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## **Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**July 24, 2022**

**God gives strength  
to His people!**

### **Sunday Masses:**

Vigil on Saturday evening at 4:30pm

Sunday Morning :

Summer Schedule - (May 1 – Aug. 31)

8:00 and 10:00am

Winter Schedule - (Sept 1 – April 30)

8:00 and 11:00am

**Weekday Masses:** Monday – Friday 8:00am  
(Fri. during School – 9:00am)

### **Baptism:**

By appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

### **Celebration of Penance:**

3:45pm – Saturday afternoon

5:30pm – after the Saturday evening Mass

8:30am – after Mass on the Thursday  
before the first Friday of the month.

### **Marriage:**

Please contact the parish office at least six months beforehand.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please call the office if anyone in your family is hospitalized or in need of a priest.

### Mass Intentions for This Week

#### Saturday, July 23

4:30 p.m. Rita Volpe -- Kathy & Frank Pulford

#### Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m. James Stello -- Nick & Barb Gresock

10:00 a.m. Charles & Frances Hetrick --  
Bonadio Family

#### Monday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

#### Tuesday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Beth Bizousky Carter --  
Pauline & Jerry Hallman

#### Wednesday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Emogene Defelice --  
Alan & Michele Pifer

#### Thursday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Marie Elena Pascuzzo --  
Monica Mitchell

#### Friday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Margaret Ann Filitske --  
John & Eileen Quatroche

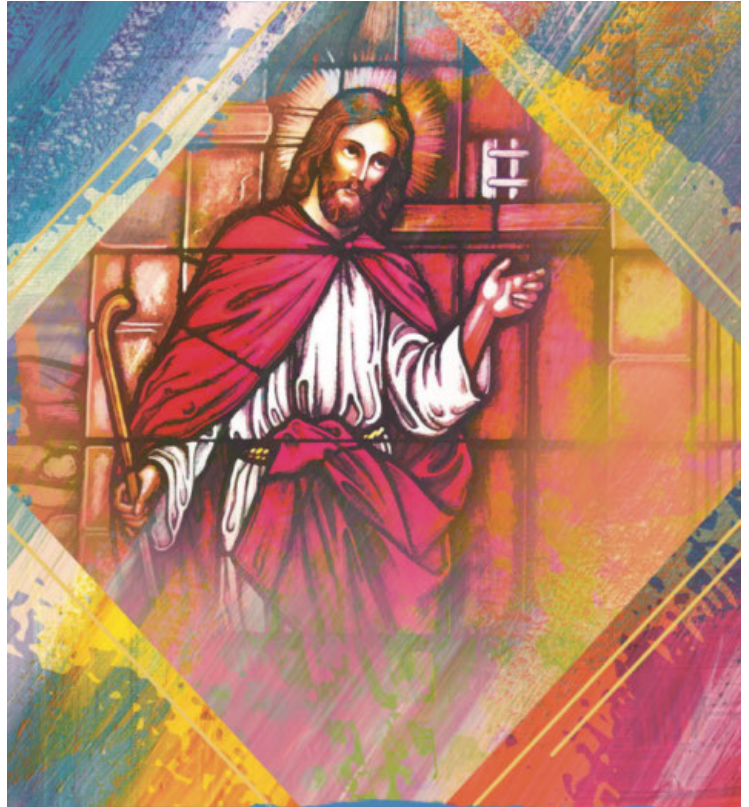
#### Saturday, July 30

4:30 p.m. Don Bryan -- Mike & Fran

#### Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Richard & Edward Guilfoyle --  
Kathy Painter

10:00 a.m. Joseph Uzzo -- Family



THE  
WEEK  
AHEAD

#### Tuesday, July 26

6:00pm -- Recitation of the Rosary- Church

6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym

*Pray as Jesus himself  
taught us to pray*

Dear Parishioners:

*Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom comes. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."*

*And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.*

*So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

The version of the Our Father that we are used to is from Matthew's gospel, but today's reading gives us Luke's version. You notice that it is shorter. In place of Matthew's 'Our Father in heaven,' Luke says simply, 'Father'. That longer phrase is so characteristic of Matthew's writing style (he uses it twenty times in his gospel, but Luke never) that it is seen as entirely his own and not Jesus'. Jesus probably said simply, 'Father'.

It seems to us a strange request: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jews prayed every day since childhood. Why would they ask him now to teach them to pray? The meaning of it seems to be this: they were asking him for a distinctive prayer as his disciples. John's disciples had a special kind of prayer, but Jesus' disciples apparently did not. In answer to their request he taught them the Our Father. This makes it very special: it is not just any prayer; it is a distinctively Christian prayer.

But look now: there is no mention in it of any of the Christian mysteries! There is no mention of Jesus, nor of his passion, death and resurrection, there is no mention of the Trinity.... What sense can we make of this?

I remember standing some years ago at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, surrounded by Jews. It is a great privilege to stand there beside them, at the only remaining part of the Temple which was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70. I thought of Jesus, a Jew, as I stood there groping in my mind for words. There is no mention of him in his own prayer, the Our Father. I realized that any Jewish person at that Wailing Wall could pray the words of the Our Father and not find them the least bit strange. Jesus was among his own people. But how then can the Our Father be a Christian disciple's prayer?

**The Lord is just in all  
His ways and loving  
in all His deeds!**



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Sometime later it came to me: if there is no mention of Jesus, his life, death or resurrection, nor of any of the Christian mysteries, it is because this was his own prayer. In prayer he was seized by a single awareness: the Father; he was not thinking about himself. When we pray the Our Father we are not praying to him, but with him; we are praying his prayer. We are so close to him that we cannot see him; like him, we see only the Father. We are, as it were, inside his head, looking out through his eyes: seeing the Father, and seeing the world as he sees it. We are totally identified with him – we are indeed his disciples. We are praying through him. All our prayers end with the phrase, “through Our Lord Jesus Christ....” At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we say, “Through him, with him, in him....”

If Jesus sometimes seems absent it is because he is everywhere. He has drawn the whole world into his heart.

God Bless!  
Msgr. J. Riccardo

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2022/23 Religious Education Program.



**We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.**

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the rectory office, 814-938-6540, or Sue Dahrouge at 814-771-8288.

Please consider sharing your time with this very fulfilling ministry. Training is provided as necessary and support throughout the year is readily available.

Thank you!



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as you have  
been forgiven

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*Rest In Peace*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Catherine (Dot) Hanley of our parish, and John Spinelli, brother of Gene Spinelli of our parish, both of whom died in the past week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May their souls rest in peace.

### SEWING MINISTRY

*Your gift of Time and Talent*

Attention all gifted sewers, crocheters, knitters, and quilters - Our Prayer Shawl and Lap Quilt Ministry is in need of ladies who knit, crochet, and/or sew simple projects.



If you are interested in offering your God-gifted talents you are welcome to join us in Walston at the Church Office on Wednesdays from 12:30 till 2:30pm. If you would prefer, you can always offer your sewing or knitting skills in the quiet of your own home.

This ministry also gratefully accepts donations of fabric, yarn, and other supplies, as well as monetary donations and your prayers. Volunteers are always needed to distribute items to area nursing homes for those in need of a little comfort.

We welcome your involvement – Please join us! Contact Michele Aikens at 814-952-0702 for further information.

### RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us.



### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2022 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer.

The dates are Sunday, July 31, at 2:00pm at St. Mary Church in Saint Marys, and Sunday, August 7th, 2:00pm at Holy Cross Church in Fairview.

To register for one of the Liturgies, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.



For the benefit of those who may be ill or unable to return to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the last Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, [sscdchurch.com](http://sscdchurch.com), and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.

### SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

Plans are already well under way for our Annual Lawn Festival which will be held August 5, 6, & 7.

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way at the Festival, just call the office at 814-938-6540. Or simply snap the QR code with your smart phone camera to be taken to the volunteer sign-up form.

Get involved and have some fun! All help will be greatly appreciated.



### SUMMER SCRIP HOURS

During the month of July, Scrip is available in the Church Office Monday through Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.



To add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464.

If you are unable to reach her you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 24, 2022

#### **SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST**

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



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### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

### SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, July 31 - Canned Potatoes**. Thank you for your generosity!

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please visit our food pantry on Saturdays between 10am and Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Monika Bizousky at 814-938-0636.

### K OF C SUMMER PICNIC



The Knights will have their summer picnic on August 8 at 5:30pm at Reschini Hall in Walston.

The picnic meal will include prime rib, potatoes, corn on the cob, and salad. Cost of the meal is \$15.

All Knights, and anyone interested in becoming a Knight, should sign up by contacting Tim Love (412-552-1695) or Paul Koza (814-590-4203) by August 1.

### SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

**Saturday, July 30 -**

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### 2022 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!! If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.



To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

*Drawing will be held on August 7, 2022 at the Festival!*

### 2022 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per ticket)

*(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)*

**DIAPER DRIVE**

**Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services** is conducting their 27th Annual Diaper Drive during the month of July.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. They are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Their ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations, either material or monetary.

For the entire month of July the agency is collecting: disposable diapers (any size, any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes.

Donations may be dropped off in the church in the box near the front entrance. Please help to touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities Diaper Drive" and placed in the Sunday collection.

Thank you!

**NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION**

Thank you for your support of last week's National Needs collection. As a parish, we raised \$1,328.00 to help strengthen the Church at home.

Thank you!

**K OF C FOOTBALL TICKETS**

The Knights have the 2022 Football Tickets for sale!



New for this year - prizes have been increased to \$30,000 total or \$3,000 per week. The number of prizes are the same, but the amounts are higher! See any Knight for a ticket.

Cost is \$10 and are based on NFL football team scores from November 6 thru January 8.



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**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022**

**Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest  
**Monday:** St. James, Apostle  
**Tuesday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Martha  
**Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

**SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK**

Sandy Hinderliter, Mary Claire Johnston, Arlene Stewart.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS**

July 17, 2022

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

**Church Offertory**

<i>Envelopes sent</i>	706
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	220
Adult	\$5,471.00
Holy Day	\$40.00
Children	\$10.50
Loose	\$320.00
Monthly	\$500.00
Total	<b>\$6,341.50</b>
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,658.50)
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	<b>\$1,194.14</b> <i>Under goal</i>

**Catholic Services Appeal 2022**

2022 Diocesan Assessment \$79,692.00	
Total Parish Goal \$129,692.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$92,180.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$84,240.70
Unpaid Pledges:	\$7,939.30
Unpledged Donations:	\$9,644.81
2022 CSA Collected to Date:	\$93,885.91

**Readings for the Week of July 24, 2022**

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/  
Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17  
[1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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