

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Complete

July 18, 2010



SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010

5:00 p.m. Richard McGrath

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

7:30 a.m. Etienne J. Pons

9:00 a.m. Albert Sitarz

10:30 a.m. Thomas M. Merli

12:00 noon Gus Boisits

Nicholas DiGeronimo

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

7:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lee & Debbie Feoranz

Filomena Travaglini

12:00 noon Prayer Service

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010

8:30 a.m. August VanDyk

Gertrude Sag

12:00 noon Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010

7:00 a.m. Anthony Azzolini

12:00 noon Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010

8:30 a.m. Ann Dolan

Rose and George Williams

12:00 noon Prayer Service

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010

7:00 a.m. Winifred and Joseph T. Lynyak, Jr.

12:00 noon Prayer Service

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010

9:00 a.m. Charles & Anna Pilch

5:00 p.m. Ann Bowen

Delfin A. Javan

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010

7:30 a.m. Claire Suraci

9:00 a.m. Edward Sr., Edward Jr., Gerard Lamparello

10:30 a.m. Spright D. Baker

12:00 noon Pauline Rimar

Carol Negrete

PLEASE NOTE SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

There is **ONE daily weekday Mass**

7:00 a.m.: Monday - Wednesday - Friday

8:30 a.m.: Tuesday and Thursday

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

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Genesis 18:20-32 (111C)

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The **Sanctuary Lamp** which burns near the Tabernacle in Church, the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist will burn in memory of **JAMES GIORDANO**. Requested by his mother, Joan.

The **Altar Breads** which will become the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Masses celebrated in Church during the week will be offered **EMILY ELIZABETH CRONIN** as she becomes God's own daughter by her Baptism today in Saint Mary Church. Requested by her grandparents, Steve and Lorraine Nienstedt.

Please keep James, Emily and their families in your prayers.

Sanctuary Offerings are available through the Parish Office located in the basement of the Church

Celebrate the Birth - Baptism - Graduation - Wedding - Anniversary of someone you love **OR** remember those in the Military - those who are deceased through these offerings!

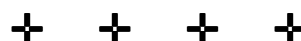
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone interested in becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic - one who has received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist - the RCIA is for you! The RCIA is ideally for non-baptized [Jews, Moslems, Hindus, the unchurched] and for baptized Protestants who wish to become Catholic. It is also for adult Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please share this invite with anyone who might be interested. Speak to a priest, deacon or call Mary Lanni - [201] 933-1056 for further information.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

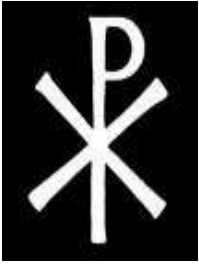
CONFESSIONS

Beginning **July 3rd**, through Saturday, September 4th, confessions will be heard at 4:00 p.m. NOT 11:00 a.m. This change is for our **SUMMER** months **ONLY**.



From the Pastor

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Part 3 of my *'she sells sea shells by the seashore'* tongue twisting **Sacred Sign & Symbol Summer Study Series** goes Greek - with a common symbol that's often sewn on cloths and vestments and is used as a decorative

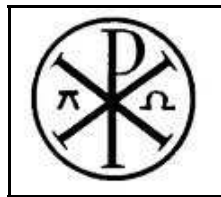
insignia in Christian places and on Christian items. It's been called the **'Monogram of Christ'** - not that Our Blessed Mother embroidered Our Lord's towels with them! What's the meaning of these two Greek letters, usually superimposed on each other, and often encompassed by a circle, the sign or symbol of eternity, sometimes with an Alpha and Omega?

The Greek spelling of the word *'Christ'* is *'ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ'* or *'Christos'*. The first two letters, *XP*, are used as shorthand for Our Lord's title, ***'The Christ'*** which means ***'The Anointed One.'*** the one designated and empowered by God for a special mission. Why is Greek used for Jesus, a Jew who spoke Aramaic or Hebrew, and lived in territory ruled by the Romans who spoke Latin? Consider this biblical statement: *"Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.' Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek."* [John 19:19-20]

In Christ's time, the common language of commerce and academia was Greek, just as English is often used to conduct business in our own time. As the infant Church strove to fulfill Our Lord's command: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations"* [Matthew 28:19a], they used the two languages that would best accomplish that goal: Latin and Greek. For a while in Church history some would only celebrate Mass in one of the three sacred languages that were ***literally*** nailed to the Cross: ***Hebrew, Latin or Greek!*** [see John 19:19-20 above]

Two other Greek letters are also used to represent Jesus, based on His words, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* [Revelation 22:13] So the ***Chi-Rho***

is often shown with the first and last Greek letters: ***Alpha Α*** and ***Omega Ω***. [I hope all this isn't all Greek to you!]



The Debated & Curious History of the Chi-Rho.

Pious legend says the ***Chi-Rho*** became a popular Christian symbol during the reign of the Roman Emperor Constantine [306-337]; who is credited with legalizing the Faith and ending the three centuries of persecution that sought to crush the infant Church. According to the story, in 312 AD, Constantine was preparing for a major battle just outside Rome; the winner would become Emperor of the whole Roman Empire. After praying for a sign from the *"Supreme God"* [he was not yet a Christian, and even after his baptism he courted many pagan gods] he saw a ***Chi-Rho*** in the sky with the words, *"In hoc signo vinces"* - *"By this sign, conquer."* In a dream that night, Jesus told him to use the ***Chi-Rho*** for protection in battle, so he mandated the emblem be affixed to his soldier's shields and made it the symbol of his army.

Was what Constantine supposedly saw in the sky akin to the so-called 'miraculous sightings' of Our Lady's image on windows, Christ's Face on tree stumps or Mother Teresa's image on toast? Was it merely coincidental, as some astronomers say, caused by the alignment of three planets: Mars, Saturn and Jupiter in another constellation of stars? It is an unresolved issue, complicated by archeological evidence that the ***Chi-Rho*** was already being used to mark Christian graves and meeting places before Constantine's time.

Did Constantine use the ***Chi-Rho*** for political and military clout, to rally the Empire, especially its troops, which were becoming more Christian every day? Or did God use Constantine, as He once used Egypt's Pharaoh, for His own plan - for Christians began to proclaim their faith more boldly and publicly once they saw their emblem, the ***Chi-Rho***, on the imperial standards, shields and the like? Who knows?

But this we do know: the Catholic Church proudly uses the ***Chi-Rho*** as a primary symbol for Jesus and an abbreviation for ***'The Christ.'*** And if it reminds us to keep up our fight against evil in our world and in our own hearts, and to continually wage war against the Devil, than its militant history still serves its purpose!

With God's love and my prayers,

Father Mike

Reverend Michael J. Kreder

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL?
PART 3

*Why is there a need for a new translation
of the words used at Mass?*

With the major reform of the liturgy after Vatican Council II came the Mass in the vernacular languages. The Roman Missal reflecting all these changes was first issued in Latin by Pope Paul VI in 1970. In translating that text into English, a process of dynamic equivalence was used which allowed the translators some freedom in how to best express in English the meaning of the original Latin text both in how it would read and sound. As a result, the style of the English was, in part, less formal and more conversational and is what we use today at Mass.

A third edition of the Missal was promulgated by Pope John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000. Before it was translated into English, a new instruction called Liturgiam Authenticam was issued in 2001 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which outlined the rules and principles of translation into the vernacular languages. This process requires the use of formal equivalence in translating such that the English reflects a truer translation of the original Latin. As a result, some of the words and phrases in the prayers and responses we currently say in English will be changing. For example, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," our response will be "And with your spirit," a more accurate translation of "Et cum spiritu tuo." Although we will all need to learn the new wording of the responses and prayers, we gain some of the poetry and scriptural richness expressed in the original Latin which has been restored.

To learn more about it, please visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org/romanmissal

PAPAL BLESSING REQUESTS

Papal Blessings can be obtained from the Vatican Office in Rome or from the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, DC. Individuals named in the blessing must be practicing Catholics. In general, a Papal blessing is customarily sought on the following occasions: Priests's First Mass, parish Religious events, e.g., foundings, anniversaries, etc.; Religious Profession or Entrance into Consecrated Life, Anniversaries of Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession; Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday, or a General Blessing. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please *PRAY* in the name of *JESUS*, the healer, that the *SICK* of *SAINT MARY PARISH* may be restored to health and all those who *ASSIST* and *CARE* for the sick will be given the *STRENGTH* to continue *GOD'S* good *WILL*:

*Thomas Barrows, Michael Francis, Loreen Clavin,
Carole Danza, Gilda Danza, Domingo Delacruz, Angelina
DiNoto, Steven Monahan, Joanne Natoli and Jim Neville*

**BAPTISMS
by Immersion**

We have found our 10:30 a.m. baby! **GERALD FRED MORAN** son of Gary and Colleen Moran will have their son *baptized at the 10:30 Mass on October 17th, 2010*. *Rich and Rory Doyle* will have their 'soon to be baby' baptized during the *5:00 p.m. Mass*. The babies will be baptized by full immersion with Father Mike, presider. Thanks you *Gary, Colleen, Rich and Rory* for helping to make this day memorable for your family as well as our First Communicants who begin their 1st lesson in their Gold Books on Baptism!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to him and said . . . "Tell her to help me." The Lord said in reply to her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset about many things; one thing only is required. Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it." Luke 10:40-42

Few stories in Scripture better portray the fact that stewardship is an attitude, not an activity. Martha was busy, but Mary had the right attitude.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Center

FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

VBS: AUGUST 16TH - 20TH

I Hope that this meeting will last about a half hour. It will provide an overview of the program as well as determine an area you may be interested in volunteering for. The list below simply describes some of the areas for volunteers. Please begin thinking about how you may want to help.

Craft Leaders - You will lead the children through daily craft activities. All supplies and activities will be given. You will be asked to prepare some materials before, after and during camp times. You will also be responsible for cleanliness of this area.

Skits and Bible Stories - You will be given a simple script to read from. You will also be encourage to wear a simple costume. You will teach the bible story to the children daily through these simple stories. All information will be given to you - you simply have to smile and read!

Music Assistance - If you have musical talents, please consider helping in this area. All songs are prepared and can be practiced before, after and during VBS.

Recreation Leaders - Daily games will be played in the gym or outside on the grass. These games are already prepared and supplies will be provided. You will set up the game each morning and lead the children through the activity. At the end, you will be asked to clean up. If you like sports or have lots of energy - this is for you!

WE NEED A "JOSEPH!"

* Do you know someone who loves children?

** What about someone who is dramatic and loves entertaining?

*** Do you know someone who can create a costume for Joseph?

Our Vacation Bible School needs a dedicated individual to play the role of "Joseph" as he journeys from Prison to Palace in Ancient Egypt. We are also in need of a "costume" for Joseph. The script will be provided. You must be available from Monday, August 16th - Friday, August 20th from 9am - 12noon.

Last Call for Children in

Kindergarten through 4th grade!

TOMORROW is the last opportunity to register for this year's

JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT

at Church of Saint Mary Vacation Bible School

This promises to be an exciting Bible times adventure filled with crafts, games, snacks and music. Email ErinRose53@hotmail.com or call Erin at 201-440-8691 for more information.

IMPORTANT

RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE!

The Next **Board of Adjustment Meeting** is scheduled for **THIS Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m.** to be held at 176 Park Avenue. Rutherford Residents can speak in favor of our Renovation Project. We want **ALL OUR PARISHIONERS** to **PUT TIME ASIDE** and attend this important meeting. **COME** - show your support of our great parish as we seek the towns approval which is necessary in order for us to "Recapture the Dream" and renovate our Worship Space once again!

GOOD COUNSEL

Good Counsel, helping mothers and babies, before, during and after birth, is having an **OPEN HOUSE SUMMER BARBEQUE**, Saturday, July 31 at 22 Linden Avenue - Spring Valley, NJ just at the end of the Garden State Parkway, from 2 to 4pm. [rain date the following day, Sunday, August 1st.] This Open House is for you to see God's work in action. Bring your family and friends. Please confirm by calling the house: [845] 356-0517. Good Counsel helps women from all over. You may find out more by visiting www.goodcounselhomes.org.

VOLUNTEER WANTED!

Academy at Saint Mary

Are you looking to get out of the house a few hours in the morning? We are looking for a volunteer to help in the Academy with making copies and light office work. Please call Mrs. Elena Simmons at [201] 933-8410 or email her at principal.smes@gmail.com We are grateful for your help!

SUMMER RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM

TEN of the **TWELVE mandatory sessions** are completed. Please mark your calendars for the two remaining sessions: **December 4, 2010** and **March 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** The most important information your children should have gone home with is the importance of **Sunday Mass** in their lives. You, as parents and guardians, are integral to the success of this program. The primary role of educator is that of the parents and guardians. Our Catechists are entrusted with the mission of sharing the message with your children. Your children look to you as the example. You are called to be a model of a lived faith - a faith in action. Your **regular attendance** and **participation at Mass**, reinforcement of classroom teaching and leading a sacramental life will speak more clearly than any words can say. We hope every family tries harder to bring Sunday Mass back into their busy schedules and puts Jesus first. You'd be surprised what a good feeling Sunday can be when we '**PUT GOD FIRST.**'

We survived the **HEAT** and much of it due to the air conditioners installed in The Academy. And **THANK YOU** to our **VOLUNTEER** Catechists, Aides and helpers for sacrificing your time to share your love of Jesus with 300 children.

SECOND COLLECTION

A **SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken next weekend for the Rutherford Food Pantry and other charitable means. Please be as generous as your means allow.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

If you know someone who is ill and would like their name placed in our Sunday bulletin asking our parishioners to keep them in pray, please call the Parish Office. **ONLY** names given from **FAMILY MEMBERS** will be published. We ask that when you contact the office with your request, that you leave your name, telephone number and relationship to whom you are making this request for.

DAILY READINGS

Monday, July 19, 2010

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Matthew 12:46-50

or

Saint Apollinaris

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 (721.2);
John 10:11-16

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17;
Matthew 13:1-9

or

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7; Psalm 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Mark 4:1-10, 13-20 or Mark 4:1-9

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Saint Mary Magdalene

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11;
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday, July 23, 2008

Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
Matthew 13:18-23

or

Saint Bridget of Sweden

Galatians 2:19-20; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11;
John 15:1-8

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalm 84:3, 5, 6-6a & 8a, 11;
Matthew 13:24-30

or

Saint Sharbel Makhlof

Sirach 3:17-24; Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 (739.2);
Matthew 19:27-29

PARISH OFFICE

Monday, July 26 - Thursday, July 29th

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, July 30th - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you need to schedule a meeting in the Parish Center and need access to a meeting room, kindly call the office this week so doors can be programed. Thank you!

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Remember **five** characteristics of sound financial stewardship. Giving is **PLANNED**, the product of thoughtful consideration. Giving is **PROPORTIONAL**, whether modest or generous, a regular amount.

It is **SACRIFICIAL**, from the very best we have to offer. It's **FREE**, neither coerced nor conditional.

And of greatest importance, giving is an **ACT OF PRAYER**.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2010 Year to Date:

Donor Pledged: \$117,658.00
Number of Donors: 497

2009 Year to Date:

Donor Pledged: \$110,217.00
Number of Donors: 441

2009 End of Year:

Donor Pledged: \$118,520.00
Number of Donors: 479

Thank you to all those who have supported the AAA through out the years! It's never too late to make a pledge!



ON LINE BANKING

There's a handy, efficient way for you to address your church offerings. Many of us use the online bill payment process provided by most banks free of charge to remit these offerings. The advantages are: no mailing and printing charges for the parish, you don't have to write checks, the bank will schedule the offering so you will never forget and there's no "catch up" for the summer months. Should you decide to go electronic, your "account number" is the number found on your envelope, our address is on the bulletin along with our phone number.

REPORTING OF SEXUAL 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

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