



JULY 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/
Ps 145:10-11, 15-18/ Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/
Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

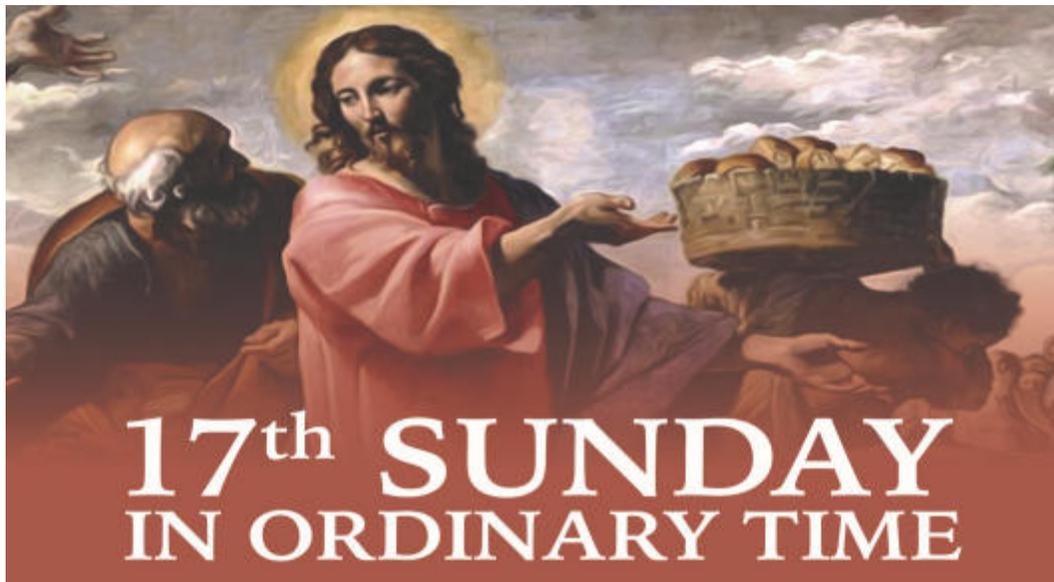
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/
Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/
Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,
34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b/
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12



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TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
and by appointment

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Year of Saint Joseph



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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:

This weekend we celebrate the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. I must confess that I found this to be a bit of an unusual arrangement. I discovered, after speaking with several other people and a few priests, that I am not alone in this quandary. I appreciate what Pope Francis is trying to do. I just wonder about the optics and reality of it all. I understand Grandparents, - I had four wonderful Grandparents myself and after my paternal Grandfather passed away my Grandmother married another generous and wonderful man. As a celibate male I also know that I will never be a grandparent, and I am perfectly okay with that. I freely acknowledge that I am even a rather mediocre uncle and even less than mediocre great-uncle. I am all good with celebrating Grandparents. Likewise, I am happy to celebrate the elderly. I just don't know who they are or how to define it.

The average age for a first-time Grandparent in the US is fifty years old. I do not know any fifty year olds who are elderly – though they are all eligible for AARP! Likewise, I know many people, and certainly in my own family, who, in their mid and even late eighties do not think of themselves as “elderly.”

So, I guess this – if you are a Grandparent and if you think of yourself as “elderly” then today we are celebrating you – your life and your contributions to your family, our parish, and to the wider community.

This celebration will be observed annually on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Blessed Mother and therefore the Grandparents of Jesus.

We have now concluded the Summer Religious Education Academy, and certainly both weeks went extremely well. We had an amazing cadre of volunteers over the two weeks, plus the many teachers we hired to conduct the classes along the way. We are ever grateful to the Faith Formation Office for their efforts in making this program successful. There are other families who have opted for either a hybrid-home school version or for the more traditional weekly program. Faith formation is an increasing challenge, calling us all to be increasingly counter-cultural in our perspectives and efforts. It is good to see so many young, high school and college age, volunteers so willing and excited in sharing their faith with our students. Let us continue our prayers for them and for the students in our programs so that they will grow strong in faith and come to know Jesus Christ and his church in their lives.

Speaking of matters of faith formation, for whatever reasons – and they are many – there are more than a few adults within our community who have never been confirmed. This becomes apparent when they present themselves as sponsors for baptism or confirmation, or when they seek to get married. We try to accommodate their needs, but many of them have little or no real faith formation. If this sounds like you or someone in your family or circle, please make contact with the Faith Formation office.

We would like to help you to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in an opportune way, and not to have to delay the sacraments for someone else (niece or nephew) while you prepare to receive Confirmation. We understand that this is a process and not a quick remedy, so time, reading, and preparation is necessary in the journey.

This coming week is the final week of internship for our summer seminarian Anthony Gentile. Anthony added a great deal of energy to the office, and contributed in a significant way to the Summer Academy. We are grateful for his enthusiasm and pray that as he enters his major seminary studies this Fall, that he will continue to grow in his love for Christ and his Church.

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Garry

The Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Margaret Roddy at 732/264-4712 ext. 17 or roddy@stbenedictnj.org to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a church. Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several sessions with our Marriage Minister.

If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please make contact with the parish office. We offer direction and assistance on receiving an annulment for those who are divorced and re-married. Please do not hesitate to call – the process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined. Please call Lori McCahill, Director of Marriage Ministry at 732/264-4712 ext. 27 or mccahill@stbenedictnj.org

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners who are ill or unable to get about are often the most neglected and in need. Please make contact with the parish office for any of the following ministries or services:

Anointing of the Sick – the priests will visit the persistently homebound at least twice per year but are available to come to your home anytime that there is a health crisis or a deteriorating condition. Please do not wait until the person is in the final stages of life – except for an emergency – to call for a priest.

Reception of Holy Communion – if a homebound parishioner would like to receive Holy Communion, please make contact with the parish office.

Hospital Nursing Homes – please call the office if a parishioner or a loved one is at Bayshore Community Hospital or has been moved into a local nursing home so that we can tend to the pastoral needs. For family members hospitalized outside of the area the in-house chaplaincy services can tend to the immediate needs. One of the priests will pay a visit as requested.

Community Outreach

Help for People with Medicare (SHIP) - SHIP is a State Health Insurance Program that provides FREE, objective, confidential help to Medicare beneficiaries who have problems or questions with Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D and Long-Term Care. Please call Lorrie McGee, Pastoral Minister for Community Outreach at 732/264-4712 ext. 37 or mcgee@stbenedictnj.org.

**Saturday, July 24th***Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*5:00 p.m. **Maureen and Joseph Murphy** req. The Flanagan Family**Sunday, July 25th***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**¹
9:30 a.m. **James Manning** req. Marion Manning
11:00 a.m. **Mrs. Edmond Fleurimond** req. Family**Monday, July 26th***Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*9:00 a.m. **Adam Quinones** req. Mom and Dad
Adrienne Malone
req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict
Eileen Haff req. The Armstrong Family
Donna Czajhowski
req. Mike, Debbie and Kimmy Doxbeck
Raymond Henning req. The LaBruno Family
Joseph Chichelo req. The Cannizzo Family
Joseph Assini
req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict
Lisa Pollari req. Terry Mulé
Paul Remick* req. Diane and Bob Laskowski
Living Intention*Tuesday, July 27th**9:00 a.m. **Reverend Frank Cornely** req. The Armstong Family**Wednesday, July 28th**9:00 a.m. **Daniel, Charlotte and Dylan Vassallo**
req. The Vassallo Family
Dianne Cavallaro req. The Vassallo Family
Adam Quinones req. Mom and Dad
Anne Drew and Grace Switaj req. Paul and Judy Switaj
Pietra Monteleone req. Giuseppa and Vincenza Mannino
Anthony Marzigliano req. Marion Manning
Adrienne Malone req. The Cucich Family
Joe Ampudia req. Sharon Barrett
Margaret Manzi req. Larry and Jo-Ann Egan
Suzanne Busch
req. Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Benedict**Thursday, July 29th***Saint Martha*9:00 a.m. **Anthony Marzigliano** req. The Cannarozzo Family**Friday, July 30th***Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*9:00 a.m. **Sophia Macchia** req. The Cannarozzo Family**Saturday, July 31st***Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*5:00 p.m. **Diane McEnergy** req. The McEnergy Family**Sunday, August 1st***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**
9:30 a.m. **Mary and Con Cunningham** req. Marion Manning
11:00 a.m. **Edoardo Russo** req. The DeMuria Family*Please remember in your prayers all those whose names are listed in our Prayer Intention Book**Lucy Jankowski
Robert Russell, Sr.***July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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**St. Benedict Catholic Church
Memorial Mass Society**

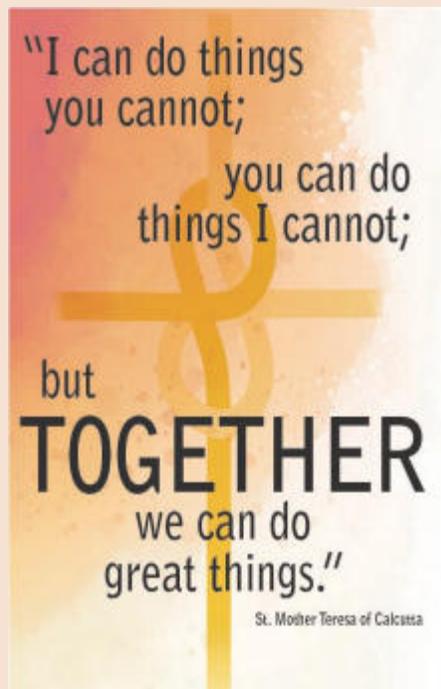
For a suggested donation of \$20 those who are enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society will benefit from Masses to be celebrated on Twelve First Saturday's. A book with the names of all those enrolled will be placed near the altar for the Memorial Mass. The names of first time enrollees will be read at the first Mass in which they are remembered. When requesting enrollment in the Memorial Mass Society a blue padded Mass Card will be provided for presentation to the family of the deceased.



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to memorialize the Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers or Sanctuary candle in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office.

If you would like to memorialize one or all of the candles in our Lady of Victory Adoration Chapel in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin.



Father Garry is pleased to announce that St. Benedict has received over \$90,136 in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$95,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Benedict in a parish rebate. **If you have yet to make your gift, pledge forms are still available at the doors of the Church.**

The Annual Catholic Appeal-In Action!

Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP): Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by Catholic Charities is available.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

MERCIFUL SAVIOR PRAYER GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The St. Benedict Merciful Savior Prayer Group meets every Monday (except when a holiday falls on a Monday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. For further information, please call Sal and Janice Alagona at 732/264-5744 or Geri Ventura at 732/566-6642.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Contemporary Choir sings every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the second and fourth Sundays. The Teen Choir sings at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday. For information about the Contemporary Choir, please contact Tom O'Brien, Choir Director at thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com

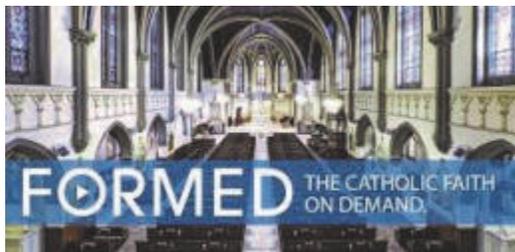
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at remick@stbenedictnj.org

PRAYER INTENTION GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Prayer Intention Group meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel to pray for one another's special intentions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on alternate Tuesday mornings to knit or crochet shawls for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. If you would like a shawl for someone or would like to join us on Tuesdays, please call Caroline Cattani at 732/241-5150



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Check <https://leaders.formed.org/> for inspirational resources for Faith Formation in July 2021.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$90.00 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.



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**SCRIP****Store/Gift cards**

The SCRIP Program provides an opportunity for school families to earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards for supermarkets, retailers, restaurants, travel destinations, hotels, service providers and more. The list of cards we carry is on the Counter Sales Form. Any other cards available through SCRIP can be ordered using the SCRIP Order Form. Both forms can be printed from the SBS website under the SCRIP tab or the Forms tab. Payment for these cards are made with a check or cash at time of purchase or order. For additional information please contact Lorrie McGee at mcgee@stbenedictnj.org or by phone 732-264-4712 ext. 37.

Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

Abuse Hotline: 1/888-296-2965 or
abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them.

Amen.

Living

Fr. Carlos Castilla
Fr. Patrick Castles
Fr. Joy Chacko
Fr. John Chang
Fr. Ronald Cioffi

Seminarian-Kenneth Falls

Discerning-Kevin

Deceased

Fr. Martin van den Bogaard
Fr. Michael J. Hagerty
Fr. Stephen B. Getlik
Fr. Ignatius Bernbenek
Fr. William A. Barron
Msgr. John M. Wilus
Fr. Aladar Kiss
Fr. James F. Gough
Msgr. William P. Leahy
Fr. Joseph Wust
Fr. John C. Farrell
Fr. John H. MacDonald
Msgr. John Goch



Why Not You? Why Not Now?

Wondering who to talk to? Did you know Father Garry and Father JM serve on our Diocesan Vocation team? Call or make an appointment and they would be happy to answer any questions.

Contact: Father Garry Koch-frgarry@stbenedictnj.org
Father JM Patilla-856-983-0077



The Knights of Columbus is the world's foremost Catholic Fraternal Benefit Society. It also maintains a highly rated insurance company with attractive rates for its members and their families. If you are interested in joining you may pick up a prospect card at the church entrance, fill it out and drop it in the collection box. Or send an email to lindgerry39@gmail.com to have the prospect card sent to you. Complete information about the Knights of Columbus and insurance programs is available at KofC.org.

Family Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will recite the next Family Rosary on Saturday, July 31st beginning at 4:30 p.m. and will continue to do so every last Saturday of each month. Parishioners attending the Vigil Mass are encouraged to arrive early to participate.

All are Welcome.

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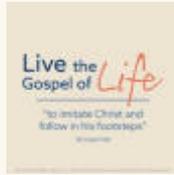
Member Knights

The next Knights of Columbus business meeting will be an in-person meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 8:10 p.m. in the gym. Please enter door 8-B located at the rear of the church. There will also be a link via zoom for those members who prefer to stay virtual.

Eyes for the Needy

The Knights of Columbus seek your help to help those in need to see what the good Lord has provided all of us. Eyes for the Needy is a global organization. founded by Julia Lawrence Terry in 1932. Eyes recycle donated prescription, reading, sunglasses, and jewelry. Please drop your unwanted eye glasses and jewelry (which are sold to raise funds for the purchasing of new glasses) in the collection basket on the shelf in the

Respect Life News



July 9, 2021, (LiveActionNews) - May 23 of this year marked the 20th anniversary of the airing of Star Trek: Voyager's final episode, ending the run of a beloved Star Trek re-imagining, featuring the franchise's first female captain and future pop culture icon. Kate Mulgrew, who starred as Captain Kathryn Janeway, thought of her role as groundbreaking. "I think it was bold. And I think that they made a timely and rather political move. A gesture that certainly I will never forget and I think [will culturally] serve as a great motivator for women," she said, according to an ET story commemorating the 20-year anniversary. Mulgrew certainly has boasting rights to pioneering the iconic role, but it wasn't her first time as a pioneering role model for women in Hollywood — and everywhere. As a young actress, Mulgrew faced an unplanned pregnancy in an industry that has for years notoriously encouraged and even celebrated abortions — and Mulgrew chose life for her daughter, ultimately placing her with an adoptive family. In 1977, Mulgrew landed a role as Mary Ryan on the show Ryan's Hope, which chronicled the travails of an Irish-American family in New York City. And then one day she became unexpectedly pregnant. The baby's father pressured her to end his problem and abort the baby, and Mulgrew's mother was unable to help her. "I was single, alone and flooded with terror. But I knew I would have that baby," Mulgrew said, according to an article she wrote for AARP. "So I decided to give my baby up for adoption. It was a choice, the only one I could make." "It was unusual, in 1977, to be on national television while single and pregnant," said Mulgrew. "My agent and many of my friends thought I was making a huge mistake. I offered to quit, but instead, the show's creator [...] wrote my pregnancy into the show" — an unusual move, for certain, in what has otherwise been described as a Hollywood environment hostile to the idea of pregnant actresses and musicians. Mulgrew, who grew up in a large Catholic family, turned to Catholic Charities to find a home for her baby. Mulgrew never stopped thinking about her daughter, and then in 1998, she encountered the Catholic religious sister who had supervised the adoption. After facing 20 years of refusal by Catholic Charities to provide information, Sister Una decided to share the adoption registry forms with Mulgrew and her daughter, both of whom promptly filled them out and returned them. Mulgrew received a call from her daughter while on the set of Star Trek: Voyager, and she immediately flew to meet her daughter and her family. Her daughter, Danielle, was a junior in college and just as eager to find her biological mother. The two bonded instantly and remained close, with Danielle becoming as much a part of Mulgrew's family as her husband and sons. And the two have worked through the difficult post-adoption emotions as well. "My daughter's capacity for forgiveness is something I have never seen before in my life. That sense of abandonment was excruciating in her life. There is not enough time to make up for it, only enough time to love. We cried a lot. All we can do is move forward. So we do." Kate Mulgrew's brave journey choosing life, her later relationship with her biological daughter, and her time as Captain Kathryn Janeway are all detailed in her 2016 book, *Born with Teeth: A Memoir*.



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A social ministry, SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. For assistance, please call 732/264-4712 ext. 33, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Please do not leave a message for financial assistance on the Emergency line.

For questions or to volunteer please contact
Bill Casey – billy.casey@hotmail.com



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The St. Benedict Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays ONLY from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until further notice.

Please wear a mask.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Below is a suggested list of items needed for our Food Pantry, however all donations

Diapers (all sizes)	Baby Food (stages 2/3)
Baby Wipes	Children's cereal
Coffee/Tea	Juice
Soup	Soap
Shampoo	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Toilet Tissue	

When donating please check expiration dates as we cannot accept expired items.

Thank you for your generosity.

SCRIP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance for the less fortunate. Parishioners are asked to use the SCRIP envelopes, available in the parish office and make a donation toward the purchase of a supermarket gift card.

SCRIP envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at the entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.

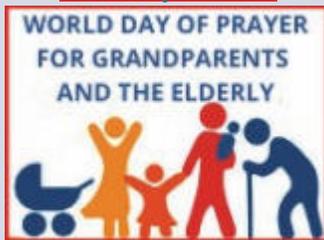
We are grateful to all who kindly make donations throughout the year. Your kindness puts food on tables!



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

- Mikayla Jade Biggs
- Brielle Concetta Bradfield
- Sierra Rey Carolan
- Jack Manuel DeAlmeida
- Wyatt James Johnston
- Emilee Drew Laursen
- James Jersey O'Connor
- Ava Rose Passalacqua
- Arianna Tessa Rubio

July 25



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
 for the comfort of Your presence:
 even in times of loneliness,
 You are my hope and my confidence,
 You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
 I thank You for having given me a family and for having
 blessed me with a long life.
 I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
 for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
 those that are still ahead of me.
 I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which
 You call me.
 Increase, O Lord, my faith,
 make me a channel of your peace,
 teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never
 stop dreaming
 and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
 Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
 that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
 Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
 that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor
 consoled and wars ended.
 Sustain me in weakness
 and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You
 give me,
 in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the
 end of the age.
 Amen.



**Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021
 October 10th, Ocean/Monmouth**

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.



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 To Register: 201-523-0145 | www.TheCatholicJourney.com/0622Trenton



SCAN ME

Trip to France



We're ready to travel. Sister Margaret Tierney, Father Martin O'Reilly and Msgr. Harold Cullen are planning a trip to many of the holy sites in France such as Lourdes. There will be time to visit historic places such as Normandy as well. This is going to be a fun, exciting, spiritual trip from October 3rd-14th, 2021. For further information, please contact, Sister Margaret at (732) 449-5765, 124 or email: Srbeachcomb@yahoo.com

Faith Formation

Faith Formation at St. Benedict is committed to offering programs that will help enhance our participation and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith. We offer programs for parishioners of all ages to deepen their spiritual lives and grow closer to God.

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All Virtual Students are invited to 9:00 a.m. Mass on July 30th to close Virtual Summer Academy.

Virtual Summer Academy details can be found
<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/virtual-summer-program>



Grade 1-6 and 8th grade Traditional Program registration for 2021-2022 is open
Virtual and In-person options are available.

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/registration-virtual-traditional>

If you are interested in volunteering for either our Summer Academy or Traditional Program please contact: Melissa Dayton mdayton@stbenedictnj.org or call 732-264-4712 ext. 26



Sunday, August 1st, and every 1st Sunday of the month, ALL young people are invited to the 11:00 a.m. Mass! To make new friends; to encourage each other in their faith, to inspire each other to serve and participate more reverently in the liturgy. The young people can sit with their families, or they can sit with Mr. Ciro Saverino, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the front. Either way, we hope you'll say "Hello!" on the Church courtyard. RSVP by contacting Ciro, saverino@stbenedictnj.org.

Wednesday, July 21st, 5:00-6:00 p.m., and every 3rd Wednesday of the month, all **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** (6-8th grade) are invited to the **JR. CYO** program. RSVP by contacting Mr. Ciro Saverino saverino@stbenedictnj.org.



Virtual Prayer, videos, Apps and Conferences for Stay at Home/ Covid-19 can be found under the adult programs tab on the St. Benedict website

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/adult-programs>



Are you a young adult (18-39)? Are you looking for a vibrant community of other young adults? Maybe you are a single person, a couple, or discerning the religious life. If so, then St. Benedict is the place for you!

We welcome all newcomers to our young adult group. For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Ciro Saverino saverino@stbenedictnj.org



This Sundays reading for children
Catholic Brain St. Benedict code: **STB19535**

Faith and Family

July Faith and Family Calendar

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15175/documents/2021/6/BENEDICTJULY.pdf>

Year of St. Joseph

July: Joseph Most Faithful

St. Joseph's Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys Devotion & the Seven Sundays Devotion

An effective means of obtaining special graces through the intercession of St. Joseph is to honor his seven sorrows and seven joys by the practicing the Seven Sundays devotion.

The Seven Sundays in honor of St. Joseph are observed by receiving Holy Communion in his honor on seven consecutive Sundays, and on each Sunday the prayers in honor of the Seven Sorrows and the Seven Joys of St. Joseph are recited. This devotion may be practiced at any time of the year, but especially on the seven Sundays preceding his solemnity on March 19th.

JOSEPH'S SEVEN SORROWS

1. The doubt of St. Joseph
(Matthew 1:19)
2. The poverty of Jesus' birth
(Luke 2:7)
3. The Circumcision
(Luke 2:21)
4. The prophecy of Simeon
(Luke 2:34)
5. The flight into Egypt
(Matthew 2:14)
6. The return from Egypt
(Matthew 2:22)
7. The loss of the Child Jesus
(Luke 2:45)

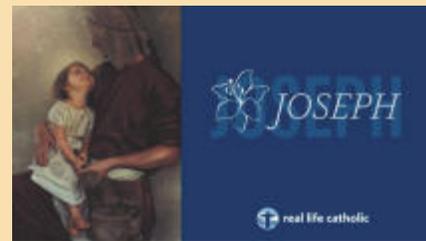
JOSEPH'S SEVEN JOYS

1. The message of the Angel
(Matthew 1:20)
2. The birth of the Savior
(Luke 2:10-11)
3. The Holy Name of Jesus
(Matthew 1:25)
4. The effects of the Redemption
(Luke 2:38)
5. The overthrow of the idols of Egypt
(Isaiah 19:1)
6. Life with Jesus and Mary of Nazareth
(Luke 2:39)
7. The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple
(Luke 2:46)

Mosaic Decoration in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome



The decoration of the Early Christian churches, and particularly of the basilicas, was mostly with mosaics. The largest series of early Christian mosaics in Rome are the panels on the triumphal arch and the nave walls of the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. These extensive mosaics were completed between 432-40 AD. The arch is decorated with continuous New Testament scenes relating to the early life of Jesus. Mary, the Mother of God, is shown as queen of Heaven, enthroned and dressed regally. Jesus is portrayed as a youth or young adult, not as an infant or child. On the top register, Saint Joseph can be seen to the right. Joseph is young, bearded and garbed as a Roman of status befitting the consort of a queen. Here he is conversing with the angels announcing Jesus birth and holding not a shepherds staff, but in his left hand a rod symbolizing the authority and responsibility he has just been given. In the bottom register, Joseph stands on the left side, in Bethlehem, the city of David, the king from whose descendants, traced to Joseph, Jesus was born. On the right is seen Jerusalem, the place of Jesus' death and resurrection.



Real Life Catholic is a website that offers live events, coaching, inspiration for everyday life and much more. You can access Real Life Catholic program on St. Joseph using the link provided <https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/reallifejoseph>

Take part on a journey with Joseph, a 37 episode personal development program to get to know St. Joseph, but more importantly, to help you discover more Jesus, more joy and more purpose in your everyday life. There is a small fee for this course.

To learn more about St. Joseph click on the link below to access our dedicated page to him.

<https://parish.stbenedictohmdel.org/year-of-st-joseph-1>

Faith Formation



GOT Faith QUESTIONS?

RCIA might just be for you!

RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic
- Was never baptized
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination
- Is married to a Catholic and is interested in sharing their spouses faith.

RCIA is time of exploration. We gather to discuss the truths, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Faith in an open forum, with sound presentations and lively discussions.

This process involves time not only for instruction, but also growth in the practice of the faith through discussion and prayer. RCIA meetings are held on Sunday mornings over a cup of coffee! Maybe you are baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation? This is the place for you to grow in faith. Remember, it is never too late to receive the sacraments.

Please call Carol Cesario at 732-264-4712 ext. 24 if you have any questions.

Never Completed your Sacraments Confirmation class for Adults



Are you a baptized Roman Catholic, have made your First Communion, are over the age of 18 and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like additional information please email Carol Cesario at cesario@stbenedictnj.org or by calling 732/264-4712 ext.24



Children who need to be caught up on faith formation and sacraments may attend a 6-8 week class depending on the circumstance. This class is offered once in the Fall and once in the Spring. Please contact the Carol Cesario in the

Faith Formation office at 732/264-4712 ext. 24

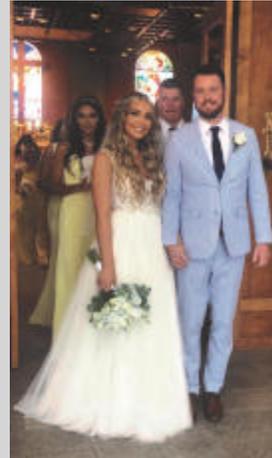
Grief Support Group

This Peer Support group is for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, please join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of six sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. We invite you to participate, we are using *The New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing*. The sessions will include time for readings, sharing, reflection and journaling.

If you would like more information about the group please contact Carol DeMuria at carol.demuria@gmail.com or call 732/239-2053



Lori McCahill: Director of Marriage Ministry
mccahill@stbenedictnj.org or 732/264-4712, ext. 27



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballou who were married at St. Benedict on Saturday, July 17th.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 25th-31st)

Here in the Diocese of Trenton, our NFP Awareness efforts for 2021 – 2022 will emphasize the **mother-daughter relationship** with a host of events to honor the special role of mothers in teaching their daughters the wonders of their changing bodies, fertility cycles, becoming a woman and perhaps one day a mother.



The Wonder of Eve Presentation,
July 29th for High School Girls and their
Moms, Thursday, July 29th,
7:00 – 8:15 pm; register for this free event
at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning



An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From July- August 31st you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week. www.smartloving.org/fertility

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

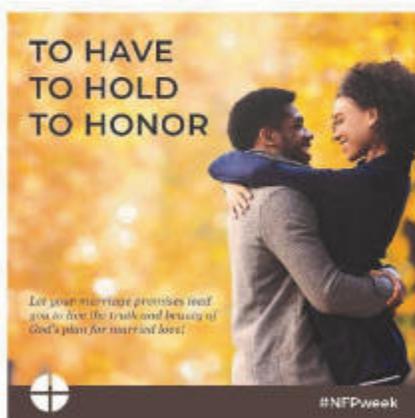
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Cathy Images

Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

"It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy." — Pope Francis, January 31, 2021



Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 25–31, 2021

"To have ... To hold ... To honor, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of this year's National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370)

The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching.



Saint of the Week

Joachim and Anne

first century
Feast Day—July 26

Not mentioned in the Bible, Joachim and Anne are first named as the parents of Mary in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which may date from the second century. In this story, they are old and childless, like the Old Testament Hannah, mother of Samuel, when angels deliver the news that Anne will conceive a child. Anne was an especially

popular saint in medieval England, and her feast was celebrated in the West by 1350; Joachim's feast was authorized or suppressed by various popes, but was joined with Anne's in 1969. They are the patrons of married couples; Anne is also the patron of childless women, expectant mothers, and miners.



“*Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!*”

—Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013

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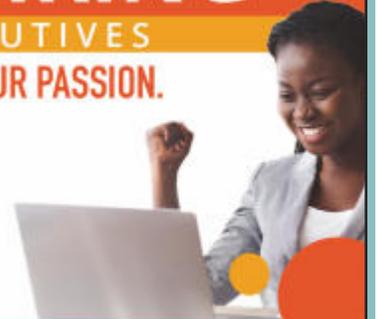
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