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AUGUST 11, 2019 • NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
Holy Day 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Thursday..... No Mass
Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)
Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

A photo would not do the scene justice. If I were an artist, perhaps a painting would serve better. As I walk along the path, I see the two at a distance. They are baling hay on the hottest day of the year. As I get closer, I recognize them and lift an arm to wave. They then stop their tractor and dash over to see me. I've known them since they were mere children. We haven't seen each other for a while and we quickly catch up. It's so good to see the boys, now young men whom I've known so long. A mere photo couldn't tell the whole story. A photo taken couldn't speak to the many times that I was together with them and their families sharing food and drink and sacraments and good times. Now, here they were stopping in this heat just to greet me. After a few minutes, I leave them to continue their hard work knowing that we would see each other again over the next couple of days. I continue on the path as it enters the forest where sunlight and trees lock fingers and create a puzzle of light and shadows on the ground. A photo couldn't capture this either. A photo couldn't capture the subtle lighting and shades, the smell of hay and fields and forest. A photo couldn't capture the sound of the wind through the trees, birds in the air, and a tractor humming in the background with boys aboard who have so suddenly and quickly become fine young men that would cause many a young lady's head to turn for sure. I decided then that I would take a picture after all and paint it with words, allowing the scene with its sights, sounds, and smells to come alive and take image in the mind of any would-be reader.



I'm not really sure that a picture paints a thousand words, but words sure paint thousands of pictures. Scripture is like this. A "picture" Bible or maybe even a "video" Bible could never capture all that Scripture has to say and the infinite pictures it paints. Although my first grade Children's Picture Bible (which I still have) served a purpose and brought stories to life for me as a child, and although the images of Cecil B. DeMille's Ten Commandments are sketched forever on the canvas of my mind, they can never capture the infinite depth and beauty, sights and sounds of Sacred Scripture. It is, as if we have to be there and experience it for ourselves, and words - Sacred Words, allow us to do just that. As I returned from my forest venturing, passing the field once again, the tractor was now quiet and the air was still, but the boys, now men, were yet there in my mind's eye and I smiled knowing that we would see each other again soon and make new photos, new pictures, and new memories painting with abandon while capturing the moment with words sacred and sincere, just like God's Word to us.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

Monday August 12

8:30 AM Bernard Campbell

Tuesday August 13

8:30 AM Victoria Frattarola

Wednesday August 14

8:30 AM Nicole Gallo
(10th Anniversary)

7:00 PM Gallagher and Morris Families

Thursday August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Paul Tomczyk

Friday August 16

12:15 PM Maurice O'Leary

Saturday August 17

8:30 AM Anna May Boyle

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 17

4:30 PM People of Holy Cross

Sunday August 18

8:30 AM Michael Flannery
11:00 AM Joseph Muratore, Jr.

John Boyle	Joanne Marks
Carole Kime	Joseph Sindoni
Charlotte O'Leary	Lillian Donahue
Margaret Cook	Barbara McCosker
Mary Kull	Adeline Sulpizio
Paige O'Leary	Mary Ann Farrell
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Jim Sandusky	Dan Murphy
Sharon Diemer	Nadia Waltanski
Helen Lyons	Stefanos Karas
Rose Marie Santos	Francis O'Callaghan
Kathleen Dixon	



This Week's Church
Flowers are in
Memory of
Robert Seitz, Sr.

The 8:30 AM Mass on
Saturday, August 10 was for
ROBERT SEITZ, SR.



Reading I: Wisdom 18: 6-9

In punishing the Egyptians with the plagues, the last one being the slaying of the firstborn in their families and their livestock, God actually chose to glorify His chosen people.

Reading II: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 or 11: 1-2, 8-12

The author of this letter attests to Abraham's great faith, including his willingness to sacrifice Isaac his son in obedience to Yahweh. Having been faithful, Abraham also looked forward to living in the heavenly city.



The Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48 or 12: 35-40

Jesus promises the kingdom to His "little flock." He also warns them against having anxiety over material goods. Jesus teaches via a servant parable that Church leaders must be faithful and watchful for Christ's return.

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Schedule:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14: 7:00 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15: 8:30 AM

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



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thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Choir would like to thank everyone in the parish for purchasing ribbons for the Mother's Day and Father's Day Trees. Thanks to your enthusiastic support of this project, we made over \$2,200 which went directly to the Church. May God bless you all.



Attention all engaged couples! St. Joseph Parish, Collingdale, offers one-day, Pre-Cana workshop for all couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Our next workshop date is Saturday, September 21. To register, please contact the rectory 610-583-4530. For questions about the workshop, contact Bobbi Shimkus at 610-259-0875.



St. Eugene Church
Women's Retreat Day
Saturday, September 14th

Guest Presenter - Sister Patricia Talone, RSM, PhD.

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:45 AM Presentation
11:30 AM Lunch
12:15 PM Presentation

\$20 per person includes continental Breakfast and Lunch

The news came to me bunched together with an assortment of insignificant emails. My priest classmate had died. What a shock it was! He had been a generally jolly person who sat across the aisle of the seminary classroom from me for eight years. Like me, he went on from our initial assignments as parish assistant priests (now curiously known as “parochial vicars”) to more specialized jobs. He as a prison chaplain and yours truly as a high school teacher. In his case, the new task did not seem such a good fit. But he made it work. So well did he ply his task that he eventually rose to become chief of prison chaplains for my home state of Pennsylvania. In that foolishness we fall into, the shock most likely came because God’s plan did not coincide with my own.

Our Scriptures this weekend speak to us of three different matters. First the focus is on faith; then of waiting, and finally of vigilance. There comes a point in life when gray hair usually arrives, combined with news of the deaths of friends that forces us to be more cognizant of matters like our own death. It is a whole different outlook that was never a part of our youth.

The questions then arise as to how one is to maintain a youthful outlook in faith, and how one is to be vigilant about it. It seems to me that not only is youth not a matter of birthday count but also that it is a state of mind. I have known pessimists who seem to have died at 35, and optimists who remain so well into their 80’s.

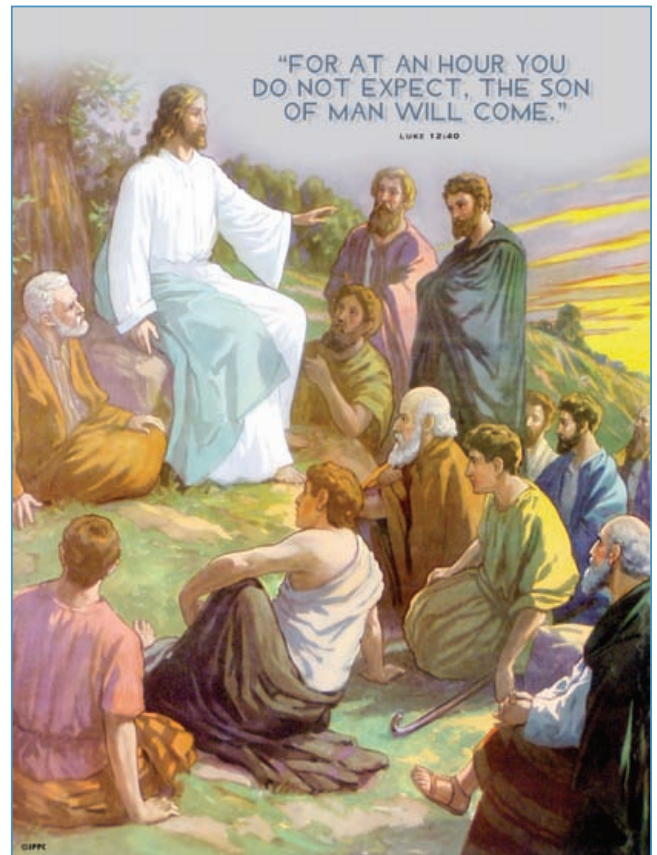
Our basically joy-based faith comes from the resurrected Jesus, still very much alive, and not in any way a prisoner of time. When He told His Apostles that He would be with them until the end of time, and certainly that includes you and me here in our time, then the only choice we have is to be sure in our faith, and glad of it.

As for vigilance, that certainly implies a certain attitude toward the material things of this world that frees us from being beholden to them. From overvaluing them. From identifying our self-worth with them. Certainly our vigilance is not to adopt a maudlin attitude. If the phrase “If I live that long” appears frequently in our conversation that is a signal to me that one has lost the taste for life, much less the gusto needed to enjoy it. Each new morning is either appreciated or not. How we say the words “O God, it’s morning” gives us away.

We hear Jesus say today “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” What a put down of our worst enemy at times, namely fear. Fear is the antithesis of the Gospel. It should have no place in a Christian’s heart.

Once upon a time a boy and his father were traveling in a car when a bee flew through the open window. The boy was so highly allergic to bee stings that he and his father knew that his life was in danger. As the boy frantically jumped around and tried to avoid the agitated bee, the father calmly reached out and grabbed the bee. When he opened his hand, the bee began to fly again terrifying the boy once more. The father then said, “Look, son,” holding up a hand with an implanted stinger, “his stinger is gone; he can’t hurt you any longer.”

As a bee loses its stinger when it stings, death lost its sting when it STUNG Jesus. Amen.



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