



July 26, 2020  
Seventeenth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

# †Mass Intentions†

## SUNDAY — July 26, 2020

7:30 AM † Ethel Finnerty r/o Pat DeMild  
9:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
10:30 AM † Jean & Louie Przybylko r/o Billy,  
Chet, & John Przybylko  
12:00 PM † John La Patriello r/o Teresa Kucek

## MONDAY — July 27, 2020

7:30 AM † Alberto Librojo r/o Generosa  
DeGuzman  
7:00 PM † Steven Behr r/o Joanne & Peter Behr

## TUESDAY — July 28, 2020

7:30 AM † Lorraine Pachkowski r/o Harry  
Pachkowski

## WEDNESDAY — July 29, 2020

7:30 AM † Theresa Orlowicz r/o Harry  
Pachkowski Family

## THURSDAY — July 30, 2020

7:30 AM † Kevin Kiernan r/o The Gotta Family

## FRIDAY — July 31, 2020

7:30 AM † Joey Orsini r/o Gotta Family

## SATURDAY — August 1, 2020

9:00 AM Mass Association  
5:00 PM † Richard Talbot r/o Wife, Janet

## SUNDAY — August 2, 2020

7:30 AM † James Revel r/o Pat DeMild  
9:00 AM † Jeffrey Fellows r/o Linda Obal &  
Arthur Eberle  
10:30 AM For Our Parishioners  
12:00 PM † Janet Weber r/o Walter & Connie  
Kawalec

### Mass Schedule



Monday - 7:30am & 7:00pm  
Tuesday - Friday - 7:30am  
Saturday - 9:00am, Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am,  
10:30am, 12pm Noon

**My mask protects you,**



#Masks4All



**your mask protects me.**

## Memorials for the Week of July 26 – August 1

### Bread & Wine

**Wayne McCormack**  
r/o Wife, Carol

### Blessed Mother's Altar

**Jean & Stanley Marcinczyk**  
r/o Daniel & Amanda Marcinczyk

### For the Safety of Our Military Families

r/o The Lesinski Family

**Gladys R. Rzepka**  
r/o Children, Sue Ann & Bob

**Lillian & Louis Hoffman**  
r/o Daughter & Family

### Saint Joseph's Altar

**Glenn Maldonado**  
r/o Daughter, Jane  
& Son, David

## Confessions

**Saturday from 11a-12p**  
**Confessions will be heard in the  
parking lot across the street from  
the church. A canopy will be set-up  
for your convenience. CDC safe  
distancing guidelines will be  
observed. Please wear your  
mask!**

### SPONSOR LETTERS

Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic Confirmed). An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle and is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly, by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor.) **Please note we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.**



## **Seventeenth Sunday in the Ordinary Time**

In the Book of kings, Solomon is offered anything at all he wishes from God. There are no conditions set for him. He can ask for the riches of the world or a mighty army of warriors or a long life but instead seeks from God; an understanding heart. This heart able to judge right from wrong in order to govern the vast people in his care. God is pleased with Solomon's request. He grants it so fully that no one before or after him will possess such a heart. God's pleasure comes in hearing that Solomon's wish focuses on others rather than himself. There is no request for a foretelling of the future but rather a trust in God alone.

The assurance that everything will be alright is revealed in Paul's letter to the Romans. For "*God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him.*" The key to human existence therefore is our love for God. God's nature is to love and it is manifested in creation with human beings at the height of that creation.

Finally, Jesus in Matthew's gospel uses parables again to teach those gathered around Him. The kingdom of God is the most precious thing we can hope for. Once finding it, nothing else compares in value. We sacrifice everything worth something to us to possess our inheritance in that kingdom. He further describes the kingdom according to God's plan to reward those who are faithful to Him. Those choosing not to be faithful will be identified by angels and cast out to the "*fiery furnace.*" He questions the Scribes as wise men in the Jewish faith to see whether or not they themselves have understood. We then are to wish for nothing other than a understanding heart and then remain faithful to God until the end.

Peace,

*Fr. Robert*

# FOOD *for* THOUGHT

Sadly, a practice has developed among some people when a family member dies. Relatives who might not be churchgoers themselves decide NOT to give the deceased person a Catholic Funeral, contrary to the wishes of the deceased. Sometimes they prefer to have a wake and burial and skip the Mass.

**EVERY CATHOLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITUAL.** It should not be decided by relatives to take that right away.

A Catholic Funeral consists of a wake or visitation which could be brief, a Funeral Mass, followed by burial in or above ground or cremation. If cremation is selected, the cremated remains are to be buried or entombed in a niche or vault in a cemetery or columbarium.

## **THE WAKE**

This period of visitation gives a family a chance to come together to mourn as well as celebrate the life of the deceased person. This is the proper time for flowers, gifts, photo tributes, eulogies and memorial items which celebrate the life of the person. Funeral Directors are expert in assisting families in all the different ways to memorialize the deceased. A person planning for their own future might even think of leaving a gift to the Church.

## **THE FUNERAL MASS**

The General Introduction to the Order of Christian Funerals in paragraph 3 notes;

*“In the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Church’s celebration of Christ’s Passover from death to life and the faith of the baptized in the paschal mystery is renewed and nourished. Their union with Christ and with each other is strengthened... Therefore when one of its members dies, the Church especially encourages the celebration of the Mass.” (#46)*

The Mass is the opportunity for family and friends to pray for the deceased person as well as themselves. The Funeral Mass is less about the person who died but rather about Christ and His promise of new life. The Mass is never a judgement on the person who died but the family’s chance to renew their own beliefs in the gift of eternal life which Christ gave us on the day of our Baptism. The body of the deceased is brought to the church with reverence and dignity. In the presence of the body as well as family and friends gathered, the Priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass asking God to forgive any sins the deceased may have committed through human weakness and to open the gates of paradise for His servant.

## **THE BURIAL**

The body of a deceased person is always treated with the utmost care and respect since it served as the dwelling place for God’s Spirit since Baptism. All Catholics are encouraged to bury their loved one in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery. If this is not possible then the grave should be blessed at the time of the burial by a Priest or Deacon. Cremation is permitted by the Church providing it is not done because of the lack of faith in the Resurrection. If the body is cremated, the remains should then be buried or entombed in the same way as the body. The cremated remains should never be scattered or thrown in the wind or kept at home. They should be given the same respect as the body itself.

Thinking about these things now while you are alive gives the opportunity for you to discuss with your family your wish for a Catholic Funeral. Remember that these Sacred Rituals are your **RIGHT**.

If you have any questions feel free to speak to a Priest.



## Sacraments Rescheduled!

Communion and Confirmation have been rescheduled.

Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm.

We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm. Both the candidates and their sponsors need to be present at the rehearsal. If a sponsor cannot attend, an adult must be present to stand-in his/her place.

Communion will take place on Saturday, September 19.

We will have two First Communion celebrations.

11am – Tuesday Religious Ed.  
Students OLV School Students

1pm – Wednesday Religious Education Students

Information about practices/rehearsals for Communion will be shared once they are finalized.

Please remember to keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

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# Catholic Schools

**Our Lady of Victories School is accepting registrations for PK3-PK4 and Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Our Lady of Victories offers an excellent Catholic education in a smaller class size setting, ensuring social distancing throughout your child's school day. We are working on protocols for the upcoming school year and are establishing as per the Office of Schools, a COVID Task Force. Our school will adhere to all of the recommendations set by the CDC and the Diocesan Office of Schools.**

**School hours during the summer are 8:00a-12:30p. Please call 732-254-1676 for more information or to arrange a tour of the school. All tours will be done as per CDC and the Diocese of Metuchen Guidelines.**

**If you have any questions, please contact [marilynfarrell@olvnj.com](mailto:marilynfarrell@olvnj.com). For the school website, please visit [olvnj.com](http://olvnj.com) and see how OLV is the place to be!**

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Charity alone separates the  
children of God from the children of  
men. - St. Augustine*

School's out for summer! But not out forever! We will be collecting school supplies the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for needy families with school age children. More information will be in a bulletin insert. Look for bargains on backpacks.

The Diocesan Emergency Assistance Program helped 929 persons in 323 households in the 12 months ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Aid went to 44 parishes. 224 cases prevented homelessness, 78 for utilities, 3 for medical, and 12 for basic needs including food. OLV contributes to this program each year via a special collection at Mass. Those helped are grateful.

Our food pantry is serving as many as fifty families in need. Your donations help to supplement their food basics. Families get a bag or two a month. Thank you for your support. We gratefully accept all non-perishable food items. Presently, we need the following: juice, mayonnaise, canned fruit, sugar, and rice. If you are interested in helping us, email OLV-SVdP@MAIL.com.

We are here to help and bring God's love to those who are suffering. Do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office at (732) 257-0077 if you need help.

**To love another person  
is to see the face of God.**

Victor Hugo



### **OLV Senior Trip Update**

**Due to the Covid-19 virus a few of our scheduled trips have either been cancelled or placed on hold. Please review below:**

**August 15 - Hunterdon Hills trip is cancelled**

**October 12- 16 - Finger lakes trip is on hold**

**October 28 - 30 - Lancaster Starr Birthday trip is on hold**

**November 18 - Hunterdon Hills Christmas trip is on hold**

**As soon as Carmen and I are contacted about a change in status of a trip, we will contact you and relay all pertinent information. If you have any questions, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.**

**I hope all our members are safe and well and following the guidelines. I look forward to seeing you hopefully in September.**



Beginning July 1st, you can purchase Shoprite gift cards at the school during the hours of

9am-12:30pm, Monday-Friday.

Scrip orders will be placed every two weeks or as orders permit. Get a head start on your Scrip requirement, but more importantly, support our school.

For every purchase we receive a percentage of the sale, while you receive dollar for dollar what you order.

Please consider using this method as your preferred payment when shopping online for when you go to stores.

For more information or to place an order please contact, Marilyn at 732-254-1676 ext. 2 or email [marilynfarrell@olvnj.com](mailto:marilynfarrell@olvnj.com).