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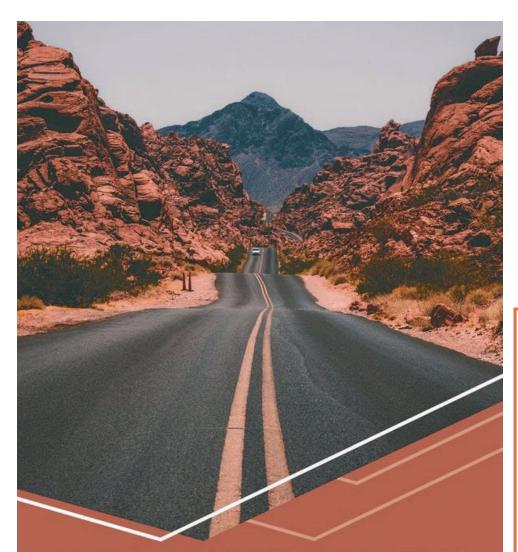


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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Parish Council — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome! **Religious Education — Grades K** -12 classes are held on Sundays from Sept-May from at 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. =**Why Catholic** (for Adults) Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE July 10, 2022 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

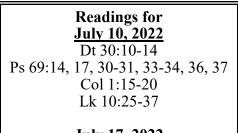
We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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<u>July 17, 2022</u> Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a] Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



July 4, 2022 Attendance 192 Offertory \$2956.00 Loose \$337.00



Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Cathy Dreyer (Steve Appel's cousin), Sr. Kathleen Haughey, Ellie Wright, David Brown (Mary's son), Josephine Gehring, Maria Corfidi, and Derek Day.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially **Wilbur Wright**, may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.



Andrew Bauer
Michael Downey
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Brook Blake
Vincent Greco
Lionel Shiyghan-Ntani
Ann L. Domenici
For the Parishioners



LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out. ©LPi



BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, July 20, 2022 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Cartwright Hall 410-668-7935 for an appointment.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE First Reading:

Toward the end of their 40-years of desert wanderings, Moses assured the Israelites that God's commandments and statutes are within each of us as long as we repent. How do you sustain a disposition of repentance?

Second Reading:

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul inserts a very early Christological hymn that speaks to Jesus' divinity and his role as the mediator of creation and the source of reconciliation. How do you imagine the Colossians reacting to this astonishing teaching on Jesus? **Gospel:**

In the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus taught the scribe the importance of showing mercy toward one's neighbor as central to following God's law. How well do you practice the virtue of mercy? ©LPi



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