

*The Parish Family of
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Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
12:30 pm, 3:00 pm (Spanish) and 6:30 pm

Weekdays

6:30 am, 8:30 am and 12:00 noon

Saturdays: 8:30 am

Holy Days

Eve: 7:30 pm (anticipated)

6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 12:00 noon

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 23, 2017



16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30



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Dear friends,

As promised (broken several times), I finally defer to the Pope. A talk, given at his General Audience on June 28th.

“Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we reflect on *Christian hope as the strength of martyrs*. While in the Gospel Jesus sends the disciples on mission, he does not mislead them with mirages of easy success. On the contrary he warns them clearly that the proclamation of the Kingdom of God always involves opposition. And he also uses an extreme expression: ‘and you will be hated – hated by all for my sake.’ (Mt 10:22). Christians love but they are not always loved. Jesus places us before this reality from the start. In a somewhat strong measure, the confession of faith occurs in a hostile climate.

“Christians are therefore men and women who ‘go against the tide.’ It is normal: because the world is marked by sin which manifests itself in various forms of selfishness and injustice; those who follow Christ walk in the opposite direction. Not due to an argumentative spirit, but because of loyalty to the rationale of the Kingdom of God, which is a *logic of hope* that translates into a lifestyle based on the instructions of Jesus.

And the first instruction is *poverty*. When Jesus sends his disciples on mission, it seems that he takes more care to ‘strip’ them than to ‘clothe’ them! In effect, a Christian who is not humble and poor, detached from wealth and power and, above all, detached from self, does not resemble Jesus. Christians travel their path in this world with the essentials for the journey but with their heart filled with love. The true defeat for him or for her is to fall into the temptation of revenge and violence, responding to evil with evil. Jesus tells us: ‘I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.’ (Mt 10:16). Therefore without jaws, without claws, without weapons, the Christian will have to be rather prudent; at times even shrewd. These are virtues that are accepted by the logic of the Gospel. But never violence. In order to overcome evil, one cannot use the same methods of evil.

“The only strength Christians have is the Gospel. In difficult times, one must believe that Jesus is before us and does not cease to accompany his disciples. Persecution is not in contradiction to the Gospel but rather is a part of it. If they persecuted our Teacher, how can we hope to be spared the fight? However, in the midst of the storm, Christians must not lose hope, thinking they are abandoned. Jesus assures his disciples: ‘even the hairs on your head are all numbered.’ (Mt 10:30); as if to say that none of man’s

suffering, not even that which is most minute and hidden, is invisible to the eyes of God. God sees and certainly protects; and he will give his redemption. There is in fact in our midst Someone who is stronger than evil, stronger than the mafia, than the obscure conspiracies of those who profit at the expense of desperate people, than those who crush others with disdain ... Someone who has always listened to the cry of Abel's blood from the earth.

"Christians, therefore, must always be found on the 'opposite side' of the world, that chosen by God: not persecutors but persecuted; not arrogant but meek; not charlatans but submissive to the truth; not imposters but honest men and women.

"This fidelity to Jesus' style – which is a style of hope – until death, was to be called a beautiful name by the first Christians: 'martyrdom', meaning 'witness'. There were so many other possibilities offered by the vocabulary: it could have been called heroism, abnegation, self-sacrifice. Yet the Christians of the first hour identified it with a term that suggests discipleship. Martyrs do not live for themselves; they do not fight to assert their own ideas, and they accept having to die solely out of loyalty to the Gospel. Martyrdom is not even the supreme ideal of Christian life, because over and above it there is charity, that is, the love of God and of neighbor. The Apostle Paul says it very well in the hymn to charity: 'If I give away all I have and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.' (1 Cor 13:3). The idea that suicide bombers may be called 'martyrs' is repulsive to Christians: there is nothing in their quest that can come close to the attitude of the children of God.

"Sometimes, reading the stories of so many of yesterday's and today's martyrs – who are more numerous than the martyrs of the early days – we are amazed at the strength with which they faced the supreme trial. This strength is a sign of the *great hope* that animated them: the certain hope that nothing and no one could separate them from God's love given to us in Jesus Christ (cf. Rom 8:38-39).

"May God always give us the strength to be his witnesses. May he give us the opportunity to live out Christian hope especially in the hidden martyrdom of performing our daily obligations well and with love. Thank you"

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP

"For You are great and You do wondrous deeds." These words of Psalm 86 remind us that God works to our good, in the world, a world filled with His blessings. Those blessings must be returned to Him in good deeds. The Christian Steward offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** as his/her good deeds, returned to God in thanksgiving. How do you thank God for His **wondrous deeds**, done for you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$18,193. This week's tithe for **Sharing Our Gifts** will be sent to *Ridgecrest Senior Housing*, helping to subsidize flu-shots for the coming winter. God bless the generous use of your gifts to support the Gospel.

A REMINDER OF OUR SUMMER CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Our summer Confession schedule is:

Saturday—1:00pm-2:00pm

Monday evening Confessions will resume after Labor Day. A priest is available by appointment.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201.407.3256.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to everyone that cooked, served, and donated food items to the Family Promise Homeless shelter in Hackensack on July 14th. We served 100 people and our meal of sausage, peppers and onions, pasta salad and brownies was a big success. We are excited about this new ministry and look forward to working with everyone for our next date in November.

Are you traveling this summer? Visit: www.masstimes.org or download the Mass Times app on iTunes to locate a Catholic church and Mass time near you!



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CAREER RESOURCES MINISTRY



FALL MEETING DATES ANNOUNCED
SEPTEMBER 24TH
OCTOBER 15TH
NOVEMBER 12TH
December 10th

SUNDAYS 1:00PM
PARISH CENTER
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**OLMC | ST. GABRIEL | ST. CATHARINE
FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19TH**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

When someone we love has been taken from us, we often find ourselves dealing with change and transition. Many offer their help, but do not always understand the loss we are feeling. Bereavement support groups are one way to find support from others who are going through the same process. We cannot go around the grief process, over it, or under it. We need to go through it; we need to be good to ourselves, putting balance into our lives through prayer, reading, resting, relaxation and work. Grief takes time. Unrealistic expectations undermine the healing process.

The parishes of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Gabriel and St. Catharine are jointly sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group. You need not be a parishioner to attend. The group will meet on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm at St. Catharine in Glen Rock and will run for eight weeks beginning on September 19th. Pre-registration is required - please contact Drew at 201.670.9480.** All calls are confidential.

COMO REPORTAR ABUSOS

La Arquidiócesis toma seriamente cualquier y todas las alegaciones de mala conducta sexual por parte de miembros del clero, religiosos y personal laico de la Arquidiócesis. Animamos a cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento de un acto de mala conducta sexual, de informarnos inmediatamente para que podamos actuar y tomar las medidas apropiadas para proteger a otros y proveer ayuda a las víctimas de abuso sexual.

Cualquier persona que desee reportar un incidente de mala conducta sexual, debe llamar a la Oficina de la Arquidiócesis de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes al 201.407.3256.

**COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP—MIDLAND PARK
DONATE! SHOP!**

If you are looking for a way to donate your gently used and still fashionable spring and summer clothing, the Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park is your answer.

Located at 85 Godwin Avenue (rear lower level of the Midland Park Shopping Center), the Community Thrift Shop accepts for resale clothing folded neatly and placed in grocery-sized bags. **Please mark them #97 to benefit OLMC Rosary/Altar Society.** The shop also accepts small items of furniture, jewelry, toys, books, and bric-a-brac.

Hours of acceptance: Mondays—10am-2pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Shop: Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00a.m-4:00pm.

Note: The Community Thrift Shop will be switching over to Fall/Winter merchandise in mid-August. For further information call 201.652.7661. Your donations are very appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists (teachers), Substitutes, and Aides Needed

Catechists, Substitutes, and Aides are still needed for our Sunday (10:45am-12:15pm), Tuesday (4:00pm-5:30pm), and Wednesday (4:00pm-5:30pm) Religious Education classes. If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please contact the Religious Education Office at 201.444.0211. *No experience necessary!*

**DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE?
SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

Interested in volunteering this summer but can't commit to a lot of time? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Through an amazing program created by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, we pick up food each week directly from Kings Food Markets in Midland Park and Ridgewood. This program, called "Gleaning", has been an amazing source of high quality foods for us, including meats, fresh produce and baked goods. This summer we are in need of volunteers to help us glean. A shift only takes about an hour. You must have a car and be able to lift 20 pounds. Interested? **Please call Social Service Association at 201.444.2980.** Thanks!

**SUMMER COLLECTION FOR
SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
NEXT WEEKEND—JULY 29TH & 30TH**



The parish family of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will, once again, host summer collections for Social Services Association. The upcoming scheduled weekends are:

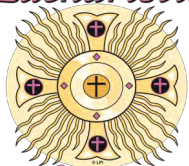
JULY 29 & 30 | AUGUST 26 & 27

Please place your donations at the doors of the church. Most needed items are canned foods (including canned meats), peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, snacks, cereal, personal care products and household cleaning items. Your generosity is most appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
BLOCK PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17TH—1:30PM-5:00PM
BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE**

FUN FOOD FRIENDS **BLOCK PARTY** **EATS TREATS GAMES**

Eucharistic



Adoration

We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say but what God says to us through us. Jesus is always waiting for us in silence. In that silence, He will listen to us; He will speak to our souls. And there we will hear His Voice."
-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by at any time at the chapel and say a quiet prayer. We may praise God, thank God, examine our conscience, say petitions for ourselves and for our loved ones, read the Bible, say the rosary, wait on the Lord to talk to us (the most profound), or simply enjoy His holy presence. PEA saves souls, most especially our own soul. Come join us.

Sign-up still open for scheduled Adorers and substitutes. Pick a time that is best for you.

Scheduled Adorers Needed

Monday: 1-2AM (urgent) & 2-3AM

For information in English, call/text/email Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

For information in Spanish, call/email Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscat2@yahoo.com

**RIDGEWOOD GUILD PRESENTS
 MOVIES IN THE PARK!**

The Ridgewood Guild invites you to Memorial Park at Van Neste Square for family fun and entertainment. We show films great for the whole family on a 25 foot screen and professional sound system. Bring snacks, a picnic blanket, and get ready for a great evening with your community. All movies are on Wednesdays and start at sundown (approximately 9pm in June and July and 8:30pm in August). In case of rain (or other inclement weather), or the latest information, check our Facebook page, or back here for the rescheduling of the movie.

THE REMAINING 2017 SCHEDULE

July 26 – Bye, Bye, Birdie*

(*Join us earlier for a Special event! More details will follow!)

August 9 – Moonstruck (30th Anniversary)

August 23 – Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

**For more information, visit:
www.ridgewoodguild.com**



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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. July 23: 9:00AM** V Encuentor (PCA)
- Tues. July 25: 8:00PM** Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms, PCA/B, MR)
- Wed. July 26: 8:00PM** Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms, PCA/B, MR)
- Sat. July 29: 9:00AM** Men's Basketball (Gym)
6:30PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
 Luke Abbadessa, Russ Burnside, Francis Cabrera, Josefa Calero, Peter Colgan, Maria De la Rosa, Lauren Harpster Hines, James E. Hough, Carl King, Anna Lobascio, Tristan Morris, Joseph Pasculli, Kerri Prettitore, Adele Rivas, Christopher Roddy, Rose Marie Rutz, Tom Schmidt, Luke Schwendeman, Tommy Shea, Kenny Sheehan, Joseph Sidote, Mark Steppe, Susan Sullivan, Tim Tileston, Patricia Uzzalino, Antonina Turdo Volpé, Christina Volpé.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.



SUNDAY MASS TRANSPORTATION IS ON VACATION FOR THE SUMMER

But..., we will return in September. This ministry drives parishioners to the 11:00AM Sunday Mass. If you know of a parishioner in need of a ride OR would like to volunteer as a periodic or substitute driver, please contact Rose Sullivan at rosieps@aol.com or 201.447.0847.



COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS & PARENTS

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) program is an initiative created by the State of New Jersey that provides New Jersey's highest achieving students with free tuition at their home county college.

- ◆ *Students who rank in the top 15%* of their high school class at the end of their junior or senior year and meet residential eligibility requirements qualify!
- ◆ *Take advantage of NJ STARS scholarships now, or later*, even if you have already attended another college or university! Sometimes life throws a curve ball and financial or other circumstances unexpectedly change. You have five semesters from high school graduation to activate your NJSTARS scholarship and avoid accumulating student loans.
- ◆ *NJ STARS II Scholarships are available* at 26 New Jersey colleges and universities to NJ STARS who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or greater.

**For more information visit:
www.bergen.edu/njstars
 or contact Catherine Krostek at 201.689.7055**



- Monday, July 24th** *Saint Sharbel Makhlif, Priest*
 + **6:30AM Peter Crevi-10th Anniversary**
 req The Crevi Family
 + **8:30AM Maura McGowan**
 req Ellen McGowan
 +**12:00NN Jim Stumpf**
 req Mary & Rich Ramge
- Tuesday, July 25th** *Saint James, Apostle*
 + **6:30AM In Honor of St. Christopher**
 req M. Townsend
 + **8:30AM In Honor of St. Christopher**
 req M. Townsend
 +**12:00NN In Honor of St. Christopher**
 req M. Townsend
- Wednesday, July 26th** *Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 + **6:30AM Dr. Ronald A. Sarno, Esq**
 req The Sarno Family
 + **8:30AM Rosaria & Anthony Dangelo**
 req The Dangelo Family
 +**12:00NN Anne Seymour**
 req Kitty & Tony Gill
- Thursday, July 27th**
 + **6:30AM John Dunworth**
 req His Family
 + **8:30AM Jake Nicora**
 req Niamh Sarno & Family
 +**12:00NN Harry & Marie Green**
 req Mary & Rich Ramge
- Friday, July 28th**
 + **6:30AM Marie Van Blarcom**
 req OLMC Friends
 + **8:30AM Sheila Laurretta**
 req Steve Webb
 +**12:00NN Betty Cheshire**
 req The Boniello Family
- Saturday, July 29th** *Saint Martha*
 + **8:30AM Clifford Pace**
 req His Family
 + **5:30PM José A. Sousa**
 req His Wife, Maria Sousa
- Sunday, July 30th** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 + **8:00AM Joan Townsend**
 req Her Granddaughter, Sophia's, CCD Classmates
 + **9:30AM Richard Hennelly**
 req Margaret Campbell
11:00AM For the People of the Parish
 +**12:30PM Helen Skorupski**
 req Agnes Duffy
 + **3:00PM Evaristo & Rosa Peralta**
 req Maria Morales
 + **6:30PM Ken Del Percio**
 req Susan Borchert

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TODAY'S READINGS

- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**
 Aware that life is not easy, the author of Wisdom offers his contemporaries good advice on how to get through these difficulties. The ultimate in good advice, reliance on God, the source of all blessing, the One by Whose Wisdom all was created and all is continued. In the face of a world that challenged fidelity to one's faith and religious traditions (**sound familiar**), the author invites renewed understanding of ancient Scriptural events as the answers to every human need. Today's excerpted passage focuses on the wilderness experience as a lesson for those spiritually, culturally and geographically distanced from their Jewish roots. Like those who sinned in the wilderness, no one who fails should ever fear "going home."
- Romans 8:26-27**
 Though united to the Father by the Spirit, in the Blood of the Lord, Christians are still weak, even in prayer. Knowing this, Paul urges his readers to surrender themselves, their will, their intelligence and their efforts, to God. Within the void of that surrender, God can act, and the Spirit can pray in ways not open to the human heart alone. In this moment, the Father knows the heart because the Spirit knows what is according to the Father's will.
- Matthew 13:24-43**
 Once again, as last week, the excerpted passage is from the section of Matthew's Gospel where Jesus teaches in parables. Today's passage contains two such parables, the wheat and the weeds and the mustard seed and the leaven. Jesus' teaching in the first – judging between wheat and weeds is not always easy and hasty judgments can be disastrous. Judgment is best left to the owner of the field (God). In the second parable, Jesus contrasts tiny beginnings with extraordinary results. It is miraculous and mysterious, rooted in the things of our common experience, but it does happen. It is the work of the Father.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- The wheat and the weeds are about judgment and mercy, a frequent theme of Pope Francis' preaching. How can you make more of an effort to temper your sense of justice with mercy?
- St. Paul writes about prayer. What do you find most difficult about prayer? How can the Holy Spirit help?
- What are the small seeds that can grow into great trees in your life?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 7/29	5:30PM	Fr. Robert
Sun. 7/30	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Tony
	12:30PM	Fr. Robert
	3:00PM	Fr. Valle Diaz
	6:30PM	Fr. Tony

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00 noon on the Saturday of that weekend.