

**JULY 24, 2016**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Saint James, Apostle**

8:30 Frank Lisante req. by the Tom Adams Family

**TUESDAY – Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 Patrick Browne req. by John and Catherine Irwin

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Herbert Eisenhardt req. by Ann Jachts

**THURSDAY**

8:30 Patricia Cirillo req. by Bonnie and John Trachy

**FRIDAY – Saint Martha**

8:30 Pearl Collins req. by Joan & Bernie Beihl  
Eileen Maroney req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton

**SATURDAY – Saint Peter Chysologus**

8:30 Mary Dellano req. by Eileen Francis  
Special Intention for Simon J. Levien req. by Mom

5:30 Mary Dellano req. by Sparta Seniors  
Robert Jaspon req. by the Manassy Family

**JULY 31, 2016**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 People of the Parish

9:00 Michael Charles Quatrella req. by Judy & Anthony Piccirillo

10:30 Donna Timmer req. by Peggy Cofrancesco

12:00 Special Intention of George Esposito & family req. by Anna & Simon

**NO 5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS DURING SUMMER**

There will not be a 5:00 PM Mass during the summer months. The 5:00 PM Mass will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**July 17, 2016**

**\$9,246**

**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for our Diocesan newspaper, The Beacon**

**ASK** 

**SEEK** 

 **FIND**

**REFLECTION**

**Distractions in Prayer**

Everyone gets distracted during prayer – including the saints. St. Ignatius Loyola once wrote in his journal about being bothered by someone's whistling. Even when we feel completely centered in prayer, a stray thought can pop up: "I forgot to take out the trash!"



There are two types of distractions: unimportant and important. Unimportant ones simply take you away from prayer. And there are many imaginative techniques to deal with them. You can think of them as clouds (or bubbles, birds, or balloons, as a friend once memorably suggested) that come into the horizon of your prayer and just float away. You notice them, but they don't trouble you.

It's important to at least *try* to let go of these distractions, as you would when talking to a friend. You want to give God your undivided attention. On the other hand, sometimes we need to admit that distractions are unavoidable. In these times, it helps to say, "I'm human and I'm distracted, God, but I'm with you anyway."

Important distractions, on the other hand, may be invitations for reflection. A young Jesuit once said to me, "Every time I pray, I keep getting distracted by the memory of a person I had a fight with." Maybe it's not a distraction, I suggested. God may be asking you to look at that in prayer.

In time, you'll get to know what to pay attention to, and what to let . . . float away.

Fr. James Martin, SJ from "Give Us This Day"

## THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 7/25/16 – 7/31/16

<b>Tues</b>	<b>9:00 AM Scripture Sharing</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 PM RB Uniform Exchange</b>	<b>McKenna</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:00 PM – BINGO (Non Smoking)</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:00 PM – AA</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9:00 AM Legion of Mary</b>	<b>St. Benedict</b>
	<b>8:00 PM AA</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>1:00 PM Women's Social</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>

## LITURGY

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with the Lord, who planned to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the evil and sin in those cities. Abraham asks him if he would spare the city if fifty, forty, thirty, twenty or even only ten innocent people were found there. God says that he would spare the cities even for the sake of only ten.

#### Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Paul explains to the Colossians that through baptism, they are raised to life with Christ because they believed in the power of the God who raised him from the dead. Even though they once lived in sin, their sins have been pardoned through Jesus.

#### Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' disciples asked him how they should pray. He gave them some phrases similar to those now used in the Lord's Prayer. Jesus also reminds the disciples how even men with sins are able to give good things to their children, and explains how much more the heavenly Father wants to give to us.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

#### CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Are you, a family member, or a friend divorced? There's no such thing as a *Catholic* divorce, but Catholics do civilly divorce. Give someone a copy of this bulletin to invite them to the *Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* 12-week group which begins September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Lucy's Room. Cost is \$15 per person which includes a "personal survival guide" and all materials for 12 weeks.

The dates of the meetings are:

**Sept 15, 22, 29**

**Oct. 6, 13, 20**

**Nov. 3, 10, 17**

**Dec. 1, 8, 15**

Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Laurie DiCianni at 973-729-6107 or email [ldicianni@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:ldicianni@ourladyofthelake.org) to sign up for this program.

## 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, 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard. Please continue to pray for all our service men and women.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Michael and Joan Jaretsky on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



which they celebrated last week. May God bless you with many more years of good health and happiness together.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parents Support Group Family Picnic will be on August 14 at 1:00 PM at the home of Betty Donnelly. RSVP by August 7<sup>th</sup> to [TANTEBNET@PTD.NET](mailto:TANTEBNET@PTD.NET) or call (973) 383-2502. (We need to have a head count.)

## AN RCIA INVITATION

If you, or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Church. These sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the sacraments and Catholic faith and practices. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information call our parish office at (973) 729-6107. Our sessions will begin in September.

## YOUTH GROUP

**There will be no Youth Group during the month of July and will resume on August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## ATTENTION REVEREND SCHOOL FAMILIES

**SHOP/DROP** at RBS Uniform Exchange!  
From 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on July 27<sup>th</sup>, visit RBS McKenna Hall to DROP clean, used PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade uniforms and/or SHOP for gently-worn uniforms for the new school year. (Used uniforms may also be dropped prior to July 27<sup>th</sup> at the RBS front office, Monday-Thursday, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All items only \$3/each – cash or checks made out RBS only. Proceeds benefit the RBS Parent Guild. Want to help? Volunteers please contact Teresa Sellinger at [tesellinger@gmail.com](mailto:tesellinger@gmail.com) to learn of various opportunities.

## 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](http://www.masstimes.org) on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.

## EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE Castles Along the Rhine August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016



### **THERE ARE STILL 2 CABINS LEFT.**

The cosmopolitan style of *River Empress*, with its rich jewel tones and vibrant atmosphere, is certain to captivate you. This luxurious voyage is a perennially popular itinerary, cherished for its dramatic beauty, fairytale ambience, and abundance of must-see cultural highlights which includes 4 countries: The Netherlands, France, Germany and Switzerland; 6 days of excursions, including "Choice is Yours" options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts; 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites; Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners; Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee and tea, and mineral water.

Call Dan Scully @ Scully Travel Group (973) 729-5777 or email [Daniel.Scully@Scullytravel.com](mailto:Daniel.Scully@Scullytravel.com).

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

**World Apostolate of Fatima**, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd., Washington, NJ, Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – "You at Least Try to Console Me.", NJ, invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Special guest Speaker/Celebrant Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, I.M.C. Confessions 10:30 am/ 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass; 1:30 Benediction; 2:00 Holy House; confessions, Children's Video, Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?" [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) 908-689-1700 ext. 210

### **Assumption College for Sisters – Position Available**

200A Morris Ave, Denville, NJ 07834  
Assumption College for Sisters, Denville has an opening for an adjunct instructor for the following course:

#### **EN101 College English I - 3 credits**

This course is designed to present a review of grammar and to develop skills in writing, reading, and critical thinking. Students write essays with a purpose for a special audience, developing skills in expository, descriptive, narrative, and argumentative techniques. Applicant must possess a Master's Degree in English. Please send resume to [president@acs350.org](mailto:president@acs350.org). Applications will be accepted until August 1.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Dinner, Auction and Wine Tasting**

Sparta Ecumenical Council Food Pantry will be holding its largest fund raising event on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Mohawk Country Club at 6:00 PM (dinner at 7:00 PM). This event provides much of the funds required to provide food for the citizens of Sparta and Sussex County who are currently down on their luck. Ticket prices are \$55. With the exception of the cost of the meal, all monies raised go directly toward providing food for our clients. In 2015, the Food Pantry provided, bagged and distributed nearly 6,000 bags of food to 862 families. Total value of the food distributed was almost \$200,000. Please prayerfully consider joining us at this event. If you are unable to join us, a cash or check donation is always greatly needed and appreciated. Please be sure to mark your envelope "Food Pantry".

## RESPECT LIFE

Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."

✠Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ✠

## SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS CALENDAR

**Speaking of Faith** is a series of programs in which Fr. Paul Manning interviews a person of faith about his or her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith into work and life.

Fr. Kartje - September 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Lisa Hendey - October 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Christopher Bell - February 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Deacon Brian Beyerl, MD-May 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM

(You are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:00 PM)

### **Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)**

**Moderated by: Mary Theresa Conca**

**Madison: Saturdays -Sept 24, Oct 29, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 11, May 13, 10 AM - 12 PM**

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

**First Steps In Faith** 11:00 AM - 12 PM

**Monday, September 12, 2016**

**Location: Madison**

Join instructor Cindy Costello for a 3 week session that introduces the "first steps" in the Theology of the Body to moms and their newborn-preschool aged children. Stories read aloud and age appropriate activities include: " *Everybody Has a Body*": a simple, fun introduction to the differences between boys and girls." *Every Body Is a Gift*: everyday situations to show young children how they can use their bodies to receive and give love to those around them, and *Every Body Is Smart*: a fun introduction to the ways our bodies talk to us and how we can respond. Moms will discuss ways they can further these topics at home. To register go to [insidethewalls.org](http://insidethewalls.org)

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FR. GREG

As you know, Fr. Greg has been appointed as administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Haskell, NJ. For those who would like to keep in touch with Fr. Greg, the following is his address:



Rev. Grzegorz Golba  
St. Francis of Assisi Church  
868 Ringwood Ave., Haskell, NJ 07420

## PRAYER FOR FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS

*Lord Jesus,  
in images of farming and rural life  
you announced your gospel to the poor.*

*We pray for rural men and women,  
especially for those who work hard in the fields.*

*Give us the strength of your Spirit to be witnesses  
and collaborators of the creative providence.*

*May we always sow in ourselves and in our  
families the holiness and hope of Christian life,  
with the same zeal with which we cultivate our  
land.*

*Bless the daily efforts of farmers and farm  
workers. Let all recognize the dignity of their labor.*

*Raise from among us men and women  
at the service of the gospel,  
sisters and brothers to announce unceasingly  
your love for this world that is in your own field  
and farm.*

*We give you glory forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Fr. Ermolao Portella, Colombia*



Let the earth bless the Lord,  
praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Everything growing on earth, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever.

-Daniel 3:74-76

