
The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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precious**

June 25, 2017

Sat. June 24, 2017

3:30 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - John Byle, Hank Sudol, Ignatius Cottone

Sun. June 25, 2017

9:00 am - Michael Hoblin, Tina Sanabria,
Margaret & John Gribbin

10:00 am - AFF Committee Meeting

11:00 am - Pietro Persampieri, Michael Garay,
Roger Denault

Mon. June 26, 2017

Tues. June 27, 2017

Wed. June 28, 2017

10:00 - Sunday Scripture

Thurs. June 29, 2017

7:00 pm - AA

7:15pm - Choir Practice

Fri. June 30, 2017

Sat. July 1, 2017

5:00 pm - William Devitt, John Nutley,
Dorothy and William Parlato,

Sun. July 2, 2017

9:00 am - Gail Pearson, Vivian Pearson, Agnes O'Neil

11:00 am - Jean Harrison, Domingo Rodriguez,
Guckian and Fay Family

CHURCH OFFICE NOTICE

**Starting June 1st the church office summer
hours will be Tuesday through Friday from
9:00am - 3:00 pm.**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Brian and Diane Pine and their family upon the death of his brother James "Teddy" Pine. Please keep this family in your prayers.

SUMMER CONCERT EVENING

Join on Monday, July 31st, for our annual Pine Bush Band Summer Concert. Invite your neighbors and friends! Spend a breezy summer evening at St. Paul's enjoying music, chatting with friends, and sampling light refreshment afterwards in Deacon John Hall. It's an old-fashioned summer concert evening - minus the gazebo and pop-up summer storms. Your favorite tunes of summer, including some surprises, will **begin at 7:00 PM** under the air-conditioned evening sky of St. Paul's main wing. No pesky chairs or blankets to carry and admission is free!



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Monthly Spiritual Direction will be offered at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY on every 3rd Wednesday, 10 to 2pm and every 4th Thursday, 4:00 to 7:00pm. Sessions will be conducted by Fran Fay & JoAnn Atlas, Certified Spiritual Directors. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at [845-343-1879](tel:845-343-1879) for information.

Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Prayer Service for First Responders will be held on Sunday, June 25th, 2:00pm at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Dinner reception to follow in Pilgrim Hall - contact Gary Texter at [845-733-5781](tel:845-733-5781) for reservations & further information.

Our Lady of LaVang Pilgrimage and Inauguration of new Shrine to Our Lady of LaVang will be held July 1, 2017 at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Welcome begins at 7:30am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Conferenced, lunch, rosary and procession. Call Rev. Steven Huy O.Carm at [845-901-9108](tel:845-901-9108) or Rev. Anthony Trung O.Carm at [225-324-9518](tel:225-324-9518) for information.

A **Monthly Healing Mass** is held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Next Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, June 29th. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.

TREASURER'S REPORT

**June 17th & 18th - Totaled - \$6,040.02
Collection \$4,629.76 - Online \$1,410.26**

Thank you!

6 THINGS CHILDREN LEARN WHEN YOU SKIP MASS ON SUNDAY

It doesn't take long for a parent to realize that our children absorb everything we do and say. Though none of us is perfect, we do have the responsibility to try to model behaviors that we want our child to emulate. As much as kids learn from what we do, they also learn from what we do not do. When we don't make going to Church a priority each Sunday, it speaks volumes about faith and life to the hearts of our children.

1. God is important, but not that important.

If I can fit God in, great, but only if it is convenient for me. Football games, sleeping in, and _____ (insert activity of choice) are more important than making an effort to be with God one hour a week.

2. God doesn't really mean what He says.

Yes, it is a commandment to keep the Lord's Day Holy, but God doesn't understand how busy I am or how many kids I have or how tired I've been so I can just decide based on my life's circumstances what He really means by this commandment and all of His other commandments. It's up to us to pick and choose which of God's laws we want to follow.

3. The Church doesn't really expect us to adhere to Her teachings.

Yes, it is a precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays, but the Church doesn't understand how busy I am or how many kids I have or how tired I've been so I can just decide based on my life's circumstances what the Church really means by this precept.

4. Mass is all about me and what I get out of it.

When we come and go to Mass as we please, we seem to forget that going to Mass builds the Church community. Your parish may need you to be a lector, sing in the choir, or take up the gifts. Seeing your family in Church might be just the thing an elderly person needs to bring joy to a lonely Sunday. There are many reasons that we are a community of faith and that we come together in Worship.

5. When things are difficult/ boring, I don't have to do them.

If we don't go to Mass and we tell our kids it's because Mass is "boring" or we "don't get anything out of it," our children learn that we only have to do things that are fun and exciting. This is simply not true regarding both our faith and everyday life. Most people don't find doing their taxes fun and exciting, but we still have to do them.

6. To doubt the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the Graces that come from receiving Him.

If you truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and that He comes to us each Sunday at Mass, what would keep you from Him? Why would you not want to receive the graces He bestows through this incredible gift?

Parents, I know and fully understand how difficult it is to bring children to Church. Often when I leave Mass, I feel as if I have just competed in a wrestling match. No matter how much I plan and prepare, we have plenty of days when the kids are less than angelic.

It is a battle. But, it is a battle worth fighting. **There is no better place to bring our children than to the feet of Jesus.** There is no better lesson to teach them than to put **God first ALWAYS**, no matter what else is going on in our lives or how difficult it is to be at Mass.

Guess what will happen if you wait to bring children to Mass until they can behave better or your life isn't as busy? **It won't happen.**

Make Sunday Mass the one thing that your family consistently does together. Trust me, the blessings and graces that will come from this discipline will transform your family life in a powerful way.

If your family has experienced graces from attending Mass regularly, please share your story. It just might be the encouragement another family needs to hear!
(BY Becky Roach)

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

The Wednesday Sunday Scripture group is on vacation for the summer and will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for future dates.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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