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SUNDAY JULY 24, 2016

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cf. Psalm 68(67); 6-7, 36

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*



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FOR OUR SICK . . . Lewis Brewer, Kathryn McHale, Richard Battersby, W.J. Wetherington, Lisa Presley, Betty Free, Leszek Mazur, Bob Smith, Agnes Howard, Ricky Crowell, Darrell Wilson, Maggie Carrol, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jessica Bussell, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Margaret Welsh, Mary Gray, Susan Stallings, Robin Bangart, Ruth Tavares-Toma, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Marion Milek, Sandi Smith, Steve Jankiewicz, Jessica Watts, Jeanmarie Jonston, Joseph Piccariello, Carroll Donovan, Susan Fortson, Christine Munoz, Celia Satterwhite, Morgan Collins, Jolene Herczeg, Tim Downey, Ann Fincher, Mary Kennedy, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest, Otto Parkerson, Jodie Riley and David Riley.



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . parishioners Fred Spillers, husband of Deborah Spillers, and Joseph Lucia, husband of Esther Lucia, who passed away on July 14th. May their souls and those of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

INQUIRING MINDS (HEARTS AND SOULS) WANT TO KNOW . . . RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin Wednesday, September 7th. The Church invites those who are considering converting to Catholicism to participate. We also invite those who are already Catholic but want a "refresher" on some aspects of our faith. Each week we will break open scripture, as well as learn about what we believe and practice as Catholics. Think of this as a spiritual journey, not as a "class". If the Holy Spirit is calling you to take a step on the path, please call and leave your name and contact information with the office: 706-3236908.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES . . . Registration for Religious Education classes will be held on Sunday August 21st and Sunday August 28th following the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Stay tuned for surprises!

CHALLENGING GOD

Ancient Judaism held in highest regard those figures in its tradition who were willing to challenge God. This was particularly characteristic of the two patriarchs most highly esteemed, Abraham and Moses. This boldness in addressing God is present in today's story from Genesis, when Abraham attempts to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This resonates with the Gospel passage—the Lord's Prayer—since it was truly bold of Jesus to address the Lord God as "Abba." Our familiarity with this prayer most likely makes us unaware of this.

The boldness of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus in addressing God is an expression of a deep, intimate relationship. We tend to argue most heatedly with and speak most tenderly to those whom we love the most. This very human trait is what generates the wide variety of emotions expressed toward God throughout the psalms. Hopefully our own relationship with God is intimate enough that we don't only come asking for favors or with heads bowed meekly, but also ready to question and argue, to praise joyfully, and to embrace our relationship with God lovingly.

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL . . . Thank you to everyone that has participated in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are 5% away from reaching our goal of \$67,637.00. As of 7/14/2016 we have pledged \$15,895 and received \$7854 of that pledge. We have received a total of \$56,571 in one-time donations. Total paid is \$64,612 which is 96% of our target with 162 families donating or 18.4% of our registered families. Thank you again for your sacrificial gift.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY. . . . Wishing Mrs. Rita Mullane a very blessed and happy 103rd birthday on July 26th!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION . . . Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.
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VIRTUS CLASSES . . . VIRTUS classes have been scheduled at St. Anne - Pacelli School for Thursday August 4th from 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church for August 12th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Holy Family Church on Saturday August 20th from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>), and must be completed before they begin ministry. You must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.”

<u>OFFERINGS</u>	
July 17, 2016 - \$10,102.24	July 19, 2015 - \$8,970.00
Church in Africa	
\$2190.36	

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>				
Saturday	July 23	5:00 PM	Rita Mullane	Birthday
Sunday	24	8:30 AM	Pro Populo	
		11:00 AM	Mary O'Malley	Memorial
Monday	25	12:10 PM	Extension Society Intentions	
Tuesday	26	12:10 PM	Karl Oelschlager	Memorial
Thursday	28	12:10PM	Lorenzo Rehberg	Memorial
Friday	29	12:10 PM	Rochelle Odom & Joseph Kaido	Birthday
Saturday	30	5:00 PM	Regis Ashmore	Memorial



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
Sat. July 23	5:00 PM	Christopher Gudz, Joseph Land
Sun. July 24	8:30 AM	Justin Vaughn, Rachel Vaughn
	11:00 AM	Reid Calhoun, John Calhoun



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOST MINISTER</u>	<u>CUP MINISTER</u>
Sat. July 23	5:00 PM	Kathy Oates	Ismael Nazario	Eleanor Balauitan, Amy Hung
Sun. July 24	8:30 AM	Lula Huff	Jim Irvin	Jack Kasych, Lorrie Kasych
	11:00 AM	Wayne Whitfield	Mike Obermeyer	David Turner, Linda Turner



READINGS FOR JULY 31, 2016

First Reading — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
 Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
 Second Reading — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).
 Gospel — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).