

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families

8:00AM Ana Matesic

10:00AM Tony Mezzich

12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Mosca & Romano Families

MONDAY, JULY 24

ST. SHARBL MAKHLUF

8:00AM Marino & Maria Lister

11:30AM Gaudenzia Piccini – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

ST. JAMES

8:00AM Maria Rici Mattessich

11:30AM Anna Piccinich Berberian

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

8:00AM Tommaso Morin

11:30AM James J. Marino

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:00AM Anna T. Berberian

11:30AM James Morin

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:00AM Pietra & Domenico Piccinich

11:30AM John Picinic

SATURDAY, JULY 29

ST. MARTHA

11:30AM June Spincola

Patrick Ryan Perrone

Margaret Ann Anderson

David Mihalinec

5:00PM Rita Garritano

SUNDAY, JULY 30

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Christopher Johnson

10:00AM Ana Matesic

12:00PM Maria Busanic

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Gaudenzia Piccini

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Peter Jeon & Renata Lee

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Vincenza Latella

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*

John Kerner

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12**

Solomon asks for, and is granted, a wise heart

**Ps 119**

Lord, I love your commands.

**Rom 8:28-30**

"All things work for good for those who love God."

**Mt 13:44-52**

Jesus offers more parables about the kingdom of heaven

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Dear Parishioner:*

...**"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit. But though you are master of might you judge with great clemency and with much lenience you govern us...and you taught that those who are just must be kind."**

...Do I understand that when I decide "I am going to pray" that this is a response to the movement of the Spirit? When I pause to pray or plea, to thank or speak my words do I recognize the aid of that same Spirit? Paul helps us understand what sparks our prayer. Remember the prayer poem "Lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray."

...I might also find strength knowing that my intentions are good and positive as I pause and pray for others. I am concerned about their well being, their peace and happiness. I want to be free of judging others, as God judges me with clemency and wants me as a just person to be kind.

...There are many helps for our prayer life in the readings of scripture today.

*God bless,  
Fr. Ken*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

*Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.*

*July 16<sup>th</sup>*

**\$4,333.50**

***Sunday Collection***

***"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." – Matthew 13:24, 37-38***

*As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!*

**BINGO**



**THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS, GIVING TREE, STATUE MEMORIALS AND HYMN BOOKS**

Altar Flowers are available for 2017. Also, we have leaves, acorns and bricks available on our Giving Tree. We also have plaques to be placed under certain statues. You may donate any of these plaques in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Also, memorials in our new Hymn Books can be donated for \$25.00 per book. Come to the rectory office to make arrangements.

**REMINDER**

With the summer in full swing, we are in a more relaxed spirit. However, we urge our parishioners to give some consideration as to how to come dressed in the House of God. This is a church, a house of prayer and worship and fortunately it is air-conditioned. We are called to be reverent, respectful and modest in all aspects of our behavior. Please dress appropriately to come to the House of God. Thank You!

### RCIA PROGRAM

It's time to think about the RCIA Program for next year. If you know an adult over 18 who has **never been** baptized and would like to become a Catholic or if you know someone who was baptized into another Christian faith and would like to **convert** to the Catholic faith...or if you know a baptized adult catholic – over 18 – who would like to prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist...please be in touch with Fr. Ken...or please put that person in touch with Fr. Ken. No commitments...just good information – and they can decide if they want to proceed.

We also have a program that starts in September for teens 15-18 who would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation...please contact Fr. Ken.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

We are very grateful to those of you who have been generous to the Cardinal's Sharing God's Blessings Appeal. Our goal for this Appeal is \$33,281.00. We are just a little short of the goal. Thank you for your kind generosity in the past and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge so that we can meet our goal and realize a rebate for the parish.

### THE BENEFITS OF HOME VISITATION

Free and voluntary home visits are for expectant parents and parents with young children, including babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Parents can get information and support from trained family support workers, parent educators, or registered nurses, right in the comfort of their own homes. Home visitation programs promote positive parent-child relationships, help families set goals, builds on family's strengths, and help families overcome challenges. For more information, please call Bergen County Central Intake at 973-942-3630.

### THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Some speculate that the secret of happiness is in finding a need and filling it. Catholic Charities has a need and is requesting the following items to help fulfill that need: all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels, and children's books. Catholic Charities has a donation bin located at St. Matthew Church, Ridgefield. If you have a large number of items or have breakable items such as dishes, glasses, and picture frames, please call 877-343-3651 for a direct pick up. Maria Biancheri of Catholic Charities is available for any concerns or comments – [mbiancheri@ccannj.org](mailto:mbiancheri@ccannj.org) or call 973-596-3984. *May the beauty of summer remind you of God's love. Thank you for sharing that love by helping to fill our bins.*

### ARCHDIOCESE COOP HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

This fall, eighth grade students in Catholic elementary schools and public school students seeking admission to an Archdiocesan Catholic high school will take a new testing vehicle under the Cooperative Admissions Examination Program (COOP) to assist school staff in evaluating freshmen candidates. Each year students seeking to enter a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson take the COOP exam. Specific information about the dates and procedures for registering for the 2017 COOP exam will be available on the COOP website – <http://njcoopexam.org>

**“DO NOT BE DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED; FOR WHATEVER A MAN SOWS, THAT HE WILL ALSO REAP!”**

### SAVE THE DATE – TRICKY TRAY EXTRAVAGANZA

We will be having our Annual Tricky Tray Fall Beefsteak Dinner/Dance on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for new items to use in our raffle. **If you can donate any new items, please bring them to the rectory. We are also in need of empty baskets (wicker baskets, gift baskets, etc.) that we can use to wrap the prizes for our Tricky Tray. If you wish to make a monetary donation for us to buy a gift, it would be greatly appreciated.** It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, raffles and prizes. Tickets are on sale at the rectory at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin' Dragons Band. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

### SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

The Family Life Office is pleased to announce a new ministry to men and women who are single parents. Single parenting is often difficult, non-stop and unappreciated. It can be overwhelming trying to carry out the role of a provider, nurturer and disciplinarian. Groups consist of a format featuring various topics related to single parenting. Come be supported and encouraged by others who are experiencing similar trials. One group will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, Fairview on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-3:30PM in the Parish Hall – 201-943-0904. The group will run for 10 consecutive weeks. To Register please email Raquel Perez at email [SPSG.bergencounty@gmail.com](mailto:SPSG.bergencounty@gmail.com) or call 201-370-1758.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“For we do not know how to pray as we ought.” – (Romans 8) Praying together is one of the most intimate and scary deeds a couple can do. Revealing our innermost thoughts and feelings can be a risk. Read “Who Me...Pray? With Her?” for ideas.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Surely this is the attitude we want to take towards our own children. Yet children test us. They do dumb, crazy, and selfish things. They need to be corrected and disciplined. An understanding heart does not mean ignoring bad behavior but rather loving our child through it.

### ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the activities at the Cliffside Park Senior Center: Friday, August 25 – Son Candela; Canadian Cruise – September 16-23 – call for info. To sign up, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Natalie Lopac, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Frances Ianuale, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Barbara Biccocchi, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Ivan Skrivanic, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Michael Duddy, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Alfred Leubert, Mike Hromin, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, Frank Searfoss, Rev. Giordano Bellanich, Gardenia Tarabocchia.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Peter Castrianni, Vincent Rigolosi.*

