



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 25TH, 2017



From the Pastor

“Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one.”

(Gospel of the Day; Matthew 10)

Naturally, this opening line of our Gospel pericope is meant to compliment the confidence and courage of our First Reading (Jeremiah 20) and of our Psalm (69).

Jeremiah prays: “Jeremiah said: “I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!’ All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. ‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.’ *But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.*”

Our Psalmist prays: “For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face...and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. “See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

Then, as if confirmation from on high, we hear Jesus instruct the twelve, “Fear no one.”

The context is quite clear and perhaps as sad as it is shocking: the enemies, the blasphemers, those threatening the lives of God’s Prophets and Apostles are the House of Israel. Today, therefore, Jeremiah would be sent to us. He would have been born in Pompton Plains, grown here, had a ton of friends and acquaintances, been well known as a fine fellow by all; but when he begins to tell us God’s word and to reprimand us for our injustices and iniquities we begin to plot his death.

The larger context of the Gospel, especially the verses preceding, paints the very same picture of the Twelve: “These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons... “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles...Fear no one.” (Matthew 10)

I suppose a good question to ponder as we continue to sanctify the Sabbath at home would be, “what is my relationship to the Church, how do I view her word, her authority, in my life?” We have the great lesson of today; let’s not kill the prophets and the twelve but listen to them. In other words we can change our minds if we find that Holy Mother Church is not our comfort and sure refuge, our teacher and mother, as she was sent unto us to be.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Steve

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, June 24th

8:00AM People of the Parish †
5:00PM Mike Brothers †
George White †
Matthew Kuchavik
Wladyslaw Maciorowski †

SUNDAY, June 25th

8:00AM Michael McGreevy †
Barbara Romeo †
10:00AM Michael Brothers † - 1st Anniversary
Roger Maher †
12:00PM John Brady †
Rose Porco †
Barbara Shane †
George Clark †
William Mitchell †
Mass of Thanksgiving

MONDAY, June 26th

8:00 AM James Peter - Special Intention
Thomas Fallacara †

TUESDAY, June 27th

8:00AM William Daly †
Charles Facas †

WEDNESDAY, June 28th

8:00AM George Richardson †

THURSDAY, June 29th

8:00AM Martha Shadwell †

FRIDAY, June 30th

8:00AM Nelson Helu - Special Intention

SATURDAY, July 1st

8:00AM People of the Parish †
5:00PM Norman Wazaney, Jr. †
John Fahey †
Rita Kennedy †

SUNDAY, July 2nd

8:00AM James Henry †
10:00AM Sr. Rosemary McSorley †
12:00PM Barbara Shane † - 2nd Anniversary





We Are A Parish Family



Save the Date

- July 9th - Blood Drive after each mass. Details to be announced soon.
- August 15th - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8am & 7:30pm, Vigil Mass on Aug. 14th at 7:30pm.

LIFE:

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHOICE

Following is a very encouraging recent article from Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. The fake news covers nothing but Americans of all ages foolishly falling for the propaganda of "choice". But Fr. Frank's experience shows that the today's youth are well represented in the silent majority.

Millennials have a bad rap. They're labeled as crybabies, snowflakes, fragile, spoiled, and entitled. But if there is one thing that gets most overlooked within their cohort, it's that they are the most pro-life generation yet. And they deserve a thumbs up for that.

In the 2016 March for Life, the youth made up 80 percent of approximately the half-million marchers. As the most tech savvy of all the generations, they are perhaps the least likely to be fooled by pro-abortion rhetoric. Their first baby pictures were most likely sonogram images or even 3D ultrasound pictures. They know what abortion is and they don't like it.

It's easy to understand why. This generation is not just standing up for babies in danger of being aborted — they are also standing up for themselves. They understand that they are survivors. They know that when they were in the womb, they were not protected. The sense of being an abortion survivor is a big part of what motivates young pro-life activists today. In fact, when I am asked to encourage parishes and pro-life organizations to focus more on recruiting youth, it's not a difficult task. Millennials understand the pro-life message better than older generations, and the most common response they give to the question, "Why are you involved in trying to stop abortion?" is "Because it could have been me."

I rejoice in the pro-life commitment and involvement of our youth — so much so, in fact, that while I am committed to training them for the battle, I am not going to "hand the battle over to them." The time to end abortion is now, not in another generation or two. Rather than "handing the baton" to our young people, let's take their hands, and let's march together into the promised land of victory for the unborn!

May God richly bless you!

Heather

We welcome into our community



Alexander Angelo Ruvio

son of Angelo & Danielle

&

Ashlyn Jaye Dowling

daughter of Daniel & Nicole

We are all God's children and that is who you are!



Eucharistic
Adoration

Saturday, July 1st

Spend time with the Lord!
Join us in the chapel,
9am - 12pm.



Blood Pressure Screenings

Please stop by the Holy Family Room after any mass *this* weekend for a free blood pressure screening. This service is offered by our Parish Nurses and available to everyone!

FOOD PANTRY donations NEEDED

With summer here, donations to our local food pantry fall off dramatically, but the needs keep increasing! Currently, the food pantry is especially in need of the following items:

Coffee & Tea	Condiments	Salad Dressing
Parmalat	Cereal	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce	Jello	White Rice
Rice/Pasta side dishes	Juice	Chef Boy R Dee
Canned Fruit (no Fruit Cocktail)		Baked Beans
Canned Chicken or Turkey		Tissues
Laundry Detergent		Dish Detergent
Shampoo & Conditioner		Deodorant

Please consider bringing a donation each weekend when you come to mass. Thank you!

Mission of Hope Meeting

A meeting will be held this Tuesday, June 27th at 7pm in the Holy family Room for those interested in supporting our mission in the Dominican Republic. Whether you want to join the trip to the Dominican Republic or help from home please plan to attend! Contact Nancy Baran at 908-425-1380 or njbaran06@gmail.com for more information.



WE SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!



STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE

Weekly Collection: Diocesan Assessment: \$83,000.
 Collected (6/18): \$7,857.00 Needed monthly: \$ 8,300.
 Corpus Christi Food Drive: \$178 Collection 6/18: \$ 2,105.
 Pennies for Poor (6/18): \$248.00 Collected to date: \$23,530.

Second Collection: This weekend (6/25): Seminarian Education
 Next Weekend (7/2): There is only one collection

If you have questions regarding the financials please fill out a *Suggestion Box* card or call the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Seminarian Education

OLGC will take up a special collection this weekend for Seminarian Education as requested by Bishop Serratelli.

“Currently, over 50 men are being educated for service in the priesthood for our Diocese. ... Our Diocese understands the enormous benefit of priestly formation to the life and future of our Church. We are blessed that so many have responded to the call. However, the costs are considerable. Your participation in this... collection, along with the support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in the fall, helps defray the expenses associated with seminarian education.”

Corpus Christi Food Collection

The number of food donations this year was tremendous with dozens of bags taken to Catholic Charities. In addition, \$178 dollars was collected.

Thank you for your generosity!

Caring for our Church

Please help in keeping our church clean by refraining from eating in the sanctuary and chapel. **Food and drink are only allowed in the Gathering Area and the Holy Family Room.** Children should not bring snacks, drinks, markers or crayons into the worship areas as they can cause damage or stains to the fabric on the chairs and pews.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Paterson is planning a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 21st. This trip will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy and Catechetical presentations. Flyers with additional information are available in the gathering area. If you are interested in participating in this trip please contact the parish office.

Youth Ministry News

Share the Faith!

A truly rewarding experience awaits any adult who teaches Religious Education! If you think you might be called to serve the youth of our parish in this way, contact Laura for more information: youthministry@goodcounsel.org

Help with VBS

Confirmation students can get service hours by volunteering to help with our Vacation Bible School August 14-18. Contact Laura to sign up: youthministry@goodcounsel.org



Vacation Bible School !

August 14-18th for students entering grades K-5 in the fall. Our theme is *Maker Fun Factory – Created by God & Built for a Purpose.* This will be an amazing week of fun activities, music, snacks and a special Bible point for each day! Registration forms can be found on the parish web site and in the gathering area of the church. The fee is only \$35 for the first child registered, and \$30 for each additional sibling. Adult and young adult volunteers are needed! If you’d like to work with the children, or ‘behind the scenes’ contact Laura at youthministry@goodcounsel.org.

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Gospel Today

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 10:26-33

God created everything on earth, and He knows us right down to the hair on our heads. He wants us to listen to the word of Jesus, and believe. Whoever accepts Jesus on earth, will be accepted by His Father in heaven. The works of the Apostles continues.

Cycle A

SUMMER IS HERE!

Look around at God’s world. What is your favorite summer activity?

Draw a picture of **you and Jesus** together. What are you doing?

Eating ice cream? Skating in the park?

Swimming at the lake, beach or pool?

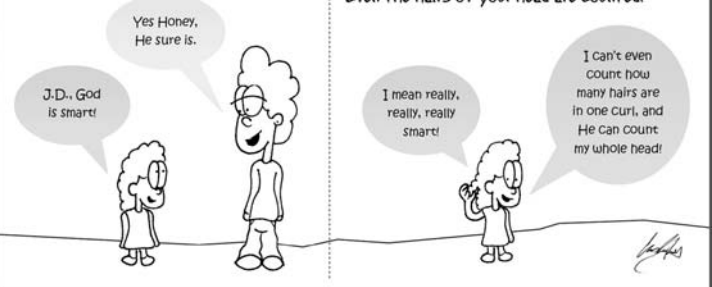
Is your hair pulled up, or under a hat?

Don't forget to put sunscreen on!

SWEET as HONEY

Matthew 10:30

Even the hairs of your head are counted.



Pray for the Sick

Jennifer Abramson	Bob LoFaro
Sarah Antonucci	Rose LoFaro
Carol Asimou	Michael LoPresti
Judy Barbarito	Marc Lymych
Lori Beck	Jim Mackin, Jr.
Donald Berard	William Mara
Anastasia Borovskis	Serafina Mayor
Gavin Brady	Thomas Joseph McCloughy
Bill Burns	Deanna Melone
Evelina Capelli	Helen Mier
Mary Coppa	Maryann Miksits
Paul Cook	Jesse Morella
Adelaide Elliott	Margaret Mary Ochner
Donna Finnegin	James O'Brien
Julie Fischer	Nancy Paulison
Vince Gallipoli	Fr. John Pierce, OFM
Patricia Grant	Constance Quarantino
Dominick J. Gurrieri	Gary Ragusa
Andre Jacobsen	Fr. William L. Scully, OFM
Maureen Karsen	Kara Skafalstad
Eileen Kapotes	John Stanton
Connie Hall	Vinko Stipanov
James Horvath	Charlotte Tomaszewski
Jennifer Kraft	

The residents of Mountainview Gardens at Cedar Crest

Please call the office at 973-839-2447 to let us know when someone should be added to or removed from the prayers for the sick.

Communion for the Homebound

When a member of your family is ill or confined to the house and unable to come to the Celebration of the Eucharist, please contact the church office. Arrangements will be made for Communion to be brought to your home. Contact Carla at ministries@goodcounsel.org or call the office 973-839-2447.

Mass Intentions & Memorials

If you wish to have a mass offered for someone living or deceased, please fill out an envelope available on the cart in the gathering area. The suggested offering is \$20 for a weekend mass and \$10 for a weekday mass.

Flower, Sanctuary Candle and Bread & Wine memorials are another good way to remember a loved one. Please contact the parish office at 973-839-2447 for details. Office hours are M-Th 9am - 5pm, Fridays 9am - 3pm.

Support Youth Ministry

Tip: Find a Catholic church to attend during your vacation – experiencing Mass in a new environment can be an inspirational experience!

Please Pray For Those Serving Our Country



PFC Christian Baxter
Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli
Capt. Jacob A. Impellizzeri
PFC Stephen Jordan Seifried
Cpl. Brendan P. Smith

If you have a loved one currently deployed please contact the parish office so we may include them in our prayers!

THIS WEEK AT OLG:

Monday, June 26, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg	Holy Family Rm

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
07:00 PM	Mission of Hope	Holy Family Rm.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	

Thursday, June 29, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg.	Holy Family Room
07:30 PM	Encounter Young Adults	Holy Family Room

Friday, June 30, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
07:00 PM	Our Lady of Fatima	
	Confirmation Mass	Church
07:00 PM	Rosary	Chapel
07:30 PM	Servants of Holy Cross	Chapel

Saturday, July 1, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
03:45 PM	Confession	Reconciliation Rm
05:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, July 2, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
10:00 AM	Mass	Church
12:00 PM	Mass	Church

