

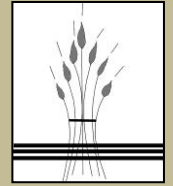


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ July 23, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Every holy thought that we have and every loving action that we take have their origin in the Holy Spirit. In good times and bad, the Spirit is with us, teaching us to ask God for what we need and filling us with grace.

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C E L E B R A T I O N O F M A S S E S T H I S W E E K

Sat.	July 22	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>
Mon.	July 24	7:30 AM	+SOPHIE RINGAWA ~ <i>Dolores Mihalik</i>
Tues.	July 25	7:30 AM	FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION of son, JOSE SOTO ~ <i>Mother, Flor Soto</i>
Wed.	July 26	7:30 AM	FOR BLESSINGS ON ALL GRANDPARENTS
Thurs.	July 27	7:30 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JEFFREY DUDA ~ <i>Sr. Joseph Therese</i>
Fri.	July 28	7:30 AM	FOR HEALING AND PROTECTION of sons, JOSE AND ANDREW SOTO ~ <i>Mother, Flor Soto</i>
Sat.	July 29	8:00 AM	+MSGR. PETER P. DORA ~ <i>Joseph and Anna Kmec</i>
		4:30 PM	+JOHN AND +ANNA ZAHURSKY ~ <i>Mr. and Mrs. Bill Uhelsky</i>
Sun.	July 30	7:30 AM	+SR. OKSANA ~ <i>Edward and Diniela Stasko</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE R., +GEORGE and +ANTOINETTE MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+JODY MICKLUS ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



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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, Enrique Borromeo, 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 Maria Santos, Roger Silhavey, Jose Soto, Jennie Tesla, Nancy Vietri



We extend our sympathy and assurance of prayer to the family of Pauline Liptak, who died and was buried from our church last week.

Novena Prayers to St. Anne will be said following the 7:30 AM Morning Mass on Monday, July 24, Tuesday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 26. Copies of the Novena Prayer can be found at the church entrances.

Saint Ann Church, 481 Brewster St. Bridgeport, will be holding a Vocational Retreat for Confirmation Candidates on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:30-8:00 PM. All Confirmation Candidates and Youth Group members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to reled@stannblackrock.com by August 28. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Scott at the above email or at 203-368-1607.

How is God Calling You?



Weekly Collection

Financial Support of our Parish ~ July 15/16

	2017	2016
Total Offertory:	\$ 7,409	\$ 5,041

Thank you for your continued support!

Evangelization Corner The reign of God, sown like an insignificant seed at the burial of Jesus, has grown into a tree, whose branches embrace all through His Resurrection. His name is praised by people of every race and nation.



PARISH RAFFLE: Our raffle drawing will take place on **SUNDAY, JULY 30 at 10:30 AM** in the Church Hall. Please make your raffle returns as soon as possible to the parish office.



Thank you!

"It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring Him to others! The world today is one great mission land, even in countries of long standing Christian tradition."

Pope (Saint) John Paul II



Understanding Islam – Imam Sami Abdul Aziz, Wesleyan University's Muslim chaplain and leader at Bloomfield Muslim Community Center, and his wife, Vjosa Qerimi, will speak on the similarities between Christian and Muslim values and beliefs, misconceptions and fears on Wednesday, **August 9, at 1:00 PM at the Baldwin Center.** Imam Aziz feels that it's important "especially in these times", for people of other religions and Muslims to understand one another. He will talk about the basic principles of the religion and in addition, the couple will discuss the misconceptions about women, and the subject of the hijab (head covering). This program is co hosted by the Stratford Library and Stratford Community Services, and sponsored by the Stratford Rotary Club. Open to all ages. Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling the Baldwin Center 203-385-4050.



Isaiah 49:10 *They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water.* **Last week Holy Name of Jesus Church hosted over 70 people at The Lord's Kitchen** with a meal of sausage and peppers, ziti, salad, bread, dessert and iced tea. Over 100 meals were served including seconds and take outs and despite the hot weather the Holy Spirit was manifested among those present. **To all who support us with their time, energy, prayers and donations we ask God's continued Blessings. Our next effort will be in the Fall.** *Yours In Christ, Armand and Toni Majewski*

Slovak Alliance Picnic ~ Slovensky Piknik ~Sunday, August 27 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Germania Schwaben Club Beer Garden at 416 Horace St, Bridgeport. **Free Admission! Polka Band! Food and refreshments available for purchase. Fun for Everyone!** *Directions: East Main St to York St - left onto Horace St.*



The Knights of Columbus Museum is currently commemorating the 100th anniversary of the United States' participation in World War I with an exhibition, World War I: Beyond the Front Lines until Dec. 30, 2018. World War I, fought from 1914-1918, was the modern world's first international conflict. Approximately 11 million soldiers were killed, and the war's toll including civilian casualties exceeded 20 million. The United States, by declaration of President Woodrow Wilson, formally entered the war April 6, 1917. By Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, more than 116,000 Americans died as a result of the war. Of these, more than 1,600 were Knights of Columbus. Both the first and last American military officers to die during the war were K of C members. In addition to Knights who served on the battlefield as soldiers, the Order was active in war relief efforts, managing highly successful fundraising drives and providing hospitality to servicemen in America and abroad through Knights of Columbus recreation centers known as "huts." The exhibition provides an historical retrospective of the war and includes interactives, images and artifacts from the Knights of Columbus Museum collection, Supreme Council archives and borrowed materials from private lenders and organizations. A series of WWI-related lectures and presentations will be offered throughout the course of the exhibition. The museum is located at One State Street New Haven. 203-865-0400. Open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM with free admission and free parking. www.kofcmuseum.org

Those with Down Syndrome, their family and friends are invited to The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Sunday, Sept. 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. strapostolate@optimum.net

July Saints

"I have deliberated enough. For a long time my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated



myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, NY. At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga. Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri", after St. Catherine of Siena, on Easter Sunday 1676. Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. Her feast day is July 14.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks,

Pray for us!

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