

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16, 2017



SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:30 P.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
Leonard Roehrig

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Gertrudis Tindoc

12:00 P.M. Elizabeth Wood

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

8:00 A.M. Margaret Dinniny Fitzgerald

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

8:00 A.M. Michael McNamara
Angelina Destito

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

8:00 A.M. Rev. Otto Hearle

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

8:00 A.M. Alice DiMeglio

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. Eleanor Bolsman
John Renick

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Regerick Tindoc
Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Marcelino Glorioso

12:00 P.M. Virginia Taylor

12:00 P.M. Irma Mimi Boswell

Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebius
Nina Margossian Veny Hongo Tom Guzowski
Gary Ragusa Silverio Conte Rosemary Pannone
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Gabe Bellantoni Millie Farina Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Ann Langley
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Barbara Kincaid
Sister Marie Louise Alex Haines

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,673.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

Far too often we forget the power of the word. When that word is the Word of God, it is even more powerful. We can change the whole world with words, if we use them well. We can draw others to the Lord Jesus with words, if they come from our heart. We can allow the Word of God to transform us and thus show its power to others.

The Prophet Isaiah, in the first reading today, reflects on the word of God. When God speaks, reality is created. When God sends His Word, the world is redeemed and transformed. This happens, however, in the way which was shown to us in the readings from last Sunday: in humility and meekness, not in power and force.

The Gospel speaks also of the word and how it is like seed sown. When seed is sown, it does not all develop equally. This is a reality that anyone working with planting seeds knows as tough experience. Thus, those who plant seeds want to prepare the ground so that seed will have its best results. If you and I were to plant grass seed, we would not normally choose to plant it in a pile of stones. Rather, we would prepare the ground first so that the grass might grow and be beautiful or productive or both.

Jesus is aware of this difference and uses the readily understandable image to show why the word of God is not always effective. God always honors our freedom. We are the ones who must prepare the ground to receive the seed, the word of God.

Today, we can begin to understand that we must desire the word of God in ourselves. If we truly desire that word, then we will begin to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the word. If we say that we desire the word and do nothing, then we are simply deceiving ourselves. God's word will come to us but unless we have prepared the found, it will fall on the stones of our hearts.

My sisters and brothers, let us prepare our hearts and our minds so that the seed, the word of God, may fall in us and bear immense fruit.

St. Benedict

Feast Day: July 11

Benedict was born about 480 in Nursia, which is 70 miles from Rome. His family was wealthy and they sent him to Rome to pursue his studies. Benedict was disappointed with the sinfulness he saw in the city, so he decided to leave and go to countryside. He only stayed there briefly.

Still not satisfied with his studies and way of life, young Benedict disappeared into the wilderness of the Sabine hills. There, in Subiaco, he lived as a hermit in a cave, receiving food from a neighboring monk who lowered bread to him over a cliff. He dressed in wild animal skins. In that quiet place he did not have other people to fight with, but he fought the wars of the soul. It is said that once, when he was tempted by a vision of a woman, he threw himself into a briar patch so that the physical pain of the thorns would distract him from sinful thoughts.

The monks of a neighboring monastery whose abbot had died asked Benedict to become their new abbot. He was strict and required obedience from the monks. They did not like this, and tried to poison him. Benedict detected the poison, and

went back to the wilderness. He said he preferred to live alone in the presence of his heavenly Father.

Although Benedict was happy in his solitude, many people were attracted to his holy ways. Soon other men gathered around him, and he organized 12 monasteries with 12 monks and an abbot in each one of them. Under Benedict's direction they would gather in chapel on a regular basis to chant psalms and pray silently. Around the year 529 Benedict moved his community to Monte Cassino, a hill 75 miles southeast of Rome. He and his monks built a chapel dedicated to St. Martin, and began construction of monastery buildings. Maybe you have visited that very famous place in Italy.

Benedict is well known for "The Rule", which is still in use today. He reformed the entire concept of monastic life. His goal was create a school that would teach future monks to seek holiness in all they did. He promised his followers, "If then we keep close to our school and the doctrine we learn in it, and preserve in the monastery till death, we shall here share by patience in the Passion of Christ and hereafter deserve to be visited with Him in His kingdom." His Order, known as the Benedictines, is still very active. You will find Benedictines in our diocese at St. Mary's Abbey in Mendham. Many of them are instructors at Delbarton School which is located on the same property.

The date usually given for St. Benedict's death is March 21, 547. He was buried at Monte Cassino next to his sister, St. Scholastica. He is the patron saint of school children, and his intercession is often invoked against evil.

KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless.

Thank you and God bless you.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 21, 2017

Seeking a spiritual awakening or journey? Consider attending the two-day spiritual trip to Baltimore and Washington. The Pilgrimage leaves the Diocese of Paterson on Friday, October 20th and makes stops at the Basilica of Assumption, our nation's first Cathedral and St. Jude Shrine. On Saturday, spiritual activities will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Both days include daily Mass, spiritual visits and on Saturday reconciliation and devotional prayers. For further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at 973-827-8030.



SUMMER SEMINARIAN Rjoy Ballacillo

I grew up in the Philippines and entered in the priestly formation at the age of 11. My experience of being in the Catholic School at an early age gave me a strong sense of interest to enter the seminary and consider priesthood. In my heart, I knew that this was the time of God's choosing and calling. St. Joseph Seminary being committed to achieve a good Catholic high school education designed to intensify and affirm the young men's desire for priestly ministry, opened opportunities for me, to have a holistic seminary formation enhancing the smooth integration of community, moral, intellectual, physical, and spiritual qualities that deeply impacted my formation in later years. This, I owe, in great part to my co-seminarians, teachers and formators in high school.

Upon my graduation in high school seminary in 2011, I entered San Pablo Major Seminary in Baguio City, a national college seminary where dioceses of the Philippines send their seminarians. This period was one among the most creative and productive seasons of my life and my formation. In this new environment, away from my home town, I was particularly drawn to academics. Nevertheless, without disregarding the other aspects of formation, my experience in college although deemed to be formal academic years, has indeed contributed to my growth as a person and so with my vocation gradually expressed in and through all aspects of formation. Both the life inside the seminary and my assignments in parishes helped me to develop the skills and competency that are necessary for my future ministry.

Seeing the need to open and immerse myself to real life situations yet discerning enough to follow God's call, I opted to apply for a one year-leave to see for myself the reality of working outside. Hence, after my graduation in the college seminary, with the blessing of my formators and spiritual directors, my application for leave was approved and granted, I then left the seminary with good moral condition and academic standing.

I was studying in Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Drawing from the invaluable contributions of all these experiences and guidance from the Lord, after months of fruitful discernment, I am so resolved to commit myself to the Lord and especially to His call to the priesthood. Consistent to this, is my eagerness to pursue God's precious gift of priestly vocation in him, all encouraged and optimistic to become one of the servants in the near future.

Recently I was asked by Bishop Timothy O'Connell, from the Catholic Diocese of Trenton to complete my studies under his Diocese.

LADIES GUILD

Save the date: Junk in the Trunk is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th with the rain date of Saturday, September 23rd. So you can get started on collecting the items you no longer need to turn them into cash. Applications are available at the rectory.

Please reserve September 18, 7 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 Lowney chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest healthcare/hospital systems. He formerly served as a Managing Director of J.P. Morgan & Co in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London until leaving the firm in 2001. He has lectured in more than two-dozen countries on on leadership, business ethics, and other related topics.

He is the author of five books, including the bestselling *Heroic Leadership* and *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*, which was called "a book for the ages" and became the # 1 bestseller on Amazon's "Popes and the Vatican" list.

Chris's most recent work is, "Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church." During his talk, Chris will explore some of the profound challenges now facing the Church and will invite each of us to step up and help lead the Church's revitalization.

Chris founded and speaks on behalf of Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future, which funds education and healthcare projects in the developing world.

He is 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.

There is no admission; however, a free will offering can be made for Lowney's foundation, **Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future**.

*Though it may seem
Angels are so far away,
They will be there
Any time of the day.
From the morning dew
To the stars above
They will always be there
To show god's love.*

Stacy Savage

**Catholic Homeschool Conference –
July 28 & 29, 2017**

The IHM New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College – Student Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, in Mahwah, New Jersey, on Friday, July 28th (12:00pm – 6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 29th (9:30am – 3:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

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. Have a great summer and drive safely.

SUMMER HOLDS

A touch of velvet, the bloom of a rose,
The fragrance of flowers and honey in groves,
Christened the morning with a heavenly scent
On the breeze of the solstice when springtime is spent.
The crystal blue sky holds a whisper of cloud.
The crystal blue sky holds a whisper of cloud,
And birds that sing praise to the Creator, aloud,
On wing, they're like angels with colorful hue
That worship and love Him, eternity through.
Summer holds dreams that we had as a child,
A sock full of memories of youth running wild;
Trusting the savior on instinct that grows,
The basis of faithfulness that only God knows.

Summer holds warm nights with diamonds above,
Such jewels are the treasure, a troth of pure love,
Embodied in Heaven where the greedy can't steal
And dreamers envision what pleasures are real.
Summer hold romance, Summer holds youth,
Summer holds fantasy, Summer holds truth;
Enchantment from Nature, all sunny and bright,
With long days of wonder and short dreams at night.
God blesses the Summer with His own gentle touch,
With color and fragrance, we all love so much.
He created this time wo our spirits can rest
In knowing He loves us, His chosen and best.

Nancy Watson Dodrill

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017**

Maria Invernon & Jolene Colsant
LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren

12 NOON Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. Peg Carolan & Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Linda O'Connell

12 NOON Tony Mazza & Jolene Colsant

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Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the people parables, or stories, that illustrate a moral lesson. The Story of the Seeds is about how people receive the Word of God.

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Where the seeds fall...

Count all the flowers on this page that grew from seeds - how many can you find?



Stony Path - Birds eat seeds

The Word, like the seed, is now gone. With no Word, people do not listen.

Edge of Garden - Seeds fall between stones, sprout but don't take root

A sprouted seed is there for a moment but can't survive without roots.

If The Word doesn't take root, it's not alive long enough for people to understand.

Between the Weeds - Seeds fall and sprout, but are choked out by the weeds

The seeds and Word sprout, take root, and grow for a short time.

The people hear The Word, and understand, but worldly things prevent continued growth.

Healthy Soil - Seeds sprout, take root and grow well

The Word, like a healthy plant, grows beautifully. People listen, understand, and thrive on **The Word of God!**

If you were a seed, where would you fall?

Do you listen? Understand? Thrive on the Word of God?

Plant some seeds in good soil in pots or the garden. Watch how with patience, proper care and love, the seeds sprout and grow!