turn from sin, turn towards God because His kingdom is at hand in Jesus.

Healing – Comprehensive care and lasting relief every kind of disease and affliction.

This is the same ministry and mission he gives his disciples and gives us. We have been called and commissioned to spread this Gospel. Motivated by the deep love and compassion Jesus has shown us we urgently call people to, Trust Jesus!

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son.

ARE YOU JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS?

It is easy to “go through the motions” as Catholics, and one of the easiest gestures to forget the meaning of is the genuflection. Often we will find ourselves mindlessly walking into church, finding a pew and kneeling quickly on one knee before sitting down. We sometimes do it so much without thinking that when we walk down the aisle of a movie theater we end up genuflecting before we sit down for the show!

So why do Catholics genuflect before the altar in church? Historically speaking, the act of genuflecting on one knee comes from court etiquette and was done while in the presence of a medieval king or noble. It was a sign of respect as well as a pledge of service.

Christians adopted this custom over time, and it became fully integrated into the liturgy of the Roman Rite by the 16th century. The left knee was always used to give reverence to a king and so to distinguish the Christian usage of the custom, Christians would genuflect in church on the right knee to God.

God has always been known to Jews and Christians as a king who is rich in mercy and boundless in love. To give honor to that “King of Love,” Christians thought it fitting to pay respect and honor to him by genuflecting every time they entered his “court.”

This meant bending on one knee whenever they passed in front of the tabernacle — the little house in every Catholic church that holds the Blessed Sacrament.

For Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist and so when we genuflect, we do so because we *are* in God’s presence.

Courtesy of P. Koslosky



WHAT IS TRUTH?

Many of us who hear that question, “What is truth?” immediately think of Pontius Pilate speaking to Jesus during Holy Week. Jesus did not reply, for He knew that He *was* the truth. Jesus had already said the words, “I am the way, the truth and the life”. Pilate did not recognize the truth for himself; sometimes we don’t recognize it either. As Catholic Christians, we need to understand that the truth, as Jesus refers to it, is not the truth we make up for ourselves, but the truth as He spoke it and as the Word reveals.

In our culture many want to make truth relative. You have heard people say, “You have your truth and I have mine.” That’s not truth. If someone’s idea about something does not conform to what the facts actually are, then that is in error—no matter how convinced he or she is about being right. It is a kind of spiritual blindness; the same thing Pilate experienced when he did not see the truth, Jesus, standing right in front of him.

People often don’t realize that their perceptions are distorted. When you make a statement about something that does actually exist, then such a statement could be called a truth. Any statement that would contradict that statement would then be an untruth. When that statement is made deliberately in an attempt to deceive others, then that statement is called a lie. Pretty basic, isn’t it? Unfortunately, there is so much dishonesty in our society about the very nature of truth that many are confused. Since God is the source of all that is, and knows his creation perfectly, He is the fullness of all truth.

Jesus says, “..when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears...” (Jn 16).

When you answer a question, do you have the courage to answer truthfully even if you know the answer is not what people want to hear? Before you speak, do you pause and listen for a moment so that the Spirit of truth can guide you?

POST ABORTION

An “Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer and Healing for **men** who have lost a child to abortion will take place Saturday, July 13, 2019, at Our Lady of New York Convent in the Bronx. The day will be directed by Rev. Mariusz Koch, CFR and is hosted by Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion.

For further information, or confidential reservations call: [877-586-4621](tel:877-586-4621), or email at lumina@postabortionhelp.org Come and experience the mercy of God!

Carnival News

Yes! The St. Francis Carnival is only weeks away! At last year's carnival, to celebrate Wanaque's 100th birthday, our parish donated 80 ride bracelets (at \$30.00 per bracelet) to children in Wanaque Borough whose families could never afford to come to the carnival before. Friday night at last year's carnival was a joy to see—happy kids everywhere. So, we are going to do it again. We will celebrate Wanaque's 101st birthday. Beginning the weekend of June 8-9, donation baskets will be in the narthex and at the side church entrance. If you can, just drop a few bucks in the basket—or more if you are able. Last year, those few bucks really added up. And one more thing—PLEASE pray for good weather. Thank you.



CARNIVAL

JULY 29TH - AUGUST 3RD

Please note the carnival will run from Monday through Saturday this year. We have the usual need for volunteers, so we are asking

that you seriously consider volunteering your time to help run a successful carnival. Think about giving your time as a way of giving back for all the good in your life. The volunteer sign-up forms are in the Narthex and by the side entrance to the church. Please fill one out and return it to the rectory. Your help is greatly needed.

Help is also greatly needed for setting up the carnival and taking it down. Dale Ostrander is the man in charge of this and the help he gets is minimal. There is a lot of work in preparing for a carnival of our size and it takes manpower, not just Dale power. We appreciate the few who show up to set up the tent and trailers, but there just isn't enough help. We are reaching out to all able-bodied men and high schoolers to volunteer your time to help your parish. This is your church and your help is needed. Let us work together as a family! Please call the rectory to say "yes, you're willing to help." Thank you!

Advanced Ride Tickets are available at the rectory. There are 15 tickets to one sheet and the cost is \$10. These tickets are only available at the rectory up until 4pm Friday, July 26th. These are a good deal to purchase for your little ones who cannot use the full value of a Bracelet.

Bracelets "Pay One Price" will be available every night Monday through Saturday this year. The cost will be \$30 (same as last year) and are only sold on the carnival grounds in a separate tent. They are not available at the rectory.

Each year we ask our parishioners for donated items to help defray the cost to the parish. For those of you who can help us with these items, the following is a list of only what is needed:

- Bottled water (17oz.)
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Powdered sugar
- Paper towels

We appreciate any help you can give us in supplying these items. Thank you

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God Bless you.

A SURE WAY TO A HAPPY DAY

Happiness is something we create in our mind,
It's not something you search for and so seldom find-
It's just waking up and beginning the day
By counting our blessings and kneeling to pray-
It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent
And accepting what comes as a "gift heaven-sent"-
It's giving up wishing for things we have not
And making the best of whatever we've got-
It's knowing that life is determined for us,
And pursuing out tasks without fret, fume, or fuss-
For it's by completing what God gives us to do
That we find real contentment and happiness.

Helen Steiner Rice

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

Martha Bisaccio & Margaret O'Neill

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Joan Ruffino

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

7:30 A.M. Jason Velante
10:00 A.M. Judy Moran
12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

7:30 A.M. Gina Martellacci & Sandy Weigand
10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani
12 NOON Matt Kampff & Tony Mazza

BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow	John 14
When men fail you	Psalm 27
When you have sinned	Psalm 51
When you worry	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger	Psalm 91
When God seems far away	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical	I Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out	Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task	Joshua 1
When you think of investments and returns	Mark 10
If you are depressed	Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty	Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people	I Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind	John 15
If discouraged about your work	Psalm 126
If self pride/greatness takes hold	Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful	John 15
For understanding of Christianity	II Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity	Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men	Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness	Colossians 3:12-17

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