

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ July 16, 2017

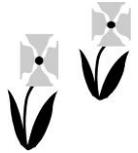
Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus uses the image of seed sown on different kinds of soil to teach His listeners about the fruitfulness of God's word. Every seed has the same potential for growth; the type of soil determines how abundant the yield will be. Our human response determines the harvest.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	July 15	4:30 PM	+PELLEGRINO MILLO and +JIM DEERING ~ <i>Lori and Bill Deering</i>
Sun.	July 16	7:30 AM	+HELEN CASELLI ~ <i>The Sandor Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+JANET AND +MICHAEL PUGLISI ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+ANNA AND +JOSEPH ADESKI ~ <i>The Family</i>
Mon.	July 17	7:30 AM	BLESSINGS OF JESUS THE NAZAREAN FOR HEALTH & HEALING of GEORGE CEDEÑO, JR. ~ <i>Barbara Sanchez</i>
Tues.	July 18	7:30 AM	+MARGARET BILY ~ <i>Anna Balash</i>
Wed.	July 19	7:30 AM	+JOHN AND +MARY MIKULKA ~ <i>Granddaughter, Dottie Millo</i>
Thurs.	July 20	7:30 AM	+MARGARET NEMEC ~ <i>The LaMotta Family</i>
Fri.	July 21	7:30 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>Fran Verrillo</i>
Sat.	July 22	8:00 AM	+BOB BYLO, <i>Anniversary, 1 Year</i> ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+MARY AND +JOHN KUDRAVY ~ <i>The Family</i>
Sun.	July 23	7:30 AM	+SOPHIE RINGAWA, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Son, Marcel & Wife, Irene Ringawa</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>Mary Ann Krajcik</i>
		11:00 AM	+FRANK MASSO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Wife, Sarah</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:

Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Dennis Bogue, Enrique Borrromeo, Caterina Caruso, Mark Charney, Catherine M. Ellison, Mary Ann Krajcik, Sarah Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Richard Miller, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Assunta Palumbo, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Joseph Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Mary Ann Salvaggio, Rosa Marie Santos, Roger Silhavey, Jose Soto, Jennie Tesla



We extend our sympathy and assurance of prayer to the families of Anna Durkay, Vera Lampart and Francine Nemerut who died last week.

Evangelization Corner God promises to give us a new heart with which to love as Christ loved. Let us pray for the grace to accept the gift wherever our hearts have been hardened against God or neighbor



Catechists Needed 2017-2018 Religious Ed Catechists, Teacher Aides, Monitors are needed. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to help our children grow in faith. If interested please call or email Sister Joseph Therese at 203-378-7407 or DREholyname@gmail.com

Weekly Collection

Financial Support of our Parish ~ July 1/2

	2017	2016
Total Offertory:	\$ 11,042	\$ 7,268

Financial Support of our Parish ~ July 8/9

	2017	2016
Total Offertory:	\$ 6,681	\$ 5,759

Thank you for your continued support!



HNJ Annual Collection: In the latest envelope mailing you will find a green HNJ PARISH Annual Collection envelope. This important Parish Collection helps us meet the costs of repairing and maintaining our five parish buildings. Some of the costly projects we are collecting for include addressing water issues and repairs to the Hall roof & bell tower. Thank you for your generosity.



We ask God's continued blessings upon Roger and Caren Silhavey as they celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Pope Francis @Pontifex "Let's always remember that our faith is concrete: the Word became flesh, not an idea!"



PARISH RAFFLE: Our raffle drawing will take place on SUNDAY, JULY 30 at 10:30 AM in the Church Hall. Raffle

tickets are still available in the church vestibule. **Please make your raffle returns as soon as possible via the offertory basket or parish office.** Your cooperation in returning the tickets will help us continue to see our debt go down and the financial health of our Parish continue to improve. *Thank you for your continued support of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.*



**Respect Life Program 2016-2017 Moved by Mercy
Real People, Real Life:**

"After my abortion I was broken and desperate for help. I turned to Project Rachel. After the experience, I left feeling like a whole person again. Forgiveness became a reality for me, a feeling I never imagined was possible."

"As the father of an aborted baby I felt not only loss but failure. Through Project Rachel I was able to regain a sense of self-worth and return to my faith."

Did you know? Many times the people who have participated in an abortion are not even aware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. A range of reactions following abortion can include guilt, anger, discomfort with children, low self-worth, depression, grief, increased alcohol use, inability to communicate, and feeling suicidal.

Petition: *For those suffering after abortion: May they know God's limitless mercy and seek help through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry.*

Related Works of Mercy: Comfort the sorrowful.

Counsel the doubtful. Instruct the ignorant. Bury the dead.

Forgive injuries. Pray for the living and the dead.

Project Rachel Ministry, Peace Starts Here www.usccb.org/respectlife
For confidential help, information or registration for an upcoming day retreat contact 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org.

Pope Francis implores us: "Do not be afraid of Confession!" In response, the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena, 220 Shelton Rd, Trumbull, 06611 remains OPEN as a **Center of Mercy**, offering **Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Church. The opportunity for both anonymous and face-to-face confessions is offered. Everyone Welcome!



Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!

The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share.

(1 Cor 9:10). The archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to

engage the Word of God from the perspective of the Catholic faith. **Classes begin in Milford on Monday nights, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM on September 11.** For more information, visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org Applications are due Aug. 15

The right time for seeking God is always Now.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

How do I pray? Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649).



These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?

✘ **Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture**, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

✘ The second element is **meditation** (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

✘ The next element is **prayer** (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

✘ **Contemplation** (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text. <http://www.usccb.org>

Those with Down Syndrome, their family and friends are invited to The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Sunday, September 17, 2017, 9:30 AM at St. Mary Church 669

West Ave, Norwalk, asking for the intercession of St. Robert Bellarmine. Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J., will be the celebrant. A reception will follow Mass – All are welcome. *Please join the Moms+Dads prayer/support group (Mother Of Mercy Spiritual Divine Advocate for Down Syndrome) on the third Thursday of every month, 7:30 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center. The next prayer meeting will be Sept. 21. Inquiries welcome at strapostolate@optimum.net*



Defending Our Religious Liberty In June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they revamp the HHS mandate.