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## **15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

#### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish) Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church Saturday: 9:00am in the church, 5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday) Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session. **Preparation:** in the church at 7:00pm

Sacrament: in the church at at 3:00pm Aug. 13, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

#### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

**PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS** We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

#### Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus was certainly the master storyteller. He knew exactly how to speak about profound matters in simple, earthy terms. He spent the brief period of His public life describing the kingdom of God but always in images that the average person could understand. We hear Him speak of seeds and harvest, of good and bad fruit, of faithful and worthless servants, of prodigal sons and good Samaritans, of fish in the sea and birds in the air. He used all of these images to plant the truth of God's love into the minds and hearts of people. Not just those who lived during His life-time but for those who would read or hear His words in future ages. And especially for us today.

We may often think about this as we read through the Scriptures or listen to a homily. We sometimes look around the church and see many faces, Most of them seem to be attentive and receptive. But I also know that behind the mask of attention there can be countless distractions, anxieties and fears. People come together to celebrate the Eucharist from lives that can be filled with all sorts of challenges and troubles, with great sorrow or profound doubt. What breaks through the barrier of their distraction? What touches their inmost feelings? What do they bring home with them, to family and to work?

(And in looking about the church like this, we can also realize how easily we have been distracted ourselves from listening and digesting the Word.)

We need to prepare "good ground." It's not just a matter of hearing sounds or reading words. We must allow the Spirit of the Lord to hear and read with us. It's not just a matter of human wisdom and understanding. We want to perceive what the living God is saying to us.

So having "good ground" really means being open to and aware of the presence of God. It means being able to tune out the distractions. It means letting go of so many of the thoughts and cares that seem so important, and making room for the power and love of God.

We do this at other times in our daily routines. If we're going to read a book, or prepare a meal, or see a movie, or make an important business decision, we must be disposed, attentive, focused and present. If we are going to share the heartache of our child or of our marriage partner, or offer comfort to someone who is seriously ill, or console someone at the loss of a spouse, we must be totally present, attentive, listening with heart, mind and spirit, as well as body. So, too, we must prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God by a quiet and prayerful attitude of both mind and heart, allowing the Spirit to till the soil of our inner selves, to prepare good ground for precious seed that He so generously scatters.

But once we have received this seed, we must protect it, nourish it and cultivate it. What Jesus warns against can so easily happen, especially in the pace and turmoil of today! The seed may never take root, because we become arid with worry. It may be choked to death by our worldly and selfish concerns. It may be scattered to the winds by the relentless whirlwind of activity that we engage in. Only in the good ground of a person who lives each day in faith and love will the seed of God's Word bring forth the harvest of holiness and happiness that He intends.

When you really come down to it, the seed is being sown everywhere. For Matthew, faith is a gift; but there is no genuine faith unless it is translated into decisive action. We have to ask, then, what happens to this gift. Does it come to maturity and bear fruit? Does it enrich and change our lives and the world we live in? Where are the signs of a rich harvest?

I guess it all depends on what do we do with the gift. "Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears, because they hear."

#### MISSIONARY **COOPERATION PLAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY MOTHER OF MERCY JULY 15TH & 16TH**

The Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy (DMMM) congregation is an Institute of Apostolic religious life with Pontifical Right, whose members take the three evangelical vows of Obedience, Poverty, and Chastity. This women religious order was founded in 1961 in Nigeria by Bishop Anthony Gogo Nwedo, C.S.Sp.

The Charism of Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy is to bear witness to the Mercy of God by following the footsteps of Christ, the Merciful Savior, and that of Mary the Mother of Mercy. This Mercy is expressed as Compassion, Forgiveness, and Kindness.

DMMM has spread her missionary arms to many parts of the world including Africa, Europe, Canada, and United States of America. Our Spirit of Charity, Humility, Prayer, Penance, and Abandonment to the Will of God animate us to be God's instrument in giving hope and meaningful life to the poor and needy, the orphans, the sick, and the elderly in our society through our apostolates of Caring, Healing, Teaching, and social work. We also evangelize the spiritually impoverished through pastoral ministry in the dioceses and parishes where work.

As part of the Archdiocese's Missionary Cooperation Plan, the Sisters are at our parish this weekend to talk about the important work they do and ask for our prayers and financial assistance. Please prayerfully consider your support. You can visit dmmmsisters-usa.org to learn more about them.

#### **RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION JULY 22ND & 23RD**

"Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices."

#### -Pope Francis

Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let's join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Newark that have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades, and in some cases, more than a half century.

Faith. Academics. Service olic Schools SACRED HEART SCHOOL **ENROLLMENT FOR THE** 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nuturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school can visit Monday - Friday during the hours of 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

#### **BISHOP SAPORITO TO CELEBRATE MASS** AT SACRED HEART ON JULY 23RD

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us as Bishop Michael Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark for Bergen County returns to Sacred Heart to celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, July 23 with our parish family.



#### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT APPROPRIATE** SUMMER ATTIRE AT MASS

Dressing for Mass is simply a matter of showing proper respect, not only for God, but for others around us and ourselves. We should keep in mind the dignity of what we celebrate when we come together for the Mass, which is nothing less than the wedding feast of the Lord, as well as the dignity of the people assembled, who are no one less than the children of God. Remember the days when we wore our "Sunday best," our finest outfits, to Mass? Dress codes at Mass have certainly relaxed over the years. With the warm weather upon us, it is particularly important that we dress appropriately and modestly for Mass, so here are some rules to follow for modest and proper Mass attire during the summer months:

\*Hemlines on dresses and skirts fall at or just slightly above the knee

\*No muscle tee-shirts

\*Hemlines on shorts fall near the knee (no short-shorts)

\*No exposed undergarments.

\*Shoulders and midriffs are covered

\*Necklines are modest - not low-cut

\*No beachwear - no swimsuits with cover-ups for females, no swim trunks for males



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspile, Anne Montillo, Christopher Di Giovanna, Jamie Canal, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz, John Du Bois, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, P. Darmiento, Elyse & Lauren Branigan, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton

DECEASED: Irene Mc Carthy, Antonio D'Angelo, Mary Langevin

#### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

In Honor of:

#### SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Julie Kimball Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

In Honor of: The Memory of James M. Cavalcante Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of July 16th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

James M. Cavalcante



Donated by: Mom & Dad

#### **BREAD & WINE:**

In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by:

Mom & Dad



MASS CANDLES: In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Mom & Dad

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." -St. Faustina JULY 16, 2023 MASS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00pm Nicholas Aromando

## SUNDAY - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Barbara Ruzika
10:30 am Chester J. Mikolajczak
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante
1:30 pm Manuel Noya Gude

MONDAY - Weekday 12:00pm John & Arminda Valente



TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest 12:00pm U.S.A.

WEDNESDAY - Weekday 12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

12:00pm Michael Conzo

FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church/Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder

12:00pm James Carchio & Margaret Carchio

SATURDAY - St. Mary Magdalene 9:00am Patricia Carlson & Family

Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00pm Louise Gimmi

#### SUNDAY - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Joseph Dietz
10:30 am Florence Pavlica
12:00pm Chester J. Mikolajczak
1:30 pm Eufemia Campos

### STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 2 Sunday - \$5,519 Assessment Collection - \$1,933 Sunday, July 9 Sunday - \$5,177 Reminder: We need \$6,600 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thank you!

## Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst Stewardship of Time And Talent Volunteer Sheet

Our parish is brought to us by the love and mercy of the Lord and by our stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure given to us by God to make His presence a reality in our community. To paraphrase the gospel, don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

Your Name:	
Your Address:	
Your Phone Number:	
Your Email Address:	-

I am interested in giving of my time and talent in the following ways (please check all that apply):

Lector	Fundraising Group
Exrtaordinary Mininster	Religious Education
Choir Member	Food Pantry
Usher	Church Cleaning
Greeter	General Repairs & Maintenace
Children's Choir Organist	Gardening
Children's Choir Director	Other

I would like to enroll my child:		
Altar Server	Children's Choir	
Child's Name:		
Child's Age:	Child's Grade:	
School Attended:		
My Signature below gives	my child permission to participate in the activity indicated	

Parent's Signature:\_\_\_

Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous stewardship for our parish family!