

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

The Summer is flying by as it always does. Let us keep each other in prayer, especially our families who are traveling on Summer vacations. May the Lord watch over them, protect them, and bring them home safe and refreshed. May all of us experience some refreshment this Summer, especially by spending a little extra time with the Lord in prayer.

In today's Gospel we continue to hear Jesus speak in parables about the Kingdom of God and how it grows in our world and in our hearts. However, the Kingdom of God does not grow in a vacuum, but in the midst of evil in the world. As Jesus said: *"The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off."* Jesus goes on to explain that the sower is God, the enemy is the devil, the wheat are those who do the works of God, and the weeds are those who do the works of the devil. We know well that God allows good and evil to co-exist in our world, in the Church, and within ourselves. He allows both the wheat and the weeds to grow together for now, waiting patiently for those who persist in sin to repent.

This is a beautiful image of God's Mercy and His great patience with sinners. He does not wish anyone to be lost, but to turn back to Him and live. He waits patiently, giving to all every opportunity to come to their senses, repent, and begin a new life in Christ. While we are in this world, no matter what we have done or where we have been, everyday there is the opportunity to put the past behind, to change our lives, and begin again. As St. Peter puts it in one of his letters: *"God's patience is order toward your salvation."*

So much depends on us living authentic and holy lives in order to draw others to Christ. Throughout the history of the Church, in the worst of times when evil seemed to be thriving, God has always raised up Saints, men and women outstanding in holiness, to draw others to Himself. We are certainly in one of those times today. Matthew Kelly, the Author of a great book, *"Rediscover Catholicism,"* put it well: *"When you and I begin to take God's call to live holy lives seriously, the Church will begin to thrive in new and exciting ways."*

Jesus does make it clear, however, that the time to repent will come to an end when the weeds will be separated from the wheat and thrown into the fire at the end of time, though we know not the day or the hour. That is why making a good Confession regularly is such a source of inner peace and of strength to remain faithful and to grow in holiness. As the Catechism puts it, if we are standing before the Lord regularly in Confession, the Tribunal of His Mercy, we will have nothing to fear when we stand before Him for Judgment in the Tribunal of His Justice. As Jesus says in today's Gospel: *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

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..

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, July 24

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

15th Sunday Collection – \$14,025.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,047.

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 well 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

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

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

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.**

GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

When choosing a godparent / sponsor for a baptism or confirmation please make sure the person you choose meets the following requirements of Canon Law:

- Be at least 14 years of age and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Is a practicing Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy of Obligation.
- If married, is married validly according to the Laws of the Catholic Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE WHOLE PERSON BODY AND SOUL

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is the healing of the soul by which the sick person receives the grace of Holy Spirit and the peace and consolation the Spirit brings to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age, or the anxiety of having surgery Please call the Rectory and ask at any time if you or someone you know desires this Sacrament of Healing.

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 child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

OLIVIA SHEA CASTILLO
Daughter of Jean and Daisy



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For First Time
PEDRO GUTIERREZ AND MAVIS GOMEZ

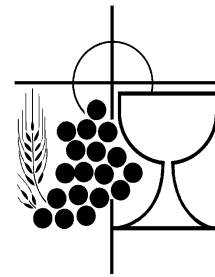


We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

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, Carrin Holborn, 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 and Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS JULY 23, 2017

**Altar Wines In Memory of
DOLORES MENDOLIA**
Altar Breads and Altar Candles
In Memory of
HERMAN JONGEBLOED
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
JOHN CAPPELLO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

MONDAY, JULY 24

7:00am – Rose Lopardo

9:00am – Josephine & Joseph Ragonesi

7:15pm – **Novena**

TUESDAY, JULY 25

7:00am – Margaret Zimmerman

9:00am – Special Intentions Boano Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00am – Benedicta Frank

9:00am – Catherine E. Brennan

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:00am – John F. Lewandowski

9:00am – Andrew Statham

FRIDAY, JULY 28

7:00am – Edward Frank

9:00am – Walter Klarmann

SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:00am – Richard Lynch, Jr.

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Dolores Mendolia

SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Joseph Dugandzic

10:00am – John Parisi

11:30am – Michael & Caroline Plewak

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Nicholas Argiento, Sr.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

Especially: Jesse J. Miller Jr.

Mary Ann Byrne

Terry Verducci

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 9-MARY FLANNERY**