17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9
Saturday, July 27—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Exodus 24:3-8 / Matthew 13:24-30
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Daniel Vargas by his Family
Sunday, July 28—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Oswaldo Pozo by his daughter, Jarmita Sangster
10:30am †Max Draskovic by his wife, Wanda
4:30pm Victoria Manriquez (living-birthday) by her Family
Monday, July 29—St. Martha
7:30am †Allison Bergen by John & Barbara Suo
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 / John 11:19-27
Tuesday, July 30—Weekday
7:30am Dot & Jack Deitelbaum (Anniversary blessings)
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Matthew 13:36-43
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—9:00am
Wednesday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola
7:30am †Allison Bergen by John & Barbara Suo
Exodus 34:29-35 / Matthew 13:44-46
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday, August 1—St. Alphonse Liguori
7:30am †John Suo, Sr. by John & Barbara Suo
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 / Matthew 13:47-53
First Friday, August 2—Weekday
7:30am †Fr. Michael Wood by John & Barbara Suo
12:05pm In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Matthew 13:54-58
First Saturday, August 3—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Matthew 14:1-12
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Paul Cyr by his Family & Friends
Sunday, August 4—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Paige Batten by Dave & Mary Welch
10:30am †Max Draskovic by his wife, Wanda
4:30pm †Michael Somo by Cindy & Gregg Russo

“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other
“G I F T S”
Giving In Faith Through Stewardship
Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service.

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report

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Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord! May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!

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Father John Kuzhikottayil, Administrator
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Cornell Bialicki, Music Director & Organist

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Virtus Facilitator: Annette Whidden
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Attic Treasures: Joan Bettencourt
Food Bank: Barbara Salerno & Mabel Herring
Cooking Club: Joanne Ramos
Adult Faith Formation Minister: Sherri-Lyn Raimo
Retreat Coordinator: Mary Welch
Holy Name Society President: Don Duman
Our Lady’s Guild Co-Presidents: Mabel Herring and Jackie Duman

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Max Draskovic by his wife, Wanda

Rest in Peace
Kevin Henry
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
This week’s question is from catholicscomehome.org

Why does the Catholic Church believe Christ is really present in the Eucharist?

The Catholic doctrine of the Real Presence is the belief that Jesus Christ is literally, not symbolically, present in the Holy Eucharist—body, blood, soul and divinity. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because Jesus tells us this is true in the Bible:

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him. (John 6:48-56)

Furthermore, the early Church Fathers either imply or directly state that the bread and wine offered in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper is really the body and blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, the doctrine of the Real Presence that Catholics believe today was believed by the earliest Christians 2,000 years ago!

And we know that Jesus is present in the Eucharist even when in the tabernacle, even during Exposition in the monstrance. Pope Saint John Paul II was called the Defender and Apostle of Eucharistic Adoration.

“I hope that this form of perpetual adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future.”

“Public and private devotion to the Holy Eucharist outside Mass is highly recommended: for the presence of Christ, who is adored by the faithful in the Sacrament, derives from the sacrifice and is directed towards sacramental and spiritual communion.”

“The Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and contemplation full of faith. And let us be ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

“Closeness to the Eucharistic Christ in silence and contemplation does not distance us from our contemporaries but, on the contrary, makes us open to human joy and distress, broadening our hearts on a global scale. Through adoration the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel. Anyone who prays to the Eucharistic Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God.”

(From therealpresence.org)
Faith Formation
Annette Whidden, DRE 203-723-0782

URGENT!
The Ecumenical Food Bank is in need of donations of non-perishable foods. If you are able to bring food items before next weekend, it would be greatly appreciated! Your donations are also most welcome next weekend, August 3 & 4, our regular Food Pantry Sunday.
Our parish has always been most generous to the Food Bank which is in great need. Thank you for your help!!!

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held August 6th at 6:30pm. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you must sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

MONEY COUNTERS
July 28  Donna Hanlon / Helen Kelly / Joan Bettencourt
August 4  Janice Howard / Pat Kurowski /

Come pray the Rosary with us!
Sundays at 10AM in the chapel!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER
Our July meal for the Saint Vincent de Paul shelter will be Sunday, July 28, 2019. The meal will be Baked Chicken, Rice, Corn and Cake. We are asking for donations of rice, cans of whole kernel corn, cake mix and canned frosting. Our meals are prepared for 100 people who are homeless. They are mostly women, children and elderly. Thanks to all who have donated food and money toward our meals. If you plan on donating cash or volunteering to help, please call Jackie Duman 203-393-1396.

Parishioners in active ministries
(lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese.

Holy Rosary—Ansonia
Monday August 12—6:00pm
Church of the Assumption—Woodbridge
Monday August 26—6:00pm

Important: Register online only at:
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REFLECTION ON THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week’s First Reading. But even Abraham—the friend of God, our father in faith—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants. The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God is Christ Jesus. Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah. For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction, “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle. On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies. We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name. In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

Scott Hahn

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EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER
Sunday 7/28/19 Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm //
Monday 7/29/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
Tuesday 7/30/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 8:00am—9:00am //
Wednesday 7/31/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 6:30pm—7:30pm //
Thursday 8/ 2/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
First Friday 8/ 3/19 Masses @ 7:30am and 12:05pm
First Saturday 8/ 4/19 Mass @ 8:00am // Confessions @ 3:00pm // Mass @ 4:00pm //

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Redemptorists, is a missionary congregation that ministers to the poor in more than 70 countries around the world. The area of the former Soviet Union is undoubtedly a place where many neglected people need help. Thanks to the efforts of the Polish Redemptorists, we have been building the next church there. In front of us, there is the next project: the completion of the construction at the church and pastoral center in Togliatti—central Russia.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of you for your prayers, kindness and support of our projects. Every day, we thank God in our prayers for all people of good will, their prayers, and generosity. May God bless you all!

(Rev. Andrzej Kukla, Redemptorist, will speak on behalf of the Redemptorists ministries in Ukraine and Russia at all Masses on July 27-28, 2019.

The second Collection this weekend will be for the work of our summer missionary, Fr. Kukla and the Redemptorist Fathers.)

Praying does not cease for summer vacation.
St. Paul says, “Pray constantly!”

St. Vincent Ferrer
Roman Catholic Church

July 28th—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you. Try it. Then listen, look, and enter the door that opens to the possibility of a religious vocation.

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