

JULY 2, 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY - Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:30 Joseph Mulligan req. by Clare & Mike Gallagher
Daniel & Dorothy Morganelli req. by the Wick Family

TUESDAY – Independence Day

9:00 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Ellen Ormond
Joseph Mulligan req. by Nancy & Robert Morgenstern

WEDNESDAY – Saint Anthony Zaccaria; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 Ray Moore req. by Nancy Duffy

THURSDAY – Saint Maria Goretti, Martyr

8:30 Marie Mink req. by Alice & Bill Kelly
Josephine Sica & Relatives req. by August Sica

FRIDAY

8:30 Gerard P. Weis req. by the Dunn Family
Special Intention for Anna & Simon Levien req. by Virgie

SATURDAY

8:30 Susan R. Cole req. by Beverly J. Cotis
5:30 Nancy Zande req. by Dorothy Eckweiler
Ray O’Leary req. by Janice Quinn

JULY 9, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Nancy Volin req. by Bob Morris & Family
9:00 Kay Brewer req. by the Dirle Family
Joseph Mulligan req. by the Knollhuff Family
10:30 George Grumbach req. by Doug & Terry Post
12:00 People of the Parish

PARISH FINANCES

June 25, 2017

\$10,340

REFLECTION

Our Generosity is a Response

In a farewell speech at the end of his September 2015 trip to the United States, Pope Francis told the people gathered at the Philadelphia International Airport, “Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him.

That sounds like something Elisha the prophet would have said to the woman we meet in today’s first reading. She and her husband extended to Elisha an open invitation to come and stay with them whenever he was in town. They even went so far as to offer him a furnished room free of charge whenever he needed a place to stay.

Generous giving without expecting a reward seemed to be this family’s motto. And yet, even if they didn’t expect it, this elderly couple did receive a reward. Grateful for their hospitality, Elisha prayed, and God gave them a child.

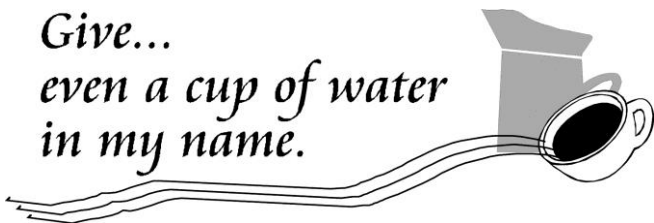
Now, Scripture is clear that we are saved by Jesus alone, not by our actions. But it’s also clear that God rejoices when we give our time, our treasure, and our talents in service to his people. Our acts of generosity move his heart, and he responds by pouring out his grace.

Does this mean that we should try to be generous so that God will reward us? Not exactly. Our generosity is a *response*, a reflection of the good he has done for us. We give generously so that we can show the world what God’s generosity looks like. We go out of our way for people because we want to bring his love to them. This is why Pope Francis keeps urging us to give, to reach out, and to show God’s love.

So sit down today, and try to come up with some ways you can give more to the poor, serve more in your parish or community, or be a more loving witness to the people around you. Know that the Lord rejoices in whatever you do for him.

From: *The Word Among Us*

*Give...
even a cup of water
in my name.*



THE WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon.	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	OFFICE CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY	
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	Church
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

A woman in Shunem believed strongly in the holiness of the prophet Elisha. To reward her, Elisha promised that she and her aging husband would, within the year, be the parents of a son.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul explains to the Romans that by immersion in water at baptism, they “die” to their sins; by rising from the water, they rise from “death and sin” to new life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others -- father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, “He who welcomes you, welcomes me.”

NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat’l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF, Pfc Paul Wilcock II. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

Answers to Word Search on Last Page



Filipino Mass

The Filipino Mass will be celebrated in Church on July 7th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

CONFIRMATION

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS.

If you have not registered your son or daughter for 9th or 10th grade Confirmation Classes, please visit our website for parent information and necessary forms.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. There will be NO Youth Group during the month of July.



SIGN UP NOW!

Registration Form can be found on our website or at the parish office!

Cost is \$50 per child.

August 7th – 11th (8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon)

Our Lady of the Lake’s Vacation Bible (incoming PreK-4 to 4th grade) is seeking volunteers to help with this summer’s VBS. Those interested must be entering 6th grade through adult. All adults 18 and over must be Virtus trained.

Please consider sharing your time, treasure and talent with our church community. This is also a great way to earn service hours! Questions, please contact Angela Bell: 862-955-0222 or huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES



Food Collection

SEC CHILDREN’S SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The following dates of food collections will be on the weekends of July 15-16 and August 12-13. Items such as cans of tuna, soup, fruit, meal-in-a-can, jello, pudding, cereal, mac & cheese, cookies, etc. are most appreciated. Thank you to all who have been donating to this program so generously.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Our Lady's Blue Army

Take a break from the hectic days of summer, and come to the beautiful Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mt. View Rd E., Asbury, NJ 08802. Join us July 13-16 for "A Weekend of Eucharistic Reparation" in honor of the **100th Anniversary** of the apparitions at Fatima. Come before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray the Rosary each hour, celebrate Holy Mass, and join in round-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration. Families, groups, ministries, and individuals are invited and encouraged to participate! Please say "YES", and give this special "Centennial" gift to our Blessed Mother! Go to our website: www.bluearmy.com for more information. Call (908)303-8859 or (908) 689-1700 X 210 to join us!

Catholic Homeschool Conference

The IHM New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College – Student Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ on Friday, July 28 (12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and on Saturday, July 29th (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

Fall 2017 Theology and Philosophy Courses

Assumption College for Sisters welcomes lay people to register for theology and philosophy courses for credit or audit and any other course for audit. For information on other courses, please contact the Academic Dean. \$510/course for credit; \$255/course for audit. For registration email: academicdean@acs350.org or call (973) 957-0188 ext. 106

Saint Kateri Parish Summer Blood Drives

The need for blood never takes a vacation. Help save a life and donate blood this summer!
Saturdays – 7:45 AM – 1:45 pm, July 15, August 19
Join us for breakfast, snacks, juice and good company after donation. Downstairs Community Room at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta. Please remember to eat, drink & bring ID! To sign up: www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives. For more information call Mary Stanek: (97) 770-0429 or Melissa O'Malley (201) 31-5160 Walk-ins Welcome!

St. Joseph's Shrine, Stirling, NJ

Devotion to Our Lady of Good Health, Velankanni, starting July 8th, every First Saturday, Rosary & Healing Mass at 5:30 PM. Our Lady of Good Health (Arogya Madha) also known as Our Lady of Velankanni, is one of the names of the Blessed Virgin According to the history of the people who lived in Velankanni, Mother Mary, carrying a child in her arms appeared to a Hindu shepherd boy, who offered milk to the child.....

FINANCE

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, www.parishpay.com) through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2017

"Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because this little one is a disciple, amen, I say to you he will surely not lose his reward."

One of the gifts Pope Francis extols, is the gift of hospitality. In our families, in our church, we have the ability to open the door and make others feel welcome. A familiar Irish expression reads "A Hundred Thousand Welcome."

Elisha the prophet in the Book of Kings, was offered hospitality by a wealthy woman, and she was rewarded for her gift. The person ready and willing to give ONLY a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus to a little one will not go without a reward.

In the past it was not common to see people carrying a water bottle in public. Sometimes we looked for a fountain for a drink. Maybe the gift of water and hospitality for us can be welcoming a stranger, assisting someone in need, listening to a person who has suffered a loss or suffering a sickness. Whatever gesture I offer can be the Elisha gesture and the water offering which might seem small, but does not go unrewarded.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Looking to ignite your spiritual life, or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider to participate in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The trip will take place on October



21, 2017 and will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer-filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. There are two options to participate: a two-day trip which includes visits to the St. Jude Shrine, the Baltimore Basilica, and the National Shrine in Washington, or the one full-day trip. We ask you to sign up at the parish office or next week after Mass on July 1-2, for this important spiritual journey that can change your life. Celebrate the year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local county Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at (973) 879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org."

Find the Books

There are 20 books of the Bible hidden in the box below. They may be written left-to-right; right to left; vertically; or diagonally. Many overlap. Can you find them all?

Amos	Kings	Acts	Job
Mark	Hosea	Jonah	Luke
Ezra	Nahum	Malachi	Peter
Joel	Daniel	Esther	Psalms
Titus	Romans	Jeremiah	John

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Answers are on page 2

HAPPY 4th OF JULY



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE PARISH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED ON

THE 4TH OF JULY



MASS WILL BE AT 9:00 AM

Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come.

We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.

We ask You to forgive us for these times.

On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people,

A holy nation,

A people set aside to love You forever,

For the sake of the land of the brave and free,

And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.

Our land is in need of You,

Our people are in need of You,

Our industry and business is in need of You.

May we look only to You

This Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,

Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.

May justice flow like rivers,

And righteousness like a never failing stream,

Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

One God, now and for all eternity.

Amen.