

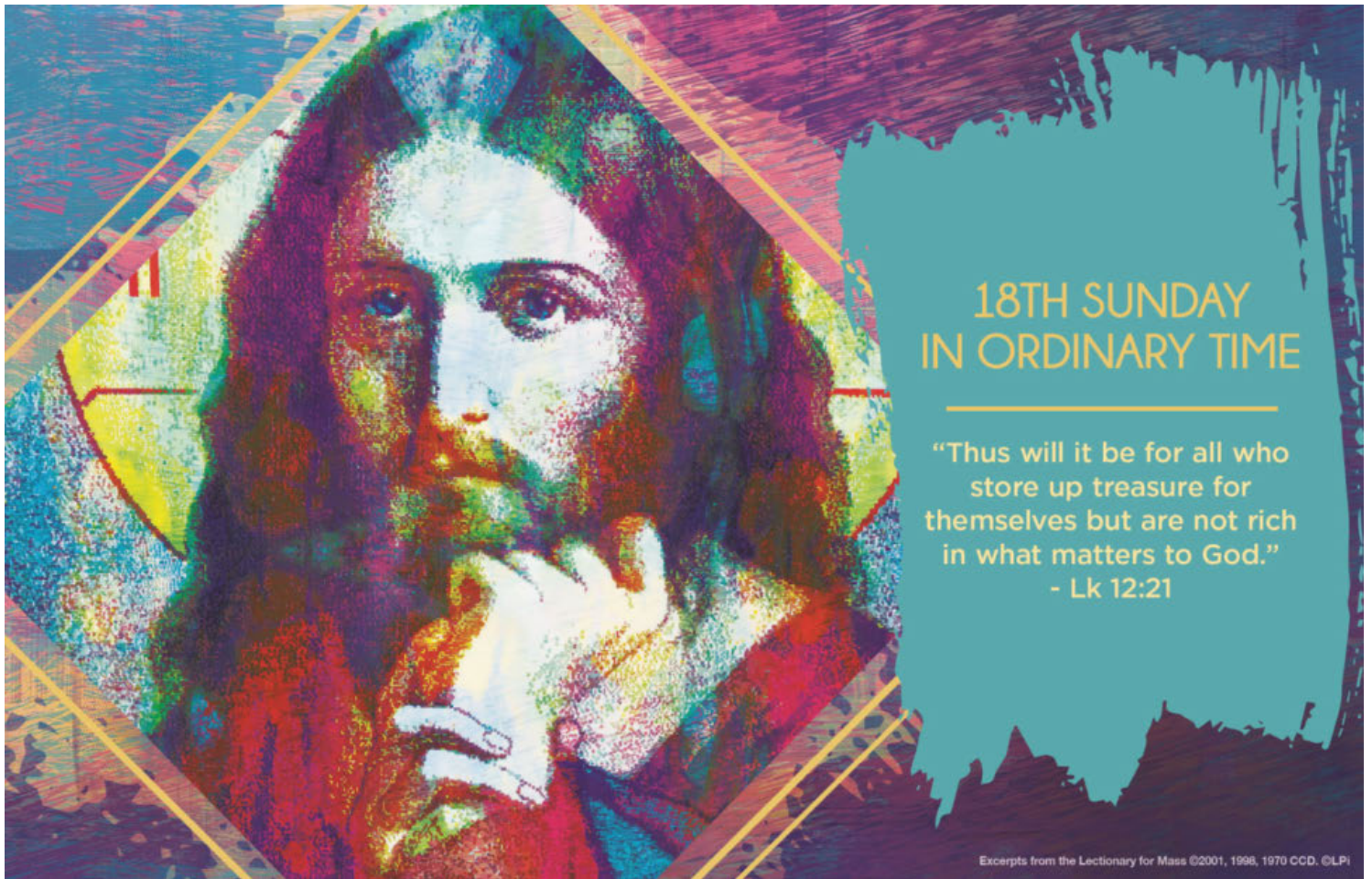


Saints

LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN

Parish

JULY 31, 2022 | 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



18TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”  
- Lk 12:21

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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil:**

4:00PM (St. Joseph)

**Sunday:**

7AM (St. Catherine)

8AM (St. Ann)

9AM (St. Catherine)

10:15AM (St. Ann)

11:30AM (St. Joseph)

Noon in Haitian Creole (St. Ann)

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

9:00AM

Mon-Sat at St. Ann Church

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# Welcome Home

**About Us:** Formed July 1, 2019, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin Parish joined three parish communities to undertake the call to form missionary disciples in Somerville. Rooted in Christ, and present in our community for 150 years, we, as Catholics, aim to foster a culture of vocation, form small-group discipleship, and offer hospitality. We welcome you to our three historic churches and hope you encounter Christ within these walls and beyond. Please feel free to reach out to any of our priests, our deacon, lay staff, or volunteers. Pax et Bonum!



## SATURDAY, JULY 30

9:00AM † Gladys Capizzi  
4:00PM † Salvatore Nardella (1st Anniversary)

## SUNDAY, JULY 31

7:00AM † Diane Grant  
8:00AM Pro Populo  
9:00AM † Greg Smith  
10:15AM † David & Anthony Mitrano  
11:30AM † William Thomas Creel

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00AM † Mary-Lou Buck

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00AM Marie-Ange & Celies Dessin

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00AM † Diane Grant

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00AM † Greg Smith

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00AM Marie-Ange & Celies Dessin

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00AM † Terry Quirk  
4:00PM † William P. Slone (4th Anniversary)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00AM † Eddie & Jose Amaral  
8:00AM Leo & Pina Mingace  
9:00AM † Jack Mustacchio  
10:15AM Pro Populo  
11:30AM † Barbara Yeoman

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:15-3:45PM (STJ)

Sunday—8:15-8:45AM (STC)

Sunday—9:30-10AM (STA)

If these times are not convenient, please call 617-666-2087 to schedule Confession.



Baptism instruction for our parish will be given to parents/godparents on August 22, 2022 at St. Catherine of Genoa Church.

## GIVING & ATTENDANCE 7/23 & 7/24

Offertory	\$8,161	479
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Charismatic	\$766
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## Parish Staff

**Very Rev. Brian J. McHugh, VE**

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# Spiritual Life

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 31, 2022



**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

**M, W, F—8:30-9:00 (STA)**

**Saturday— 3:15-3:45 (STJ)**

**Sunday—8:15-8:45 (STC)**



Let us pray for the souls of **Jeroma**

**Capatoso, Amacie Occil, Kathleen Lynch, Edna MacDonald, and Doris Procito** whose Funeral Masses were offered in our Parish this past week. May they have eternal life in Heaven with the Angels and Saints.

Let us welcome **Ashlyn Catatao** who was Baptized into the faith this past weekend. Please keep Ashlyn children and her family in your prayers.



**Please pray for Vocations:**

**July 31 - Brothers**

**August 1- Military Chaplains**

**August 2 - Women Religious**

**August 3 - Priesthood**

**August 4 - Diaconate**

**August 5 - Marriage**

**August 6 - Consecrated Virgins**

## WATCH

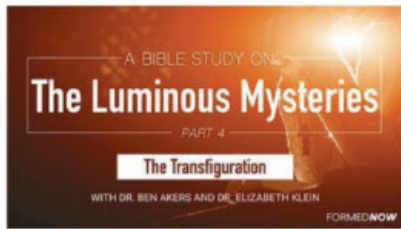
### COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."



## LEARN

### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: THE TRANSFIGURATION



This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, the mountaintop manifestation of Christ's glory that we read about in the Gospel. As we recall this wondrous event, however, many questions might come to mind. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? Why did Jesus only bring Peter, James, and John? Hear the answers to these questions and more in this episode of

## LISTEN

### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Transfiguration is part of the Luminous Mysteries, which were introduced to the Church in 2002 by St. John Paul II. These mysteries recall events that demonstrate the light of Christ during his public ministry. On this feast day, let us ponder this miraculous episode of Jesus' life by praying along with this recording of the Rosary.



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**II. Kenny Pinho & Jennifer Dunn**

**I. Nicholas Freitas & Erin Kelly**

Please remember the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers, in your prayers.

May God's healing presence be with them:

Steve Swensen, Robert Taylor, Joseph Trio, Debbie Wainwright, Rita A

Tomaszewski, Nancy Cassidy, Donna Stone, Bill O'Flanagan, Anne Williams, Patricia Quinlan,

Barbara E. Yeoman, Rose Hart, Scott Aruda, Charlie Dunn, Jr., Rev. James Butler, Samantha Longdin,

Cathy Bowdren, Margaret Blake, Marie Chaves, Bill Conforti.



# Upcoming Events

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to



securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved

by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

*Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:13-15*

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PERFECT LOVE OF  
GOD MEANS THE  
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ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

In the book of Genesis, Abraham is concerned for the innocent residents of Sodom and Gomorrah. God assures Abraham that He will spare the cities if He finds fifty innocent people there. Abraham is still worried. Abraham needs more assurance, but he cannot do it without falling all over himself by apologizing profusely.

God's patience with Abraham throughout the exchanges is wholesome and parental. You get the sense that Abraham is very anxious, and the Lord knows this, but gently and matter-of-factly answers his questions, one after another, all with calmness and serenity.

The theme that leaps off the page is persistence in prayer. The world sees God as omnipotent. Then why does God need to be asked to do anything is often the follow up question.

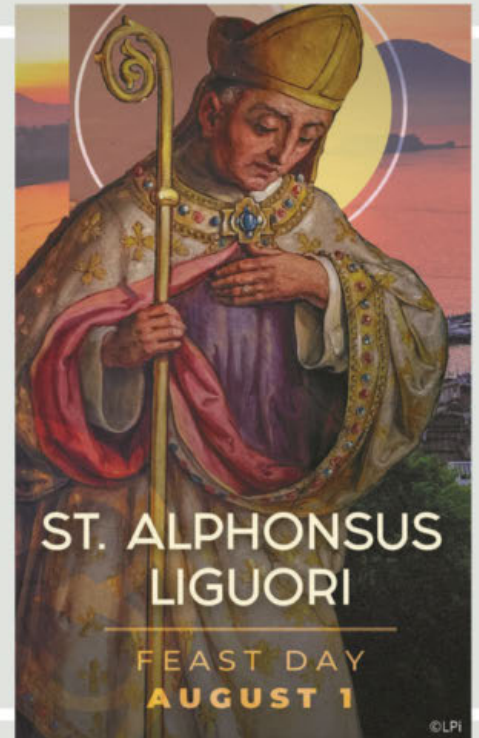
Other people would think Abraham was nagging God or just trying to micromanage the Almighty. There is also the inescapable truth that so often the very specific things we request in prayer will never materialize. For example, we pray for peace, and we see an endless barrage of headlines announcing violence, recession, and disunity. For this reason some people give up praying.

We see Abraham drawing nearer to God. Think of a little child having a meltdown; the father stretches out his arms to bring the child into a reassuring embrace and says, See how I am here. See how I love you. See how I will take care of you." God desires relationship with us and you see from this example how God loves us and cares for us. Of course, we need conversation if any relationship is going to grow.

Persistent prayer is really just good communication. It is letting someone know about your feelings and your needs and allowing that individual to be there for you. Of course, in this case we are speaking of God. God's faithfulness is what we need. The world is broken and so are we. The only one who can piece us back together again and only do so if we ask is God! Any action without prayer is insufficient. Prayer changes things because it changes people. So, let us keep praying. Let us dare to seek, to knock, to ask. Let us dare to draw nearer to God!

We are this through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Peace,  
Fr. Brian



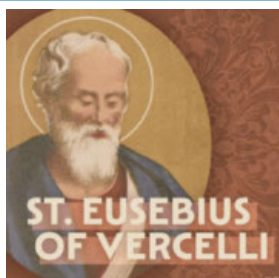
## Saint of the Week

Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages. In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.





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