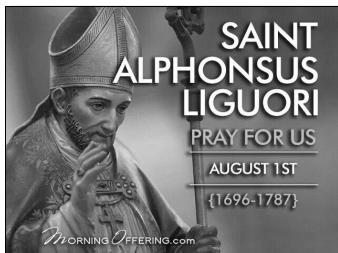


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Fatima
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privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
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8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the “euchology” or “words of thanksgiving” available in the Church’s prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the anaphora, and there are three main families of anaphora. Each family has a different “recipe” for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All anaphora have “intercessions” included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the “Holy, Holy,” and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched.

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COMPASSION

If you love the justice of Jesus Christ more than you fear human judgment, then you will seek to do compassion.

—Mechtilde of Magdeburg

PRAY

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul.

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

SIXEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

*Today's Intention = Bill Conrad Ann., (Frieda and Family)

Readings: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt:1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

*Caroline Denise Keagy, Birthday, (Carol Smith)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

July 31, Monday: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Readings: Ex 32:15-24; Mt 13:31-35

6:45 AM Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

8:00 AM Michael Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Todd Craig, Anniv. (BGHS Class of 1986)

August 1, Tuesday: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: 33:7-11,34:5-9,28; Mt 13:36-43

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Mary Jo Miller)

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Matt Seidel)

12:00 PM Gloria Burgess (Maury Confer & Family)

August 2, Wednesday: St. Eusebius, Bp; St. Eymard, Pr.

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

6:45 AM Esther Dorazio (Grandchildren)

8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Bob & Chip Klesiewicz)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

August 3, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53

6:45 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Sheetz)

8:00 AM Charles Brady (Paul & Kathy Vincent)

12:00 PM Dave Hanley, Sr., Birthday (Friend)

August 4, Friday: Saint John Vianney, Priest

Readings: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Mt 13:54-58

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Mary O'M)

*8:00 AM Mary McCall, Birthday Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM Mim Pufka Billman (Dan & Jane Verner)

August 5, Saturday: Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major

Readings: Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12

8:00 AM Paul Cassarly, Birth. (Adaline Cassarly)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Birh. (Mom,Dad,Lance,Martha)

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt:1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

5:00 PM Donald Godish, Birthday (Friend)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

JULY 30, 2017

Scripture Reflection

In Matthew's Gospel, "kingdom of heaven" refers to God's coming action to set creation aright. Jesus offers two parables this week teaching that participation in the kingdom is worth great sacrifice. Jesus chooses two symbols to illustrate this point. First, he likens the kingdom to discovered treasure. At the approach of an army, people hid their valuables in secret places with the intent to collect them after the conflict. This was not possible in every instance, and archaeologists today often find ancient hordes in caves, cisterns and ruins. Discovered treasure was so common in Jesus' day that several laws were dedicated to it. In general, the treasure became the property of the landowner, not the finder. The second parable offers a similar lesson. A merchant, looking at the offerings of pearl divers, recognizes an especially valuable pearl. The pearl divers clearly know they found something of great value, and the merchant needs to liquidate every asset to purchase it.

These parables yield four lessons about the kingdom. First, the value of the kingdom is not apparent to the untrained eye. Just as the treasure hunter and the merchant had special insights that revealed the value of their discovery, so Christ's disciples must be able to recognize the kingdom when they find it. Second, the kingdom requires searching out. The valuable items discovered in the parables were not apparent to everyone. It is only to those who have trained themselves to discern the signs of God's kingdom that it will be apparent.

Third, acquiring the kingdom requires a certain boldness. The treasure hunter and merchant were ready to take significant financial risks to achieve their goals. Just so, Jesus charges his disciples to be similarly fearless in their response to God's call. Fourth, the present sacrifices express hope in a future joy. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the material and spiritual abundance that result from the adversities of discipleship. Many people would undergo hardship for financial gain. Jesus invites his disciples to do the same to attain the kingdom.

God's kingdom is worth the wait, worth the labor and worth the sacrifice. The hardships are temporary; the rewards last forever.

- What do the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price symbolize for you? For what would you be willing to give up "everything"?

America Magazine, July 14, 2017, "The Audacious Seeker," Michael R. Simone, SJR. Simone, S.J.

**ORDER OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Liturgical Reflection...

Following the homily, the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated. Since the two witnesses stand, all in the assembly are invited to stand as witnesses to the commitment to be made in the name of Christ by the bridegroom and bride. The priest or deacon addresses the couple ("in these or similar words") on the sacredness and seriousness of the Sacrament about to be received. The address is followed by the statement of intention on the part of the bridegroom and the bride. Three questions are asked about their freedom of choice, fidelity to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children. Each responds separately, the man and, then, the woman. The questions and answers should be audible to all in the assembly. Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 60, 94, and 125.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

July 30 Mt. 13:44-52

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are treasures and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 30)

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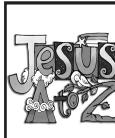
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