

JULY 8, 2018
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

MONDAY – Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Joseph Kovacs req. by Dorothea Koller

TUESDAY

8:30 Agnes Anzalone req by Mr & Mrs Rocco Sgarlato

WEDNESDAY – Saint Benedict

8:30 Joan Keough req. by Rita & John Scanlon

THURSDAY

8:30 Bob Quinn req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

FRIDAY

8:30 Frederick Juhls req. by Marie Eisenhardt

SATURDAY – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 Special Intention of Winnie Charles req. by Rita & John Scanlon

5:30 Robert P. Quinn req. by his wife & family
Mary McHugh req. by Janice Quinn

JULY 15, 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Virginia Bodo & Deceased members of the Bodo, Tran & Kelly Families req. by Robert Bodo & Family

9:00 Barbara Longo req. by Joan & Ken Allert

10:30 People of the Parish

James Ryan req. by Denise Aldana

12:00 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina

Trusting in God

A thorn in the flesh... (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Many theologians have guessed as to what Paul was referring to. Some say it was something physical like a chronic eye problem, migraines, or a speech impediment. Some say Paul was talking about temptations from the devil. Still others say Paul was referring to those “false apostles” who do a “great deal of harm”. Whatever it was, this “thorn” caused Paul a great deal of distress.

Now, compared to last Sunday’s Gospel, which told us that Jesus heals people who have faith in him, today’s reading tells us that even people who have great faith are not always healed. Paul had great faith, and he begged the Lord to deliver him, but the thorn remained.

Let this sink in for a moment: Paul the miracle worker, a man through whom people were healed just by touching his clothes, was himself not healed. Clearly healing is a mystery that we cannot fully understand.

But here is what we can understand: God, our heavenly Father, knows us intimately. He knows why Paul was not healed of this thorn. He knows why Francis of Assisi was not healed of his eye disease. He knows why some of our loved ones continue to suffer as well.

God knows all of the thorns in our lives – spiritual, emotional, and physical – and he knows the plans he has for our lives. In many cases, we won’t find the answers to these mysteries until we are united with the Lord in heaven. But that doesn’t mean we should lose faith. If anything, these mysteries should deepen it! Sometimes, the only answer we have is to trust God and have faith in “what we do not see”.

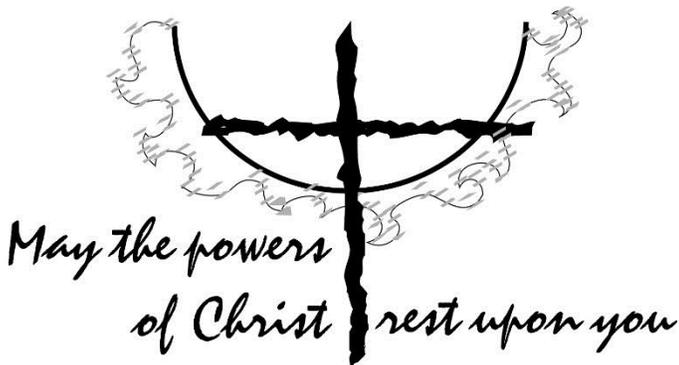
This is exactly what Paul did. He trusted that God’s grace would be sufficient for him. And it was sufficient – just as it can be for all of us.

“Lord, help me to deal with the thorns in my life. Jesus, I surrender them to you.”

From: *The Word Among Us*

PARISH FINANCES

Due to an early printer’s deadline, this week’s collection will be published in the next bulletin.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 7/9/18 – 7/14/18

Mon. – Fri. – Rev Brown Summer Steam Program		
	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Fri.	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	McKenna Hall
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. ***New and existing members are invited.***



LITURGY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

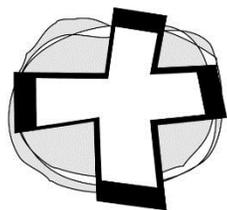
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13



**My grace
is enough for you**



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.

YOUTH GROUP

**High School & College Students Welcome
Monday Evenings
6:30-8:00 PM**

**There will not be Youth Group Meetings on
July 9th.**

9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Students and Parents

Current registration is now on the OLL website. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead! Should you have any questions, please contact Allison Ognibene at Allisono@ourladyofhelake.org. First Sundays of the month will begin again in September. The calendar for the upcoming Confirmation session is also posted on our website.

NEW DOGMA MEMBERS

Summer Intensive Sessions. Sundays, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29. The new DOGMA team members will focus on leadership skills, peer facilitation, personal journey with God.

DOGMA TEAM RETREAT

Paths to Peace - Friday, August 10 to Saturday, August 11 at the Mohican Outdoor Center. The team will be hiking part of the Appalachian Trail, and will listen to talks about peace, prayer, and trust in God. The retreat is to prepare the team for the Confirmation DOGMA retreats. Fee \$10.00.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Enjoy Grocery Shopping?

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's House Calls for Groceries (HCG) provides grocery shopping assistance on a weekly or biweekly basis to homebound residents in Morris County. Once matched, volunteers contact the HCG client to schedule a mutually convenient time to grocery shop. Volunteers visit the client's home to pick up the shopping list, and payment for the groceries. Then, the volunteer will shop at a local grocery store, deliver the groceries to the client's home and assist with putting items away. This is a great opportunity for professionals, retirees and students who are looking to for ways to create meaningful relationships with neighbors. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org

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 Mountain View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ. Join us for "A Weekend of Eucharistic Reparation" in honor of the 101st Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, July 12 – 15. 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 gift to our Blessed Mother! Go to our website: www.bluearmy.com
For more information call 908-303-8859 or 908-689-1700 X224 to join us.

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Pancake Breakfast

Benefitting Military Wounded and Local Veterans at Saint Kateri Church, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta Sunday, July 8, 12:30 PM at St. Kateri Community Room
Adults - \$10, Children under 12 - \$5.

REV. BROWN SUMMER STEAM PROGRAM Sign up now!

Beginning July 9th Reverend Brown School is offering a Summer Steam Enrichment Space is limited, so register early to guarantee your space. Program for all grades Pre-K thru 5th Grade. For more information, pick up a brochure at the school or parish office. Log on to www.revbrownschool.org. Click on Summer STEAM tab to get registration forms. Price per student: \$220 per week. Sign up for all 4 weeks and pay flat rate of \$800. Want to send all of your children? Receive the multiple child discount.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is for

- Those who have never received Christian baptism,
- People baptized in a Christian tradition other than the Catholic Church, and
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. We encourage one another to put our faith into action by living as part of our Catholic community, serving others and praying. Our RCIA sessions prepare our participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm starting September 12th. For information please contact Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

SUMMERTIME, VACATIONS AND MASS



If you are traveling to new territory and don't know the Mass schedule there, it is easy to find out. Go to www.masstimes.org on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

After **31 years** of dedication in serving the members of our parish, **Ellen Ormond Mueller** has retired from her position as bookkeeper/secretary at Our Lady of the Lake.

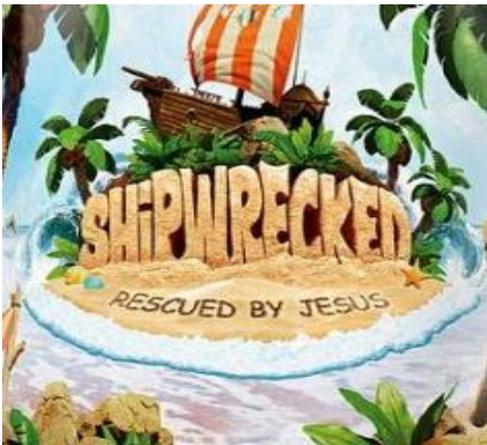
Claude Paiva, our maintenance supervisor, has also retired after serving the parish for **21 years**.

We wish Ellen and Claude many years of the very best of health and happiness in their retirement years.



We welcome Lori Kelly as a new member of our parish staff! Lori will take over the duties of Ellen Ormond Mueller who has retired.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DON'T GET SHIPWRECKED!



LET JESUS BE YOUR ANCHOR!

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer
Monday - Friday, August 6th-10th
9:30am till 12:30 pm.

Children entering PreK4 – 4th grade.
Registration fee \$50/child. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of the Lake Church, Memo: VBS 2018. Mail or drop off at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

Prayer, crafts, games, music, Bible stories and an awesome snack time! Registration sheets may be found on our website or at parish office. Adult volunteers who are Virtus trained are needed, call Angela Bell at 862-955-0222 or email her at

huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 2018

“Three times I begged the Lord about this. That it might leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you. For power is made perfect in weakness.’ I would rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses...”

Are we not all plagued by difficulties and problems? Do we have the courage to turn to the Lord as Paul did especially in moments of crisis? The litany of his hardships, and those of most people far exceed the troubles which come my way. The source of Paul’s contentment is the remedy for our difficulties as well.

His grace, His life, His power is available to us, especially in time of need. I only need to turn and express my dependence upon Him, to face whatever comes my way, the good and the bad. Weakness is certainly not the so called American way. Yet the secret is found in the Lord’s hidden presence if we but seek it and use it. May I repeat Paul’s mantra ‘I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.’ Paul did not give up but asked three times. Do I persevere? Only when we respond to the evils around us will we return to live in the image of his own nature. Now is the time.