



July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

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HOLY EUCHARIST (THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS)

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 AM

Sunday and Holy Day Masses will continue to be livestreamed, along with the Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced in Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume soon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

MATRIMONY: Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

CONFIRMATION: Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the 8th Grade.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

HOLY ORDERS: If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a Catholic priest, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Vocations (302-573-3113) or speak to the Pastor; if you believe you are being called to the Diaconate, please call Rev. John Grasing (302-573-2390).

SACRAMENTALS: For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

***Please take this bulletin home with you.
Do not leave in the pew. Thank You.***

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

A “diocese” is an ecclesiastical district under the supervision of a bishop appointed by the Holy Father. Each diocese is divided geographically (for the most part) into parishes. A microcosm of the Body of Christ, the parish is a community, a home, a source of nourishment, a place of comfort, a port in the storm and a light in the darkness. Doubtless other descriptions are applicable.

Each parish in our Diocese is led by a pastor, a priest whom the Bishop assigns to tend to the spiritual well-being of the parishioners and other responsibilities. Each parish also has two “lay trustees.” These are people elected by their fellow parishioners to serve one-year terms as legal representatives of the parish, along with the pastor, the Bishop, and an appointee of the Bishop. Elections for lay trustees generally occur in January each year. This year, elections were postponed because of the pandemic; we were asked to delay the elections until now.

In order to prepare for the 2021 trustee election, I’m asking for your help. If you are interested in submitting your name or the name of another registered parishioner for the trustee ballot, please call Mary Cosentino or Marilyn Low in the Parish Office by Thursday morning, 29 July. A ballot will be published the weekend of 8 August and the election will take place the following weekend.

Thanks in advance for your help.

On another note, effective immediately, we are no longer collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Please do not bring aluminum cans (or anything else, for that matter) to the parish dumpster. That dumpster is for church and office refuse only, and we pay to have it emptied every week. Thanks!

May God bless you, now and always!

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS
Pastor

A Prayer for Vocations

O, God, we earnestly beseech you to bless this diocese with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers, and Sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved.

Bless our families; Bless our children. Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **August 13-15, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

ONGOING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS

Even though we seem to be coming out of the pandemic, please remember that if you feel ill, staying home is perfectly acceptable and, in fact, can be an act of charity towards our other parishioners. In that same spirit, please cover your mouth while coughing or sneezing. The past few weeks have seen an awful lot of “open” coughing, and that’s just not fair to the people around us. Thank you.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, 24 July	
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, 25 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM	Martha Maratea
11:00 AM	Linda Althoff
Monday, 26 July	Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM	Eileen Alvarez
Tuesday, 27 July	
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Mary Smith
Friday, 30 July	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM	John Heibell
Saturday, 31 July	
4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hergott
Sunday, 1 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Richard Grisaitis

WEEKLY READINGS



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



Offertory Collection for July 17/18
 Envelopes: \$11,083
 Second Collection: \$1,162

RAFFLE WINNERS

We congratulate Frank Constantino who was the winner of \$300 on July 19, 2021.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Are you tired of writing weekly checks and remembering your offertory envelope? Do you want to help our parish go GREEN and save on mailings, printings, postage, etc. Then, sign up now for Electronic Giving. Many of our families have taken advantage of this easy to use system to contribute to our parish ministries. If you are interested, please call Deacon Charles Weschler in our Parish Office and he will sign you up!



PLEASE, if you have not signed up for our “**remind.com**” information service, send an email to snremind@gmail.com to do that now. You’ll need to give your name with either your CELL phone (not your land line) and/or email address. Then, watch your text messages and emails. You will receive either a text or an email from remind.com that will give instructions on how to complete your registration. If you HAVE signed up but are not getting notices from Fr. Cocucci, that means that you did not respond to the text or email sent by remind.com. Please check your emails and texts (including your junk mail folders) from around the time you sent in your information and respond to whatever remind.com sent you. This program allows Fr. Cocucci to get important and sometimes urgent information to you efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Help Is Needed...

Has your mailing address or other contact information changed? Are you planning to move out of the Parish? Please help us to keep our parish records up-to-date by contacting the parish office with any changes. Thanks.

A Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
 to whom God’s love entrusts me here,
 ever this day be at my side
 to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Angel sent by God to guide me,
 be my light and walk beside me;
 be my guardian and protect me;
 on the path of life direct me.



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Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell *in his house*; he himself gives might and strength *to his people*.

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: *2 Kings 4:42-44*

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Psalm Response: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Gospel: *John 6:1-15*

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline. Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

Gospel: John 6:1-15 (cont.)

So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

The Profession of Faith: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, *O my soul*, and never forget *all his benefits*.

An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 school year for students entering pre-K3 through 8th grade. There are limited openings throughout our grades. Please call or email Amanda Evans at 410-208-1600 or aevans@mbscs.org, to schedule your tour.

The Dialog

Pick up a copy of the 72-page "Welcome Our Shepherd" special section in The Dialog this weekend and stay connected with thedialog.org through this blessed, historic and exciting time for the Diocese of Wilmington.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the family and friends of Jon Javornicky who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Sue Kuntz and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*. If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick*, send your request to sjnprayforus@gmail.com. Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Religious Education: Please sign your children up as soon as possible so we can order the right amount of materials. Register for 2021-2022 Religious Education online:

<https://forms.gle/izFK8MZczEtF1oZV9>

Confirmation and First Communion 2022: These two years of religious education are special and require extra texts and meetings. Please sign up as soon as possible with the same religious education registration form. If your child missed First Communion preparation please email us and we will make it possible for them to complete it.

Catechists for Religious Education: We are always looking for catechists. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist please email our CRE: Jamey Sturgill. If you are not sure about being a catechist, we could use aides and helping hands.

Resource: The Chosen – TV Mini Series free from “The Chosen” APP. Season 2 is now out, too.



Perhaps you know someone that needs a place to share their story. RCIA could be a great place to share and expand their story. Send an email to jsturgill@stjnrc.com.



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Ever heard of For the Sake of God’s Children? It is the safe environment program of the Diocese of Wilmington, designed to keep young people participating in ministry around the diocese free from harm. Participants include the Bishop, all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious brothers and sisters and all lay employees and volunteers. For more information visit www.cdow.org and click the FSGC logo.

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