

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 23 ~ Vigil/17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (SummerFest) Frank & Gussie Stiano
Sunday, July 24 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Frank Flores
Monday, July 25
9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 27
9:00 AM
Friday, July 29
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Saturday, July 30 ~ Vigil/18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Patricia Mosca, William Pitt, Sr.
Sunday, July 31 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM The flowers on the altar are in memory of William Pitt, Sr., given by his family.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saturday, July 30 ~ Vigil/17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Ted Wall
Sunday, July 31 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Eric Halahan


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, July 30 ~ Vigil/18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Barb Cinque (a), Kathy Fayol (c)
Sunday, July 31 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Marie Barnett (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE
 Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
 Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
 Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)
 Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)
 Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES
 Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL
 Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan,
 Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Courtney Collins, Peter Cavalier,
 Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Christian
 DeMott, Marie DiMare, Tina DiMare, Agnes Ferrone,
 Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Margaret Hale,
 Ninette Kondratowicz, Nicole Langer, Janet Murphy,
 Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl

LOOKING AHEAD
Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st & 3rd Saturdays by Appointment
(9 AM start)
Friday, August 5
 First Friday Holy Hour with Exposition
 of the Blessed Sacrament ~ 7:00 PM
Monday, August 8
 Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM



Commentary on Today's Gospel Reading

It is said that God will give the most loving answer possible to our prayers. Sometimes that means that God will physically heal us or grant us some favor. At other times it means that God will meet us on the cross. We would naturally prefer to receive a positive response to our prayers, but God, who sees reality from a different perspective, can see that it is sometimes better if we do not receive the things for which we prayed. God thinks in terms of a long-term good, eternal good, and not short-term apparent good.

“ . . . For everyone who ask, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened...If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” *Luke 11: 10, 13*

Today's Scripture Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14
 Luke 11:1-13

Teach Us To Pray

In today's Gospel Reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. If we look throughout the gospels, we find accounts of Jesus praying in any number of circumstances or situations. Jesus prays prayers of blessing and benediction. Jesus prays prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. Jesus prays communally and privately. With this, the Lord's prayer is part of Jesus' teaching to his followers to pray in the everyday events of their lives.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer *par excellence* in the sense that it not only affirms ultimate dependence on God, but it also insists that we, as the people of God, must be invested in our prayer. Jesus says, "Forgive us our sins we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us," and then he continues to share the story of the friend who asks for bread. Pope Francis attested, "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." Prayer is a way of living in relationship with God and others. When we pray, then, we unite heaven with earth.

Applause!

Despite the heat intensity, SummerFest went off yesterday without a hitch (almost LOL). Weeks and weeks of planning and hard work go into staging this annual event ~ this year is #45! Volunteers worked many days since Fathers' Day to set up the Flea Market (which was loaded!). Other Volunteers worked for many days wrapping the Tricky Tray baskets, this year numbering more than 150! More Volunteers repaired the tarps, purchased the food, prepared the food, barbecued chickens, set up and cleaned up, etc. Of course, there's everyone who patronized it!

The final tally is not yet available so we will report that to you next week. Today, we deeply thank EVERYONE who worked to make SummerFest #45 come to life. A special thanks to **Ted Wall** for 'leading the charge' again this year . . . a very time-consuming job. We are indebted to all of you!



The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

THE GIFT
8. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated on Holy Thursday, the priest prays these words:
For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.
As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean.



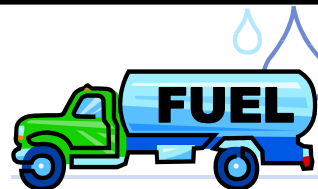
The words of the liturgy on the night the Church commemorates the institution of the Eucharist speak to us of the Mass as the re-presentation of Christ's unique sacrifice on the Cross, the reception of Christ truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the marvelous effects of communion in those who receive this gift. **9.** The mission of the Lord's entire life on earth was to glorify the Father by bringing us salvation. In the Nicene Creed recited at Mass, we profess "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." The salvation offered in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ is nothing less than sharing in the very life of God, in the communion of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is no greater gift that God could possibly give us. In Christ, we are sharers in the divine nature. The Church Fathers referred to this participation in the divine life as "divinization." The eternal Son of God made this possible by becoming man and uniting humanity to his divine Person. St. Augustine explained, "the maker of man was made man, so that man might be a receiver of God." In fact, Pope Francis reminds us that "in the bread of the Eucharist, 'creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.'"

Look for the next segment of this document from the USCCB in next week's bulletin.*
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Mass Attendance/Collection
 Attending Mass July 16 & July 17 **113**
 Weekend's Collection: **\$1,239.00**

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