



Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore

St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church

“Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity.”

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

Mass Times: Holy Day Mass times vary; see the bulletin.

Weekdays (Rectory Chapel) Monday – Thursday – Saturday 9:00 AM

Tuesday – Friday 7:00 AM

Weekends – Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:45 AM – 11 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM – By Appointment

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the church office.

New Parishioners:

Please pick up a registration form at the exits or contact the church office.
Please also indicate if you wish to receive giving envelopes.

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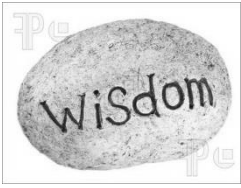
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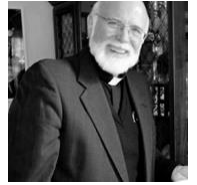
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*Pastor's
Notes*

Dear People of God,

What is most important to you in life? What is it, or who is it, that you would be willing to give your life for? Do you have your **priorities in line** enough that you even know how to answer this question? That is what Jesus asks us in the Gospel today. Have you found your "treasure in the field" or your "pearl of great price?" Jesus calls us into this journey so that we may discover what is most important to us in life and then rearrange our life accordingly. So are you on a search for what is important? Where are you looking? Most of the time this discovery comes from the heart. We realize that something, or someone, captures our heart or our imagination and we want to learn more. Then we spend more time with them while learning about ourselves. When God is in the center and our heart is captured, then we have begun to find our "treasure," our "pearl." If it is a person, we may even call them our "Anam Cara," which means "Soul Friend." John O'Donohue says, "You are sent here to learn to love and to receive love," and "Through a lack of love everything hardens." It is true that love makes us vulnerable and open, but that is the task of discovering the "treasure" and the "pearl." Whatever captures our heart and opens us up makes us vulnerable to new discoveries through which we will never be the same. Then we realize that we are willing to pay the price, that our priorities have been rearranged, and that the Gospel is real.

Tuesday, August 1st is the Third Anniversary of the Death of 3-year-old McKenzie Elliott. She would have been six years old this year. We continually pray for her and her family. McKenzie is a real live child of our city and also symbolic of the tragedies of violence that strike many families unexpectedly throughout the year. We know that the murder rate is out of control this year, but we feel powerless to do anything about it. Despite the fact that there are many positive things about Baltimore, there is also a consistent cloud of sadness and fear hanging over the city. We are now in a desperate crisis situation. We pray for our families, our teens, and our little children. We pray for safety on our streets, for wisdom from our leaders, and for action by our religious communities.

Saturday, August 5th is the **Blessed Sacrament Evangelization Day and Street Fair** from 10 AM to 3 PM on Old York Rd. All are welcome. There will be prayer, music, food, free giveaways, back to school supplies for children, and health and safety information available. All are welcome. Come and see the new things that are happening at Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Joe will be going to visit **Frances Ubaru** on Wednesday, August 9th. If there is anyone who wants to accompany him on this journey, please let him know.

As you go on vacation, please don't forget your church envelopes still need to be given to the church each weekend. We depend on your generosity to meet our weekly operating costs, especially the air conditioning. Thanks for the sacrifices you make for your church community.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Let Us Pray For:

Aileen Semple, Alfred & Cherry Lee-Young, Alphonsus Oguamanam, Andrea Bryant, Andrea Shuck, Andrew Macsherry, Anne Marie Campbell, Anthony Udumukwu, Archer Senft, Atticus Smith, Augustine Ubaru, Ardella Oliver, Barbara Reid, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Adams, Bernice Kucharski, Bernice Thomas, Betty Blair, Betty Johnson, Betty King, Betty Mathers, Butch Podgurski, Cammy Roberson, Carl Gabler, Carol Augustine, Caroline Grayson, Carolyn Richardson, Casey Seymour, Charles Supik, Czatherine Potillo, Chantelle Clarke, Cheryl Lusby, Chukwuma & Philomena Okpala, Donna Dusman, Donna Lusby, Eloise Hopkins, Eric Younkin, Ethel White, Evelyn Thompson, Frances Ubaru, Frank Lhotsky, Gail Liss, Gloria Smith, Gloriana & Eddie Hopkins, Grace Byerly, Greg Novik, Greg Schaum, Gunter Moore, Gwen Heemann, Helen Nitkoski, Helen Scott, Henrietta Mitchell, Jack Murphy, James Waller, Jeanette McMillan, Jennifer Tamberino, Jim Augustine, Joan Ray, Joe Chamberlin, Joan Muth, Joe Kennedy, Joe & Frieda Koubek, Joscelin Hancock, Joyce Loney, Justin Xavier Mathis, Keagen Merritt, Kerry Heemann, Kerstin Lynch, Kyle Beaudet, Larry Balda, Lashawda Jelks, Lee Nel, Lenon Daniel, Lucille Casey, Marian Harrington, Marie Chery, Marie Fields, Mark Bynun, Mark Rogalski, Mary Connelly, Mary Jo Bowen, Mary Lou Balda, Parfulit Youzon, Peg Collins, Philomena Ofoma, Robert Holt, Rocky Davis, Ruby Hughes, Ruth Toro, Ryan Carlisle, Seaton Haney, Shakia Williams, Steve Heemann, Sue Todd, Sylvia Adams, Victoria Borland, William Kovalevsky, and Yae Dupont.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK (July 30th – August 6th):

Sunday, July 30 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The person of true wisdom, like Solomon (1), will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else (3). It is more precious than gold and silver (Ps). Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son (2).

Monday, July 31 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. The Israelites commit sin by fashioning for themselves a molten image (1, Ps). The kingdom of God will spread throughout the world (2).

Tuesday, August 1 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. The Lord is rich in kindness (1, Ps). At the end of the world, the Lord will reveal the fate of the just and the wicked (2).

Wednesday, August 2 Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46
St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest. As mediator, Moses reveals God's commandments to the people (1, Ps). All appears worthless when compared to the kingdom (2).

Thursday, August 3 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6, 8-11 Mt 13:47-53
The tent of the meeting is consecrated, thus assuring God's presence (1, Ps). When the Kingdom comes in its fullness, angels will separate the elect from the wicked (2).

Friday, August 4 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Ps 81:3,6 10-11 Mt 13:54-58
St. John Vianney, Priest. The Jewish calendar with its feasts (1) is outlined. Thus is God blessed and praised (Ps). The Nazoreans place little faith in Jesus' messianism (2).

Saturday, August 5 Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. A solemn feast (Ps), the jubilee year, is proclaimed (1). Herod fears Jesus to be the Baptizer come back to life (2).

Sunday, August 6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
The Transfiguration of the Lord. Transfigured in glory (3), the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion (1, Ps). He will come again in glory (2).

SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

July 22 – 23:

Offertory Envelopes:	\$6,834.25
Loose Offertory:	\$583.12
TOTAL:	\$7,417.37
Extraordinary Repair Costs:	\$205.00
Mission Cooperative:	\$15.00
Peter's Pence:	\$5.00
Social Ministry:	\$438.00
Stephen Ministry:	\$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE:

July 22 – 23:

<u>5 PM:</u>	<u>8:45 AM:</u>	<u>11 AM:</u>
56	135	201

TOTAL: 392

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 30:

8:45 AM: Doris Harkins

11:00 AM: Fran Meeks

Monday, July 31:

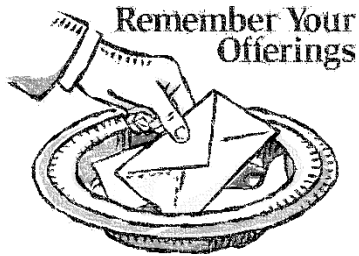
9:00 AM: Rosalie Douglas

Tuesday, August 1:

7:00 AM: David Clossin

Saturday, August 5:

5:00 PM: Anthony Joseph Hicks



Small Faith Group

Have you thought about joining a small faith group? Two of the groups that formed during Advent have merged, and we are welcoming new members. We meet regularly on the first, third, and fifth Tuesday of each month (so our next meetings are August 1st, August 15th, and August 29th). We gather at 6:30 PM in the rectory to share some snacks, scriptures, and discussion.

We have a very rigorous enrollment process: JUST SHOW UP (otherwise known as "all are welcome.")

If you would like more information, or to get on our email list, contact Jill Huppert or Sue Rovnak.

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Next weekend there will be a second collection to support the Black and Native American Missions.

R.C.I.A.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

What is R.C.I.A.?

These initials refer to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process for Welcoming the following into the Catholic Faith Community:

- Anyone who has not been baptized.
- Those who have been baptized in another Faith Tradition, but wish to join the Catholic Faith.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic, but did not complete sacramental preparation for: Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation.
- Those who have been away from the Catholic Faith and wish to return.

R.C.I.A. participants meet every two weeks on Thursdays at the Parish from 7 PM – 8:30 PM beginning September 14th, 2017.

Still have Questions???? Call Sr. Andre Rothschild, CMS at 410-323-1469 or complete the following and put it in the Collection Basket. You will be contacted.



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Name: _____

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Thanks for registering for RCIA!