

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

It is good to have Fr. Benedict back with us this Summer. Fr. Innocent will be away until mid-August. I will be back and forth between here and my mother in Glastonbury, Connecticut. I thank God for Fr. Javier and Fr. Benedict for making this possible, and for the excellent pastoral care they give to all of you. Again, I hope everyone will get some down time during these Summer weeks to be refreshed in body, mind, and soul. Summer can be a great opportunity to spend more time with the Lord in prayer and reflection, doing some good spiritual reading, so necessary to the nourishment and health of our soul.

In today's Gospel we have a beautiful image of the longing of the human heart for God as great crowds came to listen to Jesus' words. The Word of God strikes a chord deep within whether one accepts it or rejects it, for we are wired for God. In the Parable of the Sower and the Seed we hear in today's Gospel, the sower is God, the seed is His Word, and the soil is all of us who hear His Word. What kind of soil are we? Are our hearts rich soil where His Word can take root, grow, and blossom in our lives?

A whole retreat could be preached on this question, but let me just speak briefly of what our Lord tells us is most essential – **faithful, persistent, daily prayer**. Many will say that they are too busy to spend time in prayer every day. The truth, however, is that carving out some time every day to pray, as little as it may be, is the best expenditure of our time we could make. It fuels our hearts and our minds to do all that we have to do better and more efficiently, in a way that is pleasing to God.

Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God. It is having a conversation with God. And most importantly it is *listening* to Him. It is very tempting to give up on prayer, especially when it seems to be going nowhere, or when we are not getting the answers we want when we want them. Many of the Saints will tell us that this is because we often are not seeking God's Will in our prayer, but our own will. Of course we should pray for what we desire for ourselves and for others, but the ultimate prayer is "*not my will, but Your Will be done.*" In His Will is our Peace.

And for those of us who feel that our lives are just too busy to pray, listen to the wisdom of St. Mother Theresa: "*Prayer does not always demand that we interrupt our work, but that we continue working as if it were a prayer. It is not necessary to always be meditating, nor to consciously experience the sensation that we are talking to God, as nice as this would be. What matters is being with Him, living in Him, in His Will. To love with a pure heart, to love everybody, especially to love the poor is a twenty-four hour prayer.*" Such a heart is that "*rich soil*" for the seed, the Word of God, to take root and to blossom into something beautiful for our world, for our Church, and for our families. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Registration 2017-2018

Registration for all First Graders and New Registrants will be taken by appointment only during the summer months. Please call 357-6044 to make an appointment.

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell for your appointment.

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY PICNIC AT TAGASTE MONASTERY TODAY

**SUNDAY, JULY 16th, 2017
12PM TO 5:00PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**\$10 ADULTS 13 & Over
\$5 CHILDREN 3 – 12**

WELCOME BACK!

FR. BENEDICT ADU FRIMPONG

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, July 17

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Sunday, July 23

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

13th Sunday Collection - \$14,053.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,383

Solidarity for the Church in Africa- \$3,336.

Last Year's Collection- \$3,653

14th Sunday Collection – \$14,822.

Last Year's Collection - \$13,764.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2017

To date our parish has received **\$137,326.** in pledges/gifts toward the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal from 336 families. We have now surpassed our goal! **60% of every gift now will come directly back to our parish. Thank you for your generous support.**

SAVE THE DATE!!

UPCOMING EVENT HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CELEBRATION

FALL HARVEST WEEKEND OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 2017

Pumpkin decorating, pie baking contest, games and a petting zoo will be featured. Stay tuned for more details.

Please be sure to visit our online store for memorabilia honoring our 150th Anniversary! www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the online store link in the **About Tab.**

MASS TIMES ON VACATION

Call 1-800-MassTimes. This is a number you may call for Mass Schedules, location and directions to all Catholic Churches in any given area. Enter the zip code where you are going and all the information will be given to you. Website: www.MassTimes.org

MASS BOOK

2017 MASS BOOK is almost full. At the present time we have a number of 7am Mass slots available. The new book for 2018 is now opened.

When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to remember your loved ones.

Altar Wine - \$40.00

Altar Bread - \$30.00

Altar Candles \$20.00

Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00

...Together With An Unannounced Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IRISH HERITAGE DAY AT BOULDERS STADIUM SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

Come join the Knights to cheer on the Rockland Boulders as they take on Trois-Rivieres Aigles and at the same time support the Knights. Ticket are \$15 and include an infield Box Seat plus a Boulders Hat. To reserve tickets: Contact: Anthony Licandro at amlicandro@aol.com or Bill Irwin at bill@billirwinrealtor.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is closed for the summer, and will reopen Wednesday, September 13, 2017. **For food emergencies please call the rectory at 357-0035.**

A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

Sacred Heart is in need of those willing to help clean the Church. Cleaning is needed twice a week but on a rotating schedule and usually once a month. If you can assist in this much appreciated work, please call the Rectory Office at 357-0035.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español, que tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles; se suspenderá durante el mes de Agosto, para reanudarse el 6 de Septiembre. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 19 de agosto 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

EVANKA JACQUELINE ECKERT
Daughter of Steven and Ewa

LUKE JOSEPH TOOMEY
Son of Joseph and Christine

ERIKA ESCAMILLA-SILVA
Daughter of Vincente and Nancy



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

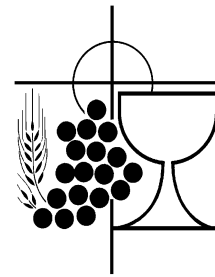
For the Third Time
Christopher Stevens and DaynaMarie DiSiena



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Helen Bauer, Peter Boano, Michael Brady, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Gerrie Freeman, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Marion Lauterborn, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Donna Manthey, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez, Terry Verducci and Fr. Wing.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS JULY 16, 2017

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
And the
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
JOHN S. LEWANDOWSKI



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:00am – Martha Brennan

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Elisabetta Alpegiani

SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – John Bukowski, II

11:30am – Dick Doran

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Ruth Miller

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:00am – John S. Lewandowski

9:00am – Edward Fryns

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:00am – Madeline & Elviro Amalfitano

9:00am – Daniel Greeley

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:00am – John Bukowski, II

9:00am – William Curtin

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:00am – Leonardo Di Re

9:00am – Deceased Members of the
Cangelosi Family

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:00am – Anna Mazzini

9:00am – Marija Lukic

SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00am – Madeline Foster

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Elizabeth Matteotti Mendolia

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – William Curtin

10:00am – Kenneth Vanadio

11:30am – Mary Ann Blanton

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Sharon Fisher



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners,
family members and loved ones.
**Especially: Margaret Murphy,
Raul Henriquez.**

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 8- CARL KAPLAN**