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July 26, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of
the month after the 10:30 AM Mass.
Arrangements for the Baptism should
be made at least one month in
advance. There are no Baptisms
during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in
the event of a serious illness. Visits to
the home-bound and those in
hospitals are made by Priests,
Deacons and Extraordinary
Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one
year in advance of the proposed
marriage according to the Common
Policy of the Bishops of the Province
of New Jersey. Either the bride or
groom must be registered with
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to
the Religious Life and men called to
the Holy Orders should contact the
Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or
speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be
registered in the parish. Letters of
testimony for Godparents and
Sponsors cannot be given unless one
is registered. All parishioners should
be active in parish life and be
known to one of the parish priests.
Stewardship (church support) is a
serious responsibility of every
Catholic. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of their collection
envelopes. When moving, please
notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the
Sacraments of Baptism, First
Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are
over 18 years of age, and are
interested in membership in the
Catholic Church, please call the
rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish who are
conscious of the plan of God for the
salvation of all. We praise the Lord
in our everyday lives by sharing our
faith and talents with each other for
the continued growth of Our Lady
of Sorrows Parish Community. We
wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus
and put them into practice in our
daily lives as we answer His call to
evangelization.

The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells
all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struziński, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick"**.

May God grant them healing.

SAINT MARTHA (FIRST CENTURY) JULY 29



Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has

chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child’s forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday
5:00 PM

July 25
Wayne Ploghoft
Req. Przybylski Family

Sunday
9:00 AM

July 26
Joseph Russell
Req. Dolores Walingavich

Monday
7:30 AM

July 27
Liz and Paul McCurrie
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

Tuesday
7:30 AM

July 28
Connie Azevedo
Req. Irene Potts

Wednesday
7:30 AM

July 29
Anne Caveney
Req. John and Alice Keogh

Thursday
7:30 AM

July 30
Edward McBride
Req. Loretta Wolenski

Friday
7:30 AM

July 31
Anne Caveney
Req. Kathy Daunoras

Saturday
7:30 AM

August 1
Sergio Sanchez
Req. Chris Danzi

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday
5:00 PM

August 1
Raymond Blair
Req. Pat and Andy Clappsy

Sunday
9:00 AM

August 2
Raymond Blair
Req. Anmarie Iorio

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

July 26, 2020



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...
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People of the Parish

Our Parish Family rejoices as our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, August 2nd. May their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament increase as they grow and may the Christian example of their parents strengthen their faith.



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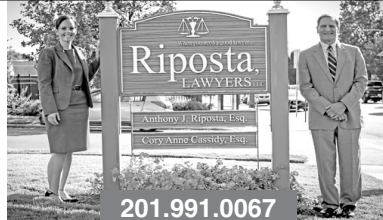
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