

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The seed sown on rich soil  
is the one who hears the word  
and understands it.*

Matthew 13:23

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 16, 2023**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

**Deacons:** Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

**Business Manager:** Ms. Jill Marie Delano

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut • **Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,  
except on Thursdays (closed after the  
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)  
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

*Come in and spend some time in prayer!*

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday:** 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

**Special Needs Mass:**

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.  
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Consult the bulletin

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,  
each Saturday in the church immediately following  
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning  
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.  
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link  
on the home page of our website.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Wednesdays:** 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**First Saturdays:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## DEVOTIONS

**OLPH Novena:** Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**The Holy Face of Jesus:** Tuesdays following  
12:15 p.m. Mass

**First Fridays and First Saturdays:**

As announced in bulletin

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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our parish app

- 1) Download **myParish App**
- 2) Select our Parish after opening



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*New number  
to download  
the Parish App!*

**Text to 55321**

*The old number 88202  
is no longer in effect!*



# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of July 16, 2023

### WATCH



### Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

### LEARN



### Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

### LISTEN



### Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

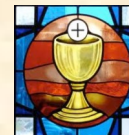
### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Mondays at 12:45 p.m.**

### **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

### **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

### **The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!**

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

## OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY



Save the date of Friday, October 6...that's the night of the **OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY**, our bi-annual "thank you" to all who offer their time and talent here at OLPH. More details to follow, but set the date aside now...you don't want to miss what's going to be a great party!

# FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church  
is a treasure of inestimable value,  
greater even than that of any other art.”  
- *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Through the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2023 season.

Contributions will be used to directly support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies for Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Acknowledgments are made in programs for our concerts and special musical offerings throughout the year as well as in our parish bulletin. Contributions can be given at any of the following levels:

- St. Cecilia (\$350 or more)
- St. Gregory the Great (\$200 to \$349)
- St. Augustine (\$100 to \$199)
- St. Ambrose (\$50 to \$99)
- St. Hildegard of Bingen (up to \$49)

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to continue to produce high-quality music in our majestic church for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

*OLPH Friends of Music*  
210 South Wellwood Avenue  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Barrett at [ebarrett@oloph.org](mailto:ebarrett@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP FRIENDS OF MUSIC

I wish to support the *Friends of Music* by making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please make checks payable to OLPH)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Anonymous



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org))

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION****SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: CLOSED

**Registration Is Now OPEN**

Letters with details about re-registration have been mailed to all families with students in our program. Early Registration is now CLOSED. The regular Registration Fee is now in effect for ALL registrations. *For any late registrations that come in after July 31st there will be an additional \$30 late fee.* All families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education should register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us with any questions. Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.** New families **MUST make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2023-2024 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

*Fr. Fidelis blessed the Vacation Bible Campers  
 and some of the Counselors*

*at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 9.*

*After Mass all those involved went to the auditorium for orientation.*

*Bible Camp was held July 10—July 14.*

*More pictures to come next week!*



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

This week, by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together all gifts will produce fruit a hundred fold!

### NEW Food Pantry List!

- SMALL CANS OF COFFEE
- SMALL BOTTLES OF MAPLE SYRUP
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- WHITE RICE
- SOUPS
- JELLO
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- APPLE SAUCE
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it with you  
when you go shopping!

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2023 OLPH GOAL:**

**\$114,600**

**Total pledges: \$92,129.00**

**# of pledges: 335**

**Total payments: \$69,989.50**

**As of 7/10/23**

Please make checks payable to *Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information visit [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA) or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296 Thank You!

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
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Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at [jsg375@gmail.com](mailto:jsg375@gmail.com) to begin the process.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Gregory Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon

Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Deacon James Totino

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.*

### YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jill Marie Delano  
Marie Gagneron  
Kenneth Hale  
Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
John Reynolds

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

### YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
Erin Barrett  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Kenneth Hale  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Mike Williams  
Fr. Frank Zero

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

### **First Announcement:**

***Aisalan Looman & Krystal Kaler***

## **WE CELEBRATE**

*Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people.*

*—Order of Baptism of Children*

***Nicholas Sean Bogdahn***

***Gianna Yvette Gonzalez***

***Benicio Elias Gonzalez***

***Emma Rose McLaughlin***

***Greyson Joseph Padro***



**We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!**

## **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



**Our Parish offers  
Gluten Free Hosts**

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

***John O'Neill***

***Concetta J. Borowicz***

*“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”*

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

***Diane Schneider***

***Taylor Crosby***

***Lourdes Jadan***

***Pat Zirkel***

***Timothy Herbert***

***Clara Stancati***

***Patricia Corso***

***Anna Rooney***

***Laurell Desner***

***Joan A. Baffa***

***James Santoli***

***Henry Batz***

***Ann Marie Giarratano***

***Johanna Cito***

***Frank Farrugia***

***Robert Figueroa***

***Frank Deconinck***

***Jan Blake***

***Thomas Grogan***

***Mary Santiago***

***Lisa Byrne***

***Monica Pulla***

***Christine Ajello-Larsen***

***Joseph Lucas***

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.



## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY, July 17—</b> Weekday	
6:30	Joan & Robert Kienle
12:15	George S. Walters
<b>TUESDAY, July 18—</b> Weekday <i>(Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Sandy Carlino
12:15	Melchiorre Cucchiara
<b>WEDNESDAY, July 19—</b> Weekday	
6:30	Mary V. Savino
12:15	Joseph Cupaiolo
<b>THURSDAY, July 20—</b> Weekday <i>(Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Paul Van Loan
12:15	Ottmar Keller
<b>FRIDAY, July 21—</b> Weekday <i>(Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder)</i>	
6:30	Hon. Anthony Tafuri
12:15	Jeanne Guidice
<b>SATURDAY, July 22—</b> Saint Mary Magdalene	
8:00	Thomas John Sciara
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, July 23—</b> SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Dominick M. Barone
10:00	Nicholas Garofalo (Living)
12:00	Eulogio Baez Batista

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, July 17, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, July 18, 2023</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, July 19, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
<b>Thursday, July 20, 2023</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18
<b>Friday, July 21, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
<b>Saturday, July 22, 2023</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, July 23, 2023</b>		
10:00 a.m.	O CIA	Room 18
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



**Have you returned  
your Summer Appeal  
envelope yet?  
Thank you  
for your generosity!**

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

### EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

### Lecturas del Domingo 15° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Julio 16 2023

La palabra de Dios es viva y activa:

Es la persona viviente de Jesús nuestro Señor.

Que él les siga proclamando a ustedes su palabra,  
que ustedes abran sus corazones a ella,  
y que el Señor Jesús esté siempre con ustedes.

#### Primer Lectura (Isaías 55,10-11): La Palabra de Dios es Creadora

El profeta Isaías proclama un mensaje de esperanza: La Palabra de Dios siempre produce resultados y es un acto creador. La promesa de salvación de Dios se cumplirá.

#### Segunda Lectura (Romanos 8,18-23): Esforzarse con Esperanza por una Nueva Creación

San Pablo proclama un mensaje de esperanza. Somos hijos de Dios, que pasamos con Cristo a través del sufrimiento en nuestro camino de esperanza hacia la libertad de Dios para nosotros y para un mundo nuevo.

#### Evangelio (Mateo 13,1-23): Una Semilla Que Produce Fruto

Dios siembra su palabra con esperanza. La Buena Noticia de salvación será eficaz en todos los que estén dispuestos a permitir que ella cambie sus vidas.

“Nos recuerda que la Palabra de Dios es una semilla que en sí misma es fecunda y eficaz; y Dios la esparce por todos lados con generosidad, sin importar el desperdicio. ¡Así es el corazón de Dios!”, señaló el Papa quien añadió que “cada uno de nosotros es un terreno sobre el que cae la semilla de la Palabra, ¡ninguno está excluido!”.

En esta línea, el Santo Padre sugirió “preguntarnos: ¿qué tipo de terreno soy? ¿Me parezco al camino, al pedregal, al arbusto? Si queremos, podemos convertirnos en terreno bueno, labrado y cultivado con cuidado, para hacer madurar la semilla de la Palabra. Está ya presente en nuestro corazón, pero hacerla fructificar depende de nosotros, depende de la acogida que reservamos a esta semilla”.

básicas de una vida física. Desea que también seamos capaces de aportar el alimento espiritual que se requiere para llevar una vida correcta, que produzca como resultado la vida eterna

EL PAPA FRANCISCO NOS  
INVITA A PONER EN  
PRACTICA LA PALABRA  
DE Dios cada día

Otros granos  
cayeron  
en tierra buena  
y dieron fruto:  
unos, ciento por  
uno; otros sesenta;  
y otros, treinta.

Mateo 13, 1-9



<b>OFFERING UPDATE July 8/9</b>			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	248	134	\$4,299.00
8:00 a.m.	210	88	3,001.00
10:00 a.m.	404	92	3,184.00
12:00 p.m.	300	62	1,801.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			12.99
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,484.37
<b>Children's Env.</b>		8	43.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>\$15,905.36</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>\$15,830.96</b>
<b>Candles</b>			\$841.51
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$279.46

**SUPER 72 RAFFLE**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
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# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, July 23, 2023

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.* Matthew 13:33

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

Dating from about 50 years before the coming of Christ, the Book of Wisdom was written to lift up the Jewish people during a time of great suffering and oppression. We hear today how the author describes God in seemingly contradictory terms, such as how mighty he is, yet it is this very might that enables him to be just and lenient. Though only God can be all-powerful and all-loving at the same time, we are also called to act in a similar manner. Like God, we must also always temper our use of power with leniency and love.

#### Romans 8:26-27

It's not always easy to pray. Certainly it is not easy to pray with fine words and wise thoughts like we heard in the first reading. Paul's letters are filled with beautiful prayers but even he knew that sometimes we need the help of the Holy Spirit just to be able to pray. Since sometimes "we do not know how to pray as we ought," it is a gift from God that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Sometimes, perhaps in the depths of grief, we can't even use words but can only pray using "inexpressible groanings." These can be beautiful prayers as well, for God understands what we mean even if we don't.

#### Matthew 13:24-43

What is the Kingdom of Heaven? How can we understand something we cannot see directly? Jesus gives us three parables today to help us understand. Even though Heaven is a mystery so deep that we can never fully understand it on this side of death, we can get glimpses into it from Jesus' words. Jesus tells us wheat and weeds grow together in this life, in the Church, and in our hearts. Whether in society at large, in our parish, or in our own daily lives, both good and bad exist and grow side by side. We all see people who are strong and healthy in their spiritual life and those who are not. We all act in ways that are healthy and loving as well as in ways that are selfish and destructive. God, as the sower, remains patient with us as the wheat and the weeds grow together. Ultimately, the final judgment is left to God, not to us.

#### Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. Can you always tell the weeds from the flowers, or saints from sinners? If you are quick to judge might you mistake a saint for a sinner? Is God patient with you regarding the "weeds" in your own garden? How patient are you with others? With yourself?

2. According to Pope Francis what is the important lesson that comes from the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven? Our cooperation is required, but are we in control?

*"An important lesson comes to us from these two parables: God's Kingdom requires our cooperation, but it is above all the initiative and gift of the Lord. Our weak effort, seemingly small before the complexity of the problems of the world, when integrated with God's effort, fears no difficulty. The victory of the Lord is certain: his love will make every seed of goodness present on the ground sprout and grow. This opens us up to trust and hope, despite the tragedies, the injustices, the sufferings that we encounter. The seed of goodness and peace sprouts and develops, because the merciful love of God makes it ripen."*

*Pope Francis: The Seed of God's Teaching, June 14, 2015*

## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

#### Monday, July 17, 2023:

Exodus 1:8-14, 22

+ Matthew 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday, July 18, 2023:

Exodus 2:1-15a + Matthew 11:20-24

#### Wednesday, July 19, 2023:

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12

+ Matthew 11:25-27

#### Thursday, July 20, 2023:

Exodus 3:13-20 + Matthew 11:28-30

#### Friday, July 21, 2023:

Exodus 11:10—12:14

+ Matthew 12:1-8

#### Saturday, July 22, 2023:

Song of Songs 3:1-4b

+ John 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

+ Romans 8:26-27

+ Matthew 13:24-43

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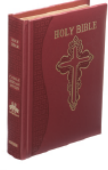


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