

JULY 16, 2017
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Dr. Howard O’Gorman req. by Danielle & Greg Mazuy
 Judy Beebe req. by James D. Drew

TUESDAY – Saint Camillus de Lellis

8:30 Ted Wiedenman req. by Danielle & Greg Mazuy
 George Nixon req. by Clare Cronin & Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Edna Zeidek req. by Erma & Sal Ferraro
 Dr. John Mazzaferre req. by Terry Mazzaferre

THURSDAY – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 Florence Affrunti req. by Gloria Pineiro

FRIDAY – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 John Hagemann req. by Clare Cronin & Family

SATURDAY – Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 John Chambers req. by Clare Cronin & Family
 5:30 Dr. Howard O’Gorman req. by Bob & Doris Mayer
 Nancy Zande req. by Janice Quinn & Family

JULY 23, 2017
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 People of the Parish
 Anna & Peter Pietrucha req. by Edna Pietrucha
 9:00 Kay Brewer req. by Debbie & Keith Azzolina
 Judy Beebe req. by Beverly & Michael Devine
 10:30 Mollie Margitan req. by Sparta Seniors
 Graziella Viera-Goncalves req. by the Storms & McHugh Families
 12:00 T.J. Marion req. by the Redshaw Family

PARISH FINANCES

July 2, 2017	\$11,257
H.E.L.P. (Parish Maintenance)	\$2,743
Amazon.com – April	\$52.40
ParishPay – June	\$9,285
July 9, 2017	\$10,890
Catholic University	\$2,036

LUCKY WINNERS OF MEGA 50/50
Congratulations!



Linda Curcio	\$4,340
Darlene O’Neill	\$217
Diana Peterson	\$217
Ed Cavanagh	\$217
Marie McConveny	\$217
Mrs. Maglaras	\$217

REFLECTION

The Fruitfulness of God’s Word

In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of seed sown on different kinds of soil to teach his listeners about the fruitfulness of God’s word. Every seed has the same potential for growth; it is the type of soil that determines how abundant the yield will be. The prophet Isaiah seems to say the same thing: God’s word, like the seed, always remains fruitful – it will not return void. So it seems that our human response determines the harvest.

Perhaps this explains why some people seem to bear more spiritual fruit than others. The Old Testament story of King Saul and King David offers us a dramatic illustration of this principle.

Saul was chosen by God to rule over Israel, but because of his fear and selfishness, he disobeyed the Lord. He didn’t make a good return to God or bear lasting fruit. As a result, God chose someone else – a man after his own heart - to replace Saul: the shepherd David.

Now, David did what God asked him to do. He fought Israel’s enemies, he rescued the ark of the covenant from the Philistines, and he even danced joyfully before the Lord for all to see.

Of course, we all know that David was far from perfect. He committed adultery and let himself get caught up in a web of deception and murder. But he also repented. Despite his serious failings, David’s humility allowed God to continue to use him. It wasn’t because he was perfect that David could bear fruit for the Lord; it was because he loved God and tried to follow him with his whole heart.

David and Saul’s story shows that God can work with flawed people who are humble, dedicated, and willing to turn back to him. Through repentant sinners like David – through repentant sinners like us – the seed of God’s word doesn’t return empty; it can bear much fruit.

From: *The Word Among Us*

**THE WEEK IN THE PARISH - JULY 16 – 22,
2017**

Mon. – Fri.	Rev. Brown S.T.E.A.M. Program	School
	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8: 30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”

NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

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, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat’l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF, Pfc Paul Wilcock II. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.



SIGN UP NOW!

Registration Form can be found on our



website or at the parish office!

Cost is \$50 per child.

August 7th – 11th (8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon)

Our Lady of the Lake’s Vacation Bible (incoming PreK-4 to 4th grade) is seeking volunteers to help with this summer’s VBS. Those interested must be entering 6th grade through adult. All adults 18 and over must be Virtus trained.

Please consider sharing your time, treasure and talent with our church community. This is also a great way to earn service hours! Questions, please contact Angela Bell: 862-955-0222 or huntermenna22@hotmail.com.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

CONFIRMATION

Attention all parents of Public, Private, and Catholic School 9th and 10th graders.

If you have not registered your son or daughter for 9th or 10th grade Confirmation Classes, please visit our website for parent information and necessary forms.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. **There will be NO Youth Group during the month of July.**

FINANCE

PARISHPAY - AUTOMATED GIVING

ParishPay is an automated giving program. Those who wish can make their church donations by automatic deduction or by credit card. To enroll: a) call 1-866-727-4741, or b) use the website, www.parishpay.com) through the link on the parish website. Please keep in mind that signing up for ParishPay does not register you with the parish if you are just joining our parish; please come into the office to register.

AMAZON.COM TO HELP OUR PARISH

If you’re shopping online please keep in mind that if you make purchases through Amazon.com, you can help our parish by using the link on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org). The church gets a little money back for every dollar that people spend on Amazon using our link. To find the link, click on the “Getting Involved” button and you will see the Amazon.com link at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The monthly Healing Mass at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will take place on Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 PM with a special focus on Blessed Titus Brandsma, whose feast day we will celebrate on that day

How to Revitalize the Catholic Church

Sept. 18, 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church, Denville. Sponsored by Assumption College for Sisters, Chris Lowney will speak on the topic of leadership, featuring his latest work, *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*. Chris will explore some of the profound challenges now facing the Church. A one-time Jesuit seminarian, and a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University, where he also received his M.A. He is holder of five honorary Doctoral degrees. No admission; however, a free will offering can be made for Lowney's foundation, ***Pilgrimage for Our children's Future.***

St. Kateri Summer Blood Drives

The need for blood never takes a vacation. Help save a life and donate blood this summer. Saturday, August 19, 7:45 AM to 1:45 PM. Join us for breakfast, snacks, juice and good company after donation. Saint Kateri Church, 427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta - Downstairs Community Room. Please remember to eat, drink, & bring ID. Walk-ins welcome!

To sign up: www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives.

NJ Conservatory's Summer Sing

Saturday, July 29th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come sing Vivaldi's "Gloria" with us at Denville Community Church, 190 Diamond Spring Rd., Denville, NJ. No auditions, no rehearsals, no pressure. Just blissful music and air conditioning. To register, email stussi@gmail.com no later than July 27th with name, voice part and if you need a score. Suggested donation to defray cost of venue and accompanist: \$10.00. For information call NJ Conservatory at (973) 402-2004.

Free Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference

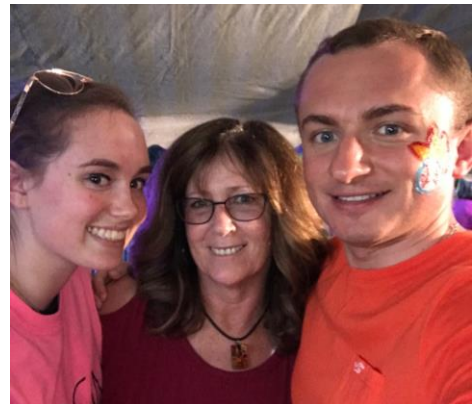
Register Today! Alzheimer's New Jersey, in collaboration with Morristown Medical Center, Morris County Division on Aging and the United Way of Northern New Jersey Caregiver Coalition, will be offering a free half-day conference for caregiver. **Alzheimer's Disease: Approaches to Care** is being held on Saturday, July 29th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion in Rockaway. This program provides practical information for families who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. There is never a fee for attending our community education programs; however, we do ask that you register in advance. For more information or to register, interested individuals can call us at 1-888-280-6055 or register online at www.alznj.org.

CLINICAL WELLNESS –LUNCH & LEARN

We are inviting all Parishioners to come to Cassidy Hall to have a wellness lunch and learn. The date is Monday, July 24 from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM. We will be doing Blood Pressure Checks, Diabetes Screening and Education, Allergy Screening and Testing and immunotherapy. Please bring your Medicare and or Medicaid card with you for allergy testing. In September we will add dermatology. Please call Dona McMackin to schedule an appointment at (201) 889-4395 or donnastmack@gmail.com.

FUN AT THE CARNIVAL

Our Lady of the Lake Parish held a carnival on June 28th through July 1st. The weather cooperated for a few days, but then on the last day there were torrents of rain. But, some people came out to enjoy the carnival anyway. The White Elephant Sale was again a success, and everyone had lots of fun on all the rides and playing the games. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to work at the games, ticket booths, 50/50, White Elephant Sale, Food Court, and those working behind the scenes.



Pictured here is Father Marcin with a flaming baseball painted on his face, Laurie DiCianni, our Youth Minister, and Taylor Gudenkauf who was doing the face painting.

Seeking Vacation Rental

Retired Governor's Award teacher, French/Irish Catholic, wishes to rent a three bedroom home/cottage in Lake Mohawk for one week in August, to accommodate myself, my teacher daughter and her husband, and three well-behaved grand daughters, ages 9, 13 and 13 (twins). I always take beautiful care of my rental, leaving it spotless. My own family had a cottage in Lake Mohawk years ago and I wish to re-visit my wonderful memories with my family. References provided. Please email your information (Mkiraly44@optimum.net) and include phone number.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Looking to ignite your spiritual life, or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider to participate in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The trip will take place on October 21, 2017 and will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer-filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. There are two options to participate: a two-day trip which includes visits to the St. Jude Shrine, the Baltimore Basilica, and the National Shrine in Washington, or the one full-day trip. We ask you to sign up at the parish office or next week after Mass on July 1-2, for this important spiritual journey that can change your life. Celebrate the year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.



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.



NEW POSSIBILITIES

Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks us...Brothers and sisters, let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us never give up: there are no situations which God cannot change, there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him.

Pope Francis...The Church of Mercy

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONGRATULATIONS!

Former parishioners, Arthur and Veronica (Art and Ronnie) Heslin celebrated their 70th Anniversary with their family recently at Merry Heart where they have resided together for the last two years.



Art and Ronnie met when they both were hired out of high school at U.S. Rubber in Rockefeller Center. They were separated during World War II, but they wrote each other daily until Art came back from New Caledonia where he had served with the 29th General Hospital. When he returned, they were married at Incarnation Church in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan on June 21, 1947. Art took advantage of the GI Bill and attended New York University nights and completed his B.S. degree.

Housing was hard to find after the war but the Heslins eventually settled at Lake Mohawk in 1957 where they raised their four children, Chris, Nancy (Reading), Michael and 'T.J.' In 1969 due to a job transfer, they moved to Connecticut, but then came back to Lake Mohawk in 1994 where they joined old friends at daily Mass at Our Lady of the Lake. Later still, they found themselves among old friends when they moved to Knoll Heights.

Art and Ronnie still read the Sunday New York Times and reminisce with each other about life in New York in their younger days.

Congratulations and Best Wishes Always!

