

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 30, 2017**



SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

5:30 P.M. Marie D'Avanzo
Jackie Nordby
Intentions of Ernest Poeggel

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Basil Bavun
Joe Mastrogiacomio
Isabel Yu Cubillan

10:00 A.M. Marcellino Cayetano
Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Marie DeFazio

12:00 P.M. Raul Guido Emnace

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017

8:00 A.M. Kathy Robinson

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

8:00 A.M. Claire Greco

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIALc

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Anton Grom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Charles Thielitz
Patricia Reinhold

10:00 A.M. Enriquito Go
Gertrudus Tindoc
Virginia Taylor

12:00 P.M. Jennie & William Montgoris, Sr.

**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 Alex Haines
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 John Carolan
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Robert Nebbia
Evelyn Means Barbara Kincaid Frank Sanclementi

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,123.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

There are some things that we can know only by faith, such as the statement in the Letter to the Romans, which is our second reading today:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God. For those who have no faith, it is impossible to good in every situation. Even for us with faith, it can be difficult at times, but if we persevere in looking for the good, we always find it.

This is very similar to the story in the Gospel today. If someone finds a hidden treasure in a field, that person will usually try to find a way to obtain it. We all like treasures and most of us would be happy to have more resources to live. Or if we are collectors of stamps or other types of things, we can get totally involved in acquiring what we lack to complete our collections. Most of us are not fishermen, yet we can understand a large haul of fish, and throwing out those that have to commercial value.

So the question for us today really comes down to this: what is the deepest and most important value in our lives? Do we see God as that value? Do we see value for the Kingdom of God in our lives? Or is it just something that we play at?

We can listen to the story about Solomon in the first reading, from the First Book of Kings. What gift would we ask of God? Honestly, there are times when we might ask for many things: life for another person, enough money for our families, safety for those who travel and so on. Solomon does not ask for a deeper relationship with God, but for a gift that will help him serve others better. We don't have to be pious about this. Instead, we need to seek that which will help us love others more because in loving others more, we love God.

God invites us to reflect on our lives and on our values today. God invites us to put our lives in order so that all of our choices reflect His love for us and our love for others. This is the project of a whole life time and not something that we can achieve and never worry about once more. God help us! Let us give Him praise.

**St. Sharbel Makluf
Feast Day: July 24**

Joseph Makluf was born in Lebanon. He was raised by an uncle because his father died when he was only three. He studied at the parish school and took care of the family's cow. He was interested in prayer and solitude from an early age. He spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village. He liked to think about God while he stood admiring the beauty of Lebanon's valleys and mountains. His uncle wanted the boy to continue working with him, but his mother wanted him to marry. Joseph had other plans, and left home in 1851 without telling anyone he was leaving.

Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He took his monastic vows in 1853 at the age of 23. Eventually, he was ordained to the Priesthood. The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual labor, and contemplative silence. He focused much of his prayer life on the Eucharist.

Joseph's superiors observed God's power at work in his life, and he became known as someone capable of working

great wonders; even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live a completely solitary life.

Joseph (known as Sharbel in his community) lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. He had a reputation for holiness: He fasted regularly and remained very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors asked him to leave his solitary home to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel obeyed with joy. He died on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians both consider his tomb a place of pilgrimage and cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later.

As members of the St Francis parish family, we have the opportunity to share in St. Sharbel's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament both privately and with fellow parishioners. If you have not experienced the beauty of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, you can do that right here in our Chapel on Friday mornings. For those who are not free in the morning, we often have Adoration on the third Saturday of the month before Mass. Maybe you will find a special connection with Jesus in this devotion. Come and see.

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.

SUPER 50/50 WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Super 50/50 raffle:

Gwen Gordon, Haskell – 25% - \$1,487.50
Mary Trentacosta, Wanaque – 15% - \$892.50
Dottie & Dominick Cortellessa, Wanaque – 10% - \$595.00

Thank you to all who supported the Super 50/50 raffle.

LADIES GUILD

Save the dates:

Bus Trip to: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. Sept. 7, 2017 – Included tour and lunch – details to follow.

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.

AUGUST 2017 EMMAUS MEETING

The Emmaus group will meet Monday, August 14th at 7:00pm in the church hall. We will discuss possible programs for the fall. The purpose of the Emmaus group is to promote the spiritual and communal growth of our parish through retreats, bible study, pilgrimages, book discussions. We welcome suggestions. Please join us on Monday, August 14th.

PATRIOTIC MASS AND ROSARY NOVENA

The next patriotic mass and rosary novena will be on Saturday, August 5th at 11:00am in the chapel. The Lazarus group will be the sponsor this month. What can you do for your country? PRAY!! Through this rosary we pray for every soul in every state in the USA. The more people praying, the more prayer power. Join us.



**Do you have TRASH to SELL or
are you LOOKING For a treasure?**

The Ladies Guild is holding a **JUNK- IN-THE-TRUNK Sale** on September 16th (Rain Date, 9/23) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / ladydi240@yahoo.com or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Boonton, New Jersey

For more than 150 years, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has been educating children to be lifelong learners and leaders in their communities -- the *scholars, athletes, artists, citizens, and saints* of tomorrow. We take great pride in the hallmarks of an OLMC education: **academic excellence, faithful Catholic formation, and a culture that strengthens character.** Everything we do inside and outside of the classroom is designed to help our students realize their God-given potential, to prepare them to live well, and to excel in any field of human aspiration. Sound like something you'd want for your children? OLMC is only twelve miles from St. Francis of Assisi! We invite you to check us out. Find out more at our website: olmc.academy

**ST. FRANCIS CARNIVAL
THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all parishioners and non-parishioners who worked many hours to make our 56th annual parish carnival a great success. It takes dedicated people to make something this big happen and succeed. It does not happen by itself. Surely the parish would agree, the biggest thanks goes out to Dale Ostrander and his crew of workers for setting up all the carnival booths along with the many requirements that are unseen and not known to us. Thank you to all who manned the booths, the kitchen crew for the excellent menu, the Ladies Guild & parishioners who cooked in the food tent, money men, and money counters and the sellers of the nightly 50/50's. Also thank you to all who came out and supported the carnival. See you next year for our 57th!

Mark your calendars: Appreciation Night for all carnival volunteers is scheduled for October 20th at 7 PM. Look for more information in September.

Below are some candid shots provided by parishioner John Arendas:



Fr. Stanley Francis Rother's Path Toward Sainthood

By: Sem. Jayke Pariñas

Fr. Stanley Rother was an American Roman Catholic priest ordained in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in 1963. He became an associate pastor to several parishes in Oklahoma and later assigned to do a mission in the village of Santiago Atitlan in 1968. Santiago Atitlan is in the rural highlands of southwest Guatemala. Mastering the local language of his parishioners, he translated the New Testament to Tz'utujil. During his mission there, he built a school, hospital, and a Catholic radio station.

Fr. Rother was a man of service and of faith, wherein he devoted his whole life teaching, living, preaching the Word of the Lord and bringing Christ to his parishioners. His dedication to serve God and the Tz'utujil people, makes him to be a true shepherd of the Lord and a fisher of men. However, in 1980, Guatemala was torn by civil war and Fr. Rother's name was on a death list. Because of this, he went back to Oklahoma for a couple of months. After two months of rest with his family, he said to his family that "A Shepherd cannot run from his flock" and decided to go back to Guatemala despite of the danger that he will be facing. On July 28, 1981, Fr. Rother was shot dead by three-armed men who broke into his rectory. He was killed for protecting his parishioners and living out his Catholic faith.

Fr. Rother's life as a priest was very special and inspiring. He has a life full of service and love to his parishioners. With his life story and ministry as a priest, he showed me the essence of becoming a true shepherd and servant of God. Also, he showed me the acts of selflessness, kindness and attentive presence towards people as crucial characteristics of becoming a good priest. I find these things very special, most especially to Mount St. Mary's Seminary where I am studying now, because of these lessons and inspirations that he encrypted to the hearts of everyone. He was an alumnus of Mount St. Mary's Seminary from which he graduated in 1963. Through his compassion and service as a servant and shepherd of God, Pope Francis acknowledge his martyrdom, making him the first recognized martyr to have been born in the United States. He will be beatified in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017 and Mount St. Mary's Seminary will be sending 16 seminarians to Oklahoma City to sing during his beatification. I was one of the selected seminarians to sing during Fr. Rother's beatification and it was an honor on my part that I have given a chance to participate and witness his beatification.

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

John Minnett & Jolene Colsant

LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Maria Invernon & Judy Moran

12 NOON John Arendas & Jolene Colsant

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:44-52

Jesus tells us nothing we could ever own on earth is more valuable than the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the Apostles gave up their earthly possessions and followed Jesus, we can share our earthly possessions with others.

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The Grace of God is a Great Treasure.

Grace is a gift God gives us! With His love, protection and blessing we can help others, and share ourselves and our talents.

Our parents/guardians show us God's love and grace every day when they take care of us. What can you do for your family & friends today, to show them your love?

Pretend you are the treasure chest and your talents are your treasure. What does God want you to share with others?



Don't forget you are one of God's great treasures on earth!



Cut out treasure chest, fold in half and tape tabs to back of chest. Cut out & put in treasure strips, share with someone.



SHARE SOMETHING YOU LEARNED AT SCHOOL

HELP A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

SHARE YOUR ART OR MUSIC TALENTS

PUT AWAY YOUR THINGS / HOUSEWORK / CLEAN UP

HELP PREPARE / CLEAN UP A MEAL

WORK IN THE GARDEN / YARD

PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SICK OR TROUBLED

↓ Fill in your own talents ↓

Empty dashed box for writing.

Empty solid box for writing.

