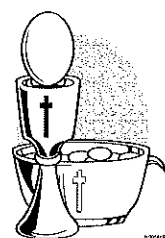


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	July	31	8:30 a.m.	Carmine Mancini ~ M/M Anthony Ciminero
Tuesday	Aug	1	8:30 a.m.	Mary Nemeth ~ Theresa & Flo
Wednesday	Aug	2	8:30 a.m.	Violet Carpenter ~ Ethel Felicetty
Thursday	Aug	3	8:30 a.m.	
Friday	Aug	4	8:30 a.m.	Rosary ~ Prayer Service ~ Communion ~ Novena
Saturday	Aug	5	4:30 p.m.	Joan Eberle ~ Fran Roscoe
Sunday	Aug	6	10:00 a.m.	William F. DePiore ~ M/M Joseph W. Pasquerilla



Today is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend's Gospel continues with Jesus speaking about the Kingdom in parables. The Kingdom is incredibly precious--- a treasure, a pearl--- and if we wish to attain it, we must sacrifice a great deal--- perhaps even sell all we have. The parable of the net thrown into the sea reminds us that only at the end of the age will the good and wicked be separated from each other; until then, everyone is mixed up together. We must resist the temptation to sort ourselves out, to "throw away" some while retaining others.

Thanks to all who worked, cooked, and supported our Reverse Raffle last Saturday. Attendance was down from last year's July raffle, but we still made a profit of \$2,799.00. Congratulations to all our winners: **\$1,500... Mr. Don Matta; \$1,000... Mr. William Kohut; \$500... Mr. Fred Farr. Fast \$50 winners... Mrs. Pay May, and our Seminarian John Rovnak. \$200 Money Jar... Mrs. Dora Zanni. 50/50 winner of \$150.00... Addie Zuhosky. Coverall Bingo of \$400... Mrs. Dora Zanni.**

COMING! Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament! On Sunday, August 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. you can enter into this tournament that could lead you all the way to the 2018 World Series of Poker that will be held in Las Vegas. You can pre-register at tomkatpoker.com for additional chips. A \$70 buy-in yields you 11,000 starting chips. Cash games begin at 11:00 a.m., tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. This includes free food and drink. For more information you can go to the website or call Terry at 330-719-0449. Walk-ins welcome!

Welcome visitors! We would love to have you join our parish family! If you would like to join us, our welcome/information table is set up in the gathering space. There are new parishioner packets available, and a booklet of all our organizations and groups in the parish and how to contact them. Stop by on your way out of church and sign our guest book!

Thanks to those who have made a donation to help complete our installation of our new St. Thomas the Apostle bronze statue that will eventually make it to the base of the bell tower. Only \$200 remains to complete this project. Any donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. **Coming later this year... the sealing of our time capsule.**

Please note that the Parish Center will be closed for all groups and activities from Saturday, July 29 through Thursday, August 3 so that we can clean and wax the floors in the hall, classrooms and kitchen. In case of inclement weather for the Vienna Township Concert on Sunday, August 30, only the kitchen will be unavailable.

Families of Addicts Inspired Through Hope (F.A.I.T.H.) will host Mary Duke, director of Teen Straight Talk, Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Duke will discuss prevention and dealing with addiction in the family. She will be available to answer questions about living with addicted loved ones. If you don't know where to go or who to turn to, please come to this important meeting hosted by F.A.I.T.H. at Fowler United Methodist Church, 3426 Youngstown Kingsville Rd., Fowler, OH 44418. Child care will be available.

Something to think about...

*What if all you possessed today is only what you gave thanks for yesterday?
Life is like a coin that you can spend any way you want, but you can only spend it once.
Your faith should be lived out in every aspect of your life, not just by going to church.
Maybe if we'd be quiet, we'd hear God speak.*

JULY 30, 2017

The Diocese of Youngstown is implementing a new program that will eventually affect every parish. It is called the *Parish Leader program*. This is the second in a 5-part explanation of the program. **What is a Parish Leader?** was the first part explained in last week's bulletin. This week the question is: **Why do we need Parish Leaders?** Our Diocese has a rich tradition of priests faithfully serving the spiritual needs of those entrusted to their care. In light of fewer priests serving the Diocese, we face a serious but not insurmountable challenge. We have 38 priests in active ministry over the age of 65; 17 of these men are over the age of 70. The use of Parish Leaders will remove the administrative burden of some priests, especially as the number of priests continues to decline in the near future. The Parish leader concept is a way to keep parishes vibrant while being more creative in the utilization of our priests.

Save the date! On Saturday, August 19 will be Vienna Home Day. Everyone from the community is invited to attend and various groups and organizations will be present. New for this year, there will be a tent for all the churches in our community to distribute information of our churches and what we can offer to people a spiritual perspective. Pastors will be available to offer prayers for individuals and families. We may need some representatives from our parish to help distribute new parishioner packets, organizational booklets and new picture directories. More information coming soon.

Save the date! Sunday, September 24, noon to 6:00 p.m. the Eighth Annual Faith and Family Festival will be held at Hoover Park at Walsh College in North Canton. It is a wonderful day for Catholic Families. For more information go to: www.faithfamilyfest.org

TGIF Registration for 2017-2018 - Registration forms were given out at TGIF. If you were unable to attend or you are new to the program, you may pick up Registration forms in the back of church. **Registration forms are due now!** T.G.I.F. (Together Growing in Faith) will return in September. Any questions about the program, please call Religious Education office 330-394-2361 or 330-394-2461.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) - If anyone is available to do C.L.O.W. during Mass Saturday at 4:30 pm or Sunday at 10:00 am, please contact the Rectory 330-394-2361 or 330-394-2461.

Confirmation and First Communion pictures are available for pick up in the Rectory Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 pm. If you have any questions please call 330-394-2461.

Please Note - Prayer Shawl Group meeting date has changed for August. The meeting is August 9.

If you had your picture taken for the new church directory and have not picked up your copy, you may come to the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

JULY 16, 2017

Sunday	\$3838.40	157 Envelopes
Exponent	17.00	2 Envelopes

Sign up for electronic giving at theapostlethomas.com

Recent Expenditures

Diocesan Assessment - \$2,148.00 - monthly
JFK Catholic School Subsidy - 2,112.00 - monthly
Property and Liability Insurance - \$1,597.00 - monthly
Mortgage Payment - monthly - \$8,321.54