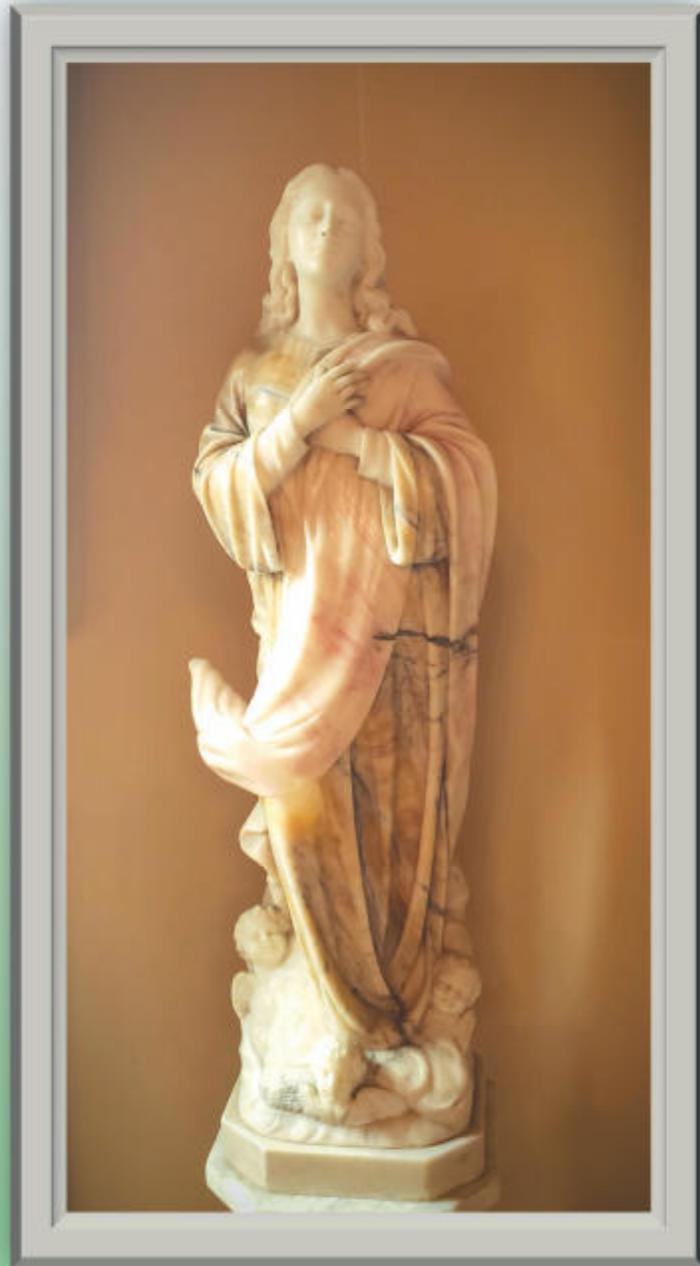


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021



Blessed Virgin Mary
Statue
St. Patrick Rectory

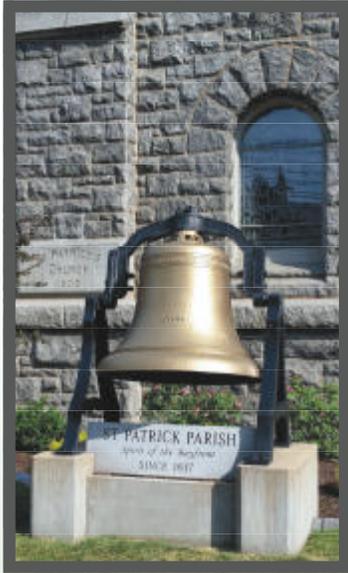
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our reading follows a series of oracles by Jeremiah against the kings of Judah during the reign of King Zedekiah, when Judah and Jerusalem were destroyed by the Babylonians (597BC). It is followed by a series of warnings against the false prophets of the priests of Jerusalem. He tells his people that God will shepherd his people and will appoint other shepherds. Jeremiah goes on to write about the restoration of David's kingly dynasty in contrast to the kings with whom Jeremiah had been dealing. This future king will be just in conduct and character. The prophecy is against Zedekiah, a puppet king set up by the Babylonians. This shepherd would later refer to Jesus.

Our second readings from Ephesians touches on a similar theme of messianic expectation. The issue of whether Gentiles could be included among Jesus' followers is common in Paul's writings. When we hear the word "you" in the reading it is referring to "you who once were far off," the recipients of the letter who were Gentiles. Christ is described as the one who reconciles Jews and Gentiles in his one body, an allusion to Paul's notion of the church as the body of Christ. Likewise, Christ is the new Adam, who reversed the state of humanity's alienation from God due to sin and who made humanity a new creation.

Our gospel returns to the theme of shepherding, which we heard in the first reading. This gospel is the second half of last week's gospel, the sending out of the Twelve. We also hear of the murder of John the Baptist which includes a number of clues that suggests Mark intends it to be a preview of Jesus' death and burial. Today we hear of Jesus welcoming back the Twelve from their journeys and listening to their reports. Recognizing that they were exhausted, Jesus takes them off to a deserted place where they can rest, but the crowds follow, in fact, gather before they arrive. This is where Mark describes Jesus as the compassionate shepherd of the lost sheep, a compassion that will reach its fulfillment when he lays down his life for his sheep.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Bishop Persico recently informed we priests that he had voted in favor of having a document on the Eucharist drafted because "it is not possible to have a fruitful discussion about a document that is still in the form of an outline. We need to have the committee put pen to paper so we can have a good dialogue. Unfortunately, the initial reporting on the vote...has been inaccurate. The vote was strictly about whether or not to begin drafting a document on the importance and the meaning of the Eucharist for all Catholics."

During the month of June, our parish Food Pantry served 372 families by distributing 8,229 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$337.10. The number of clients coming to the Food Pantry has dropped significantly in recent months because so many of these families are receiving the stimulus check from the government. Once those checks stop coming in September, we will see a significant return of many of our regular clients.

Pope Francis recently issued a document on liturgy in which he forbids priests to celebrate Mass alone. There must be someone else present to make the liturgy complete. I remember when I was in the seminary at St. Mary's in Baltimore, the chapel was huge (in those days there were 550 of us there as students.) But along each of the side walls were a series of very small chapels each with an altar facing the wall. Because there were so many priests on the faculty in those days, they often celebrated Mass alone at one of those side altars. That really violates the sense of liturgy in that the Mass is a meal in which we are fed the Bread of Life. How can a meal be complete when there is no one to share it with?

I recently noticed that Christmas this year is on a Saturday. That means we will begin Masses on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. We will not have the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on Christmas Day in anticipation of the Sunday feast.

Attorney: "She had three children, right?" *Witness:* "Yes." *Attorney:* "How many were boys?" *Witness:* "None." *Attorney:* "Were there any girls?" *Witness:* "Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new one?"



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Saint Patrick News



Baptisms

Donald Joseph Dill

child of Patrick & Jacqueline (Michael) Dill
&

Parker Evan Friday

child of Willie & Nina (Wroblewski) Friday

LITURGY INTENTIONS

July 17 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM THOMAS COOK (LYNDA COOK)

July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM PATRICE DITULLIO (BROTHERS & SISTER)

10:30 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK (WILLIAM BOROWY)

July 19 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM ERIC WATTS (MCCARTHY FAMILY)

July 20 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM DAN LYNCH (FAMILY)

July 21 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, ANN)

July 22 Thursday, Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

July 23 Friday, Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 24 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM JIM & ROSEMARY KAVENEY (MIKE & JOANNE SAMSEL)

July 25 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM JOE KOPEC (SHELLEY & STEVE EVANS)

10:30 AM JIM HERDZIK (FRANK & DIANE TUTTOILMONDO)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Brairton, Vickie Lampe,
Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz

Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Sanner, Bill Gloekler,
Joseph Schneider, Nancy Andrzejewski

Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Williams, Candy Bukowski,
Ed Smith, Megan Gilmore

Stewardship

Offertory Collection 7/4/21 \$ 9,590.00

Online Giving 4,774.50

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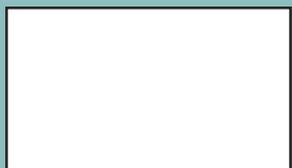
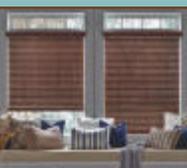
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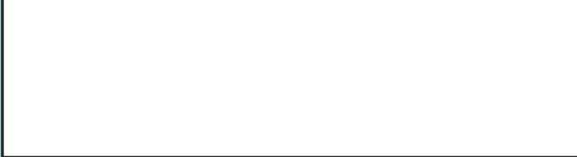
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