

JULY 25, 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Thursday 8 am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass times for Holy Days will be announced in the bulletin.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 to 4:45 pm

First Sunday after the 11 am Mass & By Appointment

*"The hand
of the Lord
feeds us, He
answers all
our needs."*

Psalm 145

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Life & First Friday.

ROSARY

Prayed every 2nd Wednesday.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Call the Parish Office, pick up a form in the Church vestibule or visit our website to join.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday. Contact the Parish Office.

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How does Jesus deal with the leftovers in today's Gospel? Jesus is specific in His directions to His disciples to "*Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.*" The gathered leftovers filled 12 wicker baskets. Why be so attentive to the leftovers?



Certainly, food was not to be wasted, both then and now. Jesus was part of a society where obtaining enough food for oneself and one's family was a daily challenge. Furthermore, food, whether divinely multiplied or a result of natural processes, was seen as a gift from God to be revered. Wheat grew, trees bore fruit, animals provided nourishment, and seeds became life sustaining crops, because God, the creator, was at work.

Maybe there was another reason. Throughout the Gospel Jesus seems to be concerned about leftovers. He was concerned that leftover food not be discarded, and He was even more concerned about human "leftovers" as well. They were the persons that society readily disregarded and discarded as "leftovers" – the lepers, the unclean, the crippled, the blind, the prostitutes, the poor, the powerless, the widows, the orphans, the sinners. Jesus came to gather them to Himself and bring them into God's embrace. Jesus loved the leftovers of our world.

12 wicker baskets full were gathered and we know that number – 12 – representing the 12 tribes of Israel and then the 12 apostles. It is those twelve who continue to gather the leftovers from the abundance God pours out upon the world in His Son. We, the Catholic Church, are still charged with both the task of multiplying the loaves – using our loaves of time and talent and treasure, loaves of sacrifice and service that continue that one act of Jesus feeding the multitudes with His love and care. We are called to continue the work of reaching out to and gathering in the 'leftovers' of our world.

If leftovers don't seem so grand, think about this, 12 baskets of fragments spread by the 12 apostles changed the course of the world. **Never underestimate the power of God to take what we give, multiply it and then create so much that the abundance is falling out of our hungry hands.**

How we treat leftovers, whether they are the kind that remain on our tables or that walk among us in society, reveals a great deal about our reverence for God's creation and our reverence for God's children. **Jesus saw nothing, saw no one, without value.** Everything, everyone, was worth saving! So this week, as you gather those leftovers from the table, breathe a word of **thanks** – thanks for the abundance and thanks for the reminder of God's providence. But mostly, thanks for including us, every last and least and lost and leftover among us into the glory of Your Kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS (LS-live stream)

Saturday/Sunday, July 24/25

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Barbara Eppinger

8:00 AM † Margaret & Michael Plesa

9:30 AM People of the Parish (LS)

11:00 AM † Charles Lodge

Monday, July 26

Ss. Joachim & Anne

8:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, July 29

St. Martha

8:00 AM † Joseph & Eileen Marasco (private)

Saturday/Sunday, July 31/August 1

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM People of the Parish

8:00 AM † Margaret Plesa

9:30 AM (L) Protection of Babies in the Womb & Their Families (LS)

11:00 AM † Robyn Fanning Scaggs

"Every holy Mass heard with devotion, produces in our souls, marvelous effects, abundant spiritual graces, we ourselves do not know." St. Padre Pio

TAKE NOTE There will be **NO Daily Mass** on the following dates: July 26 through July 29 and August 2 through August 5. Fr. John Devaney will be celebrating Mass on the weekend of August 1.

The Church & the Parish Office will be open!

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

July 17 & 18 \$3,011.-

Many thanks to all who donate online and to those who donate by faithfully mailing their check every week and of course to those who attend Mass and contribute at the offertory. Without your gifts we would no be able to function! God bless you!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday—Thursday

* No Daily Mass

Daily Mass will resume on August 9

Tuesday, July 27

*Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Church Hall

MASS INTENTIONS Would you like to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of someone deceased or for someone living, for a special intention or Anniversary? Please contact the Parish Office at 908-638-6211. The offering is \$10. Mass cards are available and can be mailed for your convenience.

SANCTUARY LAMP You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for the intention of someone living or for a special celebration. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested. The offering is \$10 per week.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle.



This week the flame is dedicated :

For the children of St. Joseph Parish



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated:
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PARISH PRAYER LIST If you would like to place a name on the Parish Prayer List please contact the Parish Office or send an email at parishoffice@sjchb.org. The first name can be listed for privacy reasons.



CONFESSION Just a friendly reminder that Confession will take place on the First Sunday of each month. It will be offered on **August 1**, after the 11 am Mass, also on Saturday evening, before the 5 pm Vigil Mass at 4 pm—4:45pm and by appointment.



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

St. Joachim & St. Anne, (feast day July 26) , as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness. Through your faithfulness and goodness the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus. We place our petitions in your

hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus. **We pray for:** Cathy Bush, William Honachefsky Sr, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Riley, Joseph, Donald Tomko, Nate Strunk, Stephanie Hoelper, John Hayth, Michael Tingolie Sr., Lyzah Hennig, Holly, Teresa, Jessica, Mark H., Rich Finn, Frank Drzewiecki, Joey B., Krista, Chelsea, Marion & Frank Parrillo, Jacob Cole and all those homebound in our parish community.



THE JOY OF LOVE & FAMILY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SERIES

Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen, register for this **FREE** conference series and attend the talks that interest you! All talks occur on the first of each month from July through November.

Visit <https://lightingheartsonfire.org>

FOOD FOR FAMILIES The July collection for the Open Cupboard Pantry **weighed 204 lbs.** We reached our goal because of generous people like you! Thank you so much for your donations.



Food items needed for August: oatmeal (not flavored), unsweetened cereal, 5 lb. sugar, apple juice, canned oranges, chicken broth, lentil & pea soup, canned spinach & carrots, dish detergent, toothpaste and laundry detergent.

St. Martha, (feast day July 29) pray for us that we might serve Jesus better. Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to His words and be present to Him this day. Amen



MANY THANKS to all who attended the Potluck Dinner and either brought a dinner item or dessert or helped out or just stopped by to reconnect! Also thank you to the **St. Joseph Social Ministry** for sponsoring the dinner. Stay tuned for more events coming in the fall of 2021. Check the website for some photos of the successful event.

PARISH APP. Have you downloaded our Parish App yet? Head on over to your App Store and enter WeConnect Parish App. Follow the prompts and receive notifications from St. Joseph Church. Download today!!



K-CLUB NEWS The Second K-Club of 2021 will begin on **August 1**. Send your \$40 dues to the Parish Office or drop them off in the offertory collection. Thank you for supporting Council #10627!!

Knights of Columbus Cookout

Come to the Knights of Columbus Family Week Cookout on **Saturday, August 7**, after the 5 pm Mass, behind the Church. Sign up at kofc10627.org, under "more"!





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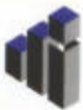
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