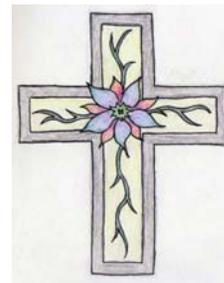


EVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26TH, 2015

GOD IS NEAR

TO ALL WHO CALL



**EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2015
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILL BE OFFERING
WEEKDAY MASSES (MONDAY-SATURDAY) AT
8AM.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	July 26, 2015
9:30 AM	Walter "Chipper" Gundacker
Monday	July 27, 2015
8:00 AM	Yarborough Family
Tuesday	July 28, 2015
8:00 AM	Rose Ososki
7:30 PM	Church Dedication
Wednesday	July 29, 2015
8:00 AM	Rose Ososki
Thursday	July 30, 2015
8:00 AM	Ann & Sam Rumolo
Friday	July 31, 2015
8:00 AM	Helen Light



CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF ST. MARY'S

On Sunday, July 26th the choir of St. Mary's will present the *Farewell Concert*. This concert will celebrate St. Mary's service to the community for more than 160 years. Come be a part of this unique opportunity to hear the St. Mary's story and to listen to songs old and new. The concert will be performed in the school hall at 1 PM and will be free to all. Plan on attending and having a great time. Don't bring your tissues – tears are not allowed, this is a party.

On Tuesday, July 28, St. Mary's will celebrate its anniversary with a mass at 7:30 PM. Come early and listen to the choir perform a mini-concert of choral preludes beginning at 7PM. This will be our last opportunity to celebrate our anniversary as a parish community and all are invited to participate.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"But the 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."... "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish"...When they had had their fill, he said to the disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.'"

At a time of picnics and alfresco dining, reading from the book of Kings and the gospel of John is most enjoyable. In both cases we learn that we can use our resources whether abundant or scarce to touch the lives of others. Whether it be the one hundred or the 'large crowd' people had a hunger, a need, and there were gifts to be given to change their lives.

When we gather for Eucharist, gifts are brought to the altar. They represent our ability to offer something for the needs of others, who have a hunger we can satisfy, not just bread and wine, but care, concern, support and understanding.

People are hungering for peace, justice, work, freedom. We cannot overlook them, for we are the resources to produce change. Don't waste food; recognize the Christ in the homeless and hungry. Provide for the many charities who depend on us. The question remains: 'What are the five loaves and two fish I have' and 'what I am doing with them?'

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –CCD

The Religious Education Office has closed for the summer. It will reopen in August, for registration at St. Joseph's.

Don't take a vacation from Mass!

Parishioners who are traveling this summer may call 1-800-MASSTIMES or go to www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses in Catholic Churches in the USA.



BINGO AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

In the School's Auditorium
139 St. Mary's Avenue – Rosebank
Wednesday at 11AM – doors open at 9AM
Thursdays at 7:30PM – doors open at 5PM
For more information please call 718-816-0047.



ST. PETER & ASSUMPTION – ST. PAUL

As you may know, the parishes of St. Peter and Assumption – St. Paul will be merged on August 1, 2015. The churches of St. Peter & Assumption will remain available for all sacramental services, but the chapel of St. Paul will no longer be used.

On August 2, at 9am the last Mass will be celebrated in the chapel of St. Paul, 129 Clinton Ave. At about 10am a procession will bring the Blessed Sacrament to the church of St. Peter, 53 St. Mark's Place for a period of adoration and benediction. At about 11:30am the procession will continue to the church of the Assumption, 15 Webster Ave, for another moment of adoration and benediction. Then, at about 1pm, the procession will start a third time, concluding at St. Paul.

A reception with light refreshments will be open to everyone from 2-5pm at St. Paul. Everyone is invited to join us as for all or any part of the day, by walking or driving, as we celebrate the 89 grace-filled years God has blessed us through the parish of St. Paul. To help properly prepare for the day, please call 718-447-6362 if you can join us for the reception.

REST IN PEACE

Let us pray for deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, friends, for those who are most forgotten and for those who recently died. Prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to the families of Mary Marion Holton and Pauline Pellegrino.



Please continue to pray for Fr. Vic's speedy recovery.

"No matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere"

Tim McGraw



IGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that **Al**, the Lord, am your God. **@** God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God=s image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food. 999 Bon Venture Services, Inc.