

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 25, 2021



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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.

Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

Coffee, Donuts, Hospitality and Socials!



Post-pandemic we are looking to revitalize our Hospitality Ministries at our Churches. We are looking for organizers and helpers. In the past this has been "Coffee and Doughnuts" at Sacred Heart and Martha and Mary and "Coffee Social" at St. Rose. We are planning to have each church take different weekends for parishioner hospitality time. If you are interested in heading up, or helping out, with this effort in either Sacred Heart or Saints Martha & Mary please let Holly know at 508-947-0444. Please also let Holly know if you wish to help at St. Rose where a committee is already organizing!

Gospel Meditation—Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

Weekly Bible Study With Father JT



Thursday, July 29th
Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mark 9:30-37; Sirach 2:1-11 He Allows Them!



Eucharistic Adoration with Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Intention for the week of July 30th

For the Residents in our Area Nursing/Assisted Living
Homes: Nemasket, The Shaw Home & Oak Hill

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God’s agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy’s few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that’s amazing!



St. Isidore Pray for Us



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Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, July 25th

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Sophie, Tony, Tim & Paul, Memorial

Monday, July 26th

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 27th

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 a.m. Harry “Tom” Fisher, Month’s Mind

Thursday, July 29th

8:00 a.m. John Bergeron, Month’s Mind

Friday, July 30th

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1st

7:30 a.m. Jack Parini, 3rd Anniversary

9:30 a.m. Joseph Francis Monsini, 2nd Anniversary

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, July 24th

4:00 p.m. Diane Barry, Memorial

Sunday, July 25th

11:00 a.m. Roseann Marra, 26th Anniversary and Dale White, 19th Anniversary

Saturday, July 31st

4:00 p.m. Philip Paulson, 21st Anniversary

Sunday, August 1st

11:00 a.m. Thomas A. Roussell, 10th Anniversary

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 1st

8:00 a.m. John R. Davis, Jr., Month’s Mind

7-18-2021

Saints Martha & Mary	\$2,369.00
Sacred Heart	\$3,643.00
St. Rose of Lima	\$792.00

The Grand Annual Total for July 2020-June 2021 is \$85,411
(a decrease of \$32,893 from prior year).

Everyday Stewardship

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
It’s All in the Basket**

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship – thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can’t feed all our people? “You didn’t give me enough, Lord! You didn’t give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!”

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn’t pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese’s own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn’t stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It’s all in the basket.



This movie documents the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, from May through October 1917. These incredible events were witnessed by tens of thousands of people and are considered the most prophetic revelations of the 20th Century, including the greatest miracle to have occurred on earth at the exact time predicted. The movie conveys this epic story through historic details and insightful interviews with leading Fatima experts.

This week kids let watch Brother Francis as he teaches us about **The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends**. Join Brother Francis as he introduces children to their heavenly friends, the saints! Learn about the wonderful comfort, encouragement, and help given through those who serve God in His Heavenly Kingdom.



St. Martha Feast Day—July 29th



"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother.

Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them.

Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus.

Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important ~ listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

In Martha we see ourselves ~ worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was.

Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life.

We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost.

But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"?

Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

Vocations Prayer Group

The St. Isidore Vocations Prayer Group has been re-established and will once again gather after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays at Saints Martha & Mary.

Please join us in praying for priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, lay ministers, those called to the married state and those chosen to live as single persons.



Setting Our Hearts Aflame

Awesome God...

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Dt 4:32

A few years ago I went on a retreat at the Campion Center in Weston. The drive to the center was long but gorgeous. The trees were in full bloom, flowers decorated lawns, and the sun was brightly shining. As I drove I was thinking of the above quote from Deuteronomy. I believe nature is God's greatest creation, totally awesome! We don't always appreciate what God has given us in nature's beauty.

During the retreat we had the windows open and we were in a silent mode, but this one bird outside didn't get the message! I tried to concentrate on the guided meditation but found myself distracted by the bird... the bird just kept chirping and chirping... then the thought occurred to me that maybe God was drawing my attention to the bird. The bird constantly chirped its song and other birds answered in reply. I wondered what they were saying to each other and to me. I wondered if God was speaking to me through the bird. God often speaks to me through nature... The gentle breeze whispers... the ocean waves softly wash over my feet as they sink into the sand... the ever changing colors of New England seasons... what an awesome God we have to have given us all of this!

This summer as you travel about on vacation, or maybe just looking out your kitchen window, take a moment and thank God for His creations. Thank God for the blossoming roses, the chirping birds, the beauty of the oceans, mountains and sky at night... the list is as endless as the grains of sand on the beach! Think of how blah life would be without nature's beauty. Let us not take it for granted...

- God Bless, Holly

SURRENDER IN FAITH

Do You Want To Become Catholic? Do You Need To Complete The Sacraments?

After many months of being hindered by Covid restrictions, we are pleased to announce the restart of the St. Isidore Parish Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA). The RCIA is designed for those who are interested in becoming part of the Catholic Church. It is also for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist. In addition, it accommodates those that have been baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic. The RCIA process is an individual journey leading to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Guided by Scripture and the Catechism, the process includes learning many aspects of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, would like to complete the Sacraments, or simply get more information, please contact the parish office at 508-947-0444, and ask for Holly Clark. Please note that our St. Isidore Parish website, accessed at cranberrycatholic.org, has more information under the heading of "Newcomer" and "Liturgy and Sacraments". All are welcome to inquire.



Did You Know?

Why does the Pope wear all white?

Popes did not always wear white. The tradition of wearing white started in the year 1566 with Pope Saint Pius V. The bishops of Rome wore Cardinal robes of scarlet red, but to distinguish themselves from the other Cardinals, their robes had white trim. Pius V had been a Dominican friar before he was elevated to cardinal, and Dominicans wear all white habits. When he became pope, Pius V retained his white wardrobe and modified it for his new assignment as pope.

Since that time, all popes have worn an all-white cassock with white zucchetto (skullcap). If Pius V had been a Franciscan friar instead of a Dominican, the popes might be wearing brown today. Another point of interest is Cardinals wear scarlet red to represent their willingness to die for the pope.

Now hiring: Sacramental Coordinator

St. Isidore Parish is looking for a Sacramental Coordinator to join our faith formation team and oversee both one-year programs for First Eucharist and for Confirmation. The Sacramental preparation sessions will be held at St. Isidore Parish Hall at Saints Martha & Mary Church on Sundays. The First Eucharist program is scheduled to meet once a month following and including the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation program is scheduled to meet once or twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to join our Faith Formation team and prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, as well as prepare our teens for Confirmation.

This is a part-time benefits eligible position. For a full description of the responsibilities, please refer to the job posting on the Archdiocese of Boston website at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/sacramental-coordinator-pt-st-isidore-parish-lakeville-middleboro-rochester-ma> All interested applicants are asked to please email their cover letter and resume to michellesylvia@cranberrycatholic.org. I look forward to growing our Faith Formation team together!

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Eve

4:00 p.m. Middleboro (Confessions 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lakeville

8:00 a.m. Rochester (Confessions 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Lakeville (Confessions 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Additional Confessions

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the week of July 25 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt
13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-
13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-
11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Observances for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Vir-
gin Mary

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Martha

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in
the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.



Thrift Shop News

The hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!

The Thrift Shop is currently accepting donations!
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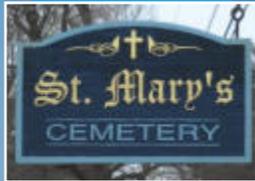
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