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#### JULY 23, 2023 • 16Th SUHDAY IH ORDIHARY TIME

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening	4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church	8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day	As announced
Tuesday through Friday	8:30 AM
No Mass Monday and Saturday	

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Stop by the Business Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:00PM or register online by accessing the registration forms on our website under parish registration.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church) Monday-Thursday only... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Friday...... Closed

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

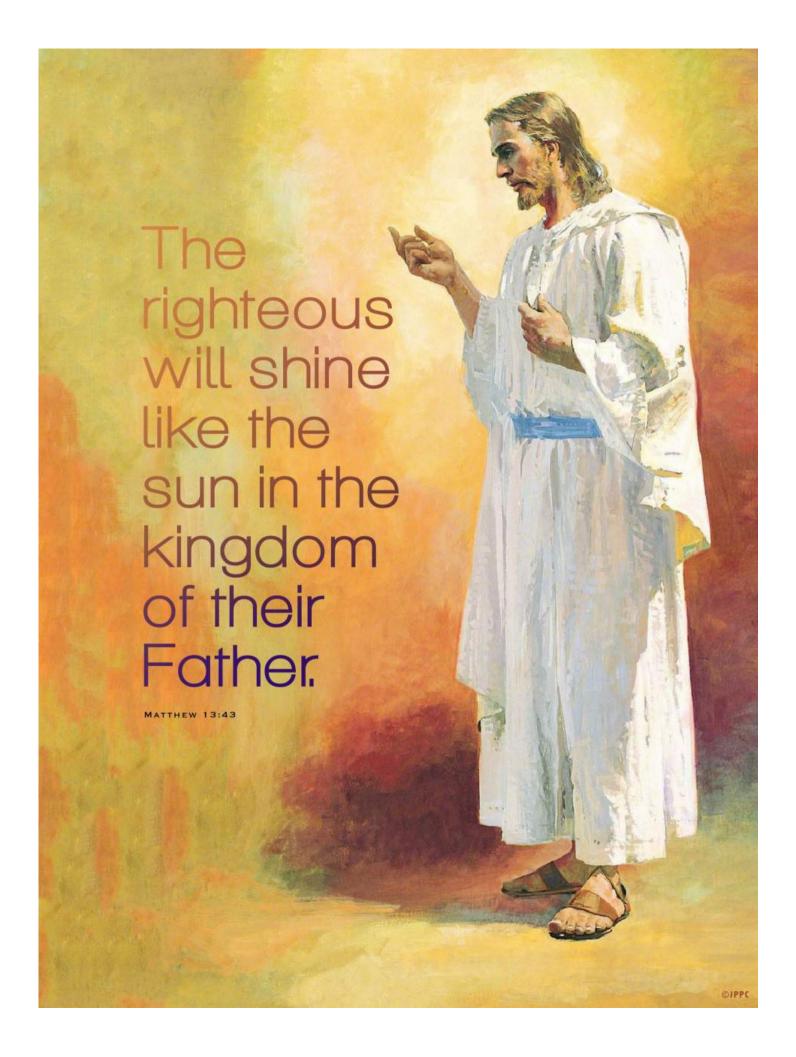
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### 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 Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



# **SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**



# FROM THE PASTOR

I haven't written about our heating and cooling system adventures in a few weeks, so maybe it's time for a quick update. Before the cooling season started, we had repaired some of the pipes and plumbing in the cooling tower on the roof of the church. The float that regulated the water intake had been defective for years—which meant we were wasting a lot of water and money. We'll see what kind of effect it had once we get our next water bill.

Unfortunately, when we turned the air conditioning on at the start of the season, we noticed that the motor in the cooling tower sounded kind of funny. Another service call later, we find out that the motor is up there in years and probably was not going to survive the summer. We'd already had some pretty hot days; the thought of no air conditioning in the church for July and August was not something I wanted to entertain. A few weeks later, the motor was replaced. We also noticed some other issues with the system starting and stopping, with the control panel showing some error codes. Time to bring a technician back again! He did some fiddling and adjusting and is writing up a nice list of more problems that he found. What it boils down to is that whoever installed the air conditioning system years ago cut some corners, and now we're dealing with the effects of that decision.

Meanwhile, the same day the technician was here looking at the church air conditioning system, the ladies in the convent reported that the air conditioning there stopped working rather suddenly. Time for another technician to come out from a different company to look at that. There, we learned that one of the compressors blew, which conveniently leaked all the refrigerant out of the system. Solution: order a new compressor and recharge the system with refrigerant. The challenge is that it would take a week or two to get the compressor ordered and in stock. As I write this, I'm optimistic that it will be completed by the time you're reading this on Sunday. God bless the young ladies for their patience and endurance during this heat.

Just for good measure, the air conditioner that handles the sacristy also decided to stop working. It's nearly 30 years old, so it's not a surprise. What was a surprise is the estimated cost to replace it. We're going to put the replacement of that unit on hold for a bit since we've got some bigger systems to repair right now. As I'm writing this, the Powerball jackpot is nearly \$1 Billion. If anyone reading this happens to end up buying a winning ticket, please think about sharing some of your windfall with us. We're going to need it.

On a positive note, this past week our parish school received a grant to help fund some new science and technology programs and ideas. We also heard about a grant for which we applied a year ago for some additional Chromebook laptops for our students. While the application wasn't fully approved yet, the questions we were asked to answer suggest to us that there's a good chance we'll get the money and be able to make the purchase. Here's hoping.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading I: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

God is just and lenient because He is the patient Master of His might. In the manner of His treatment of the people's enemies, He teaches His children to temper justice with mercy.

#### Reading II: Romans 8: 20-27

The Holy Spirit assists us in our weakness, and adds His intercession to overcome it.

#### The Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43, or 13: 24-30

The owner's slaves are scandalized that there were so quickly many weeds among the crops, and they did not know their origin. But the owner himself advocates patience and tolerance of the weeds until both they and the crop come to their final sorting.



MONDAY, JULY 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM - Charley Melaragni

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

8:30 AM - Muriel Dolan

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:30 AM - Sue Reitano

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:30 AM - Candice Elizabeth Capstick

SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Scott Heddinger

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Stephanie R. Organek

#### The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

As we celebrate National Parents' Day today, let's pray for all of the parents we know. Especially pray to Jesus' parents, Mary the Mother of the Church, and Saint Joseph, who was entrusted with raising Jesus on earth. And on Wednesday, we have the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Say a little thank you prayer to all of these holy saints while you're praying for your own parents and grandparents this week.

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Maryann Redding

Chapel: Maryann Redding



## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, July 16	
Total	\$7,435
Electronic	\$2,207
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$5,228

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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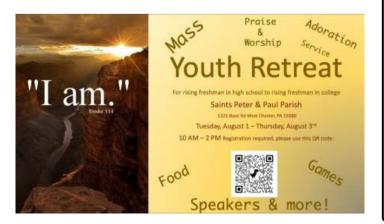
We hope you enjoyed the Divine Mercy series during Eastertide! Summer is here and you can try these 2 favorites to keep the kids entertained for hours. For your teens, go to the banner "Saints" and be inspired by the true stories and movies you'll find there. If you haven't already done so, go to https://signup.formed.org to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!





#### **SCAN ME**

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of '73 are jointly celebrating their 50th High School Reunion with a 3-day Reunion Weekend this September 21 -23. For more information scan the bar code. Questions send to <a href="mailto:73reunions@gmail.com">73reunions@gmail.com</a>.



# Fall Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor

The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

For more information and registration call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com.

#### **Casserole Drop-Off Date**

The next drop-off is Wednesday, July 26th between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

#### **Food Pantry Update**

The summer has been challenging, since our Food Pantry "Neighbors in Need" volume continues to be high.

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, oatmeal, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

We are adjusting our pantry hours for July and August to 3 until 5 on Wednesdays.. In September, we will return to our normal hours (3:30 to 5:30) on Wednesdays.

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School.

Thank you all for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers.

God Bless and Be Safe.... as many of you travel over these summer months.

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#### **Three Parish Book Club**

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

#### Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

#### September

Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

#### **Home Care Needed**

Home care needed 4 or 5 nights per week for an elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6110.

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (ST. ANASTASIA PARISH)

This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn: how the Bible is laid out logically, how to find your way around it, what the overall story and timeline of the Bible is, how to pray with scripture, why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on Wednesdays: August 9, 16, 23, 6:30 pm Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed! There is no cost for these sessions! Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale.

Location: Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door) Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available. To learn more, or to sign up contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 or thaggerty@saintannies.org

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**



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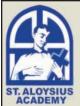
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