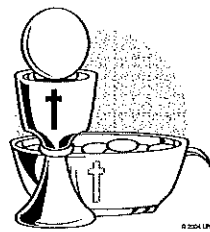


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

Monday	July 24	8:30 a.m.	Betty Bako ~ Vic & Kathy Spess
Tuesday	July 25	8:30 a.m.	Patricia Canon ~ Joe & Addie Zuhosky
Wednesday	July 26	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Cappuzzello ~ George M. Valent
Thursday	July 27	8:30 a.m.	Cione & Pacileo Families ~ Vince Pacileo
Friday	July 28	8:30 a.m.	Rosary ~ Prayer Service ~ Communion
Saturday	July 29	4:30 p.m.	Frank Bogner Family ~ Rich & Nancy Yonchak
Sunday	July 30	10:00 a.m.	Mary DePascale ~ Caroline Matzye



Today is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Last Sunday we had the parable of the sower; today we have three parables of the Kingdom: the weeds and the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast. Each of these parables gives us a glimpse of what God's reign is like. It is not tidy: rather good and bad grow together, like the weeds and the wheat, and there is no way to remove the one without also destroying the other. God's Kingdom starts small: like the mustard seed, something tiny, yet leads to extraordinary results. And the kingdom is mystery: like yeast in dough, it is invisible, yet makes all the difference.

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 is also available. 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 \$500 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.

The Vienna Township FREE Summer Concerts began last Sunday. They will be at the gazebo from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and every Sunday at those times until Sunday, August 13. In case of rain, we will hold the concerts in our hall. However, on Sunday, August 6th, our hall is rented, so the United Methodist Church has offered their hall in case of inclement weather. These concerts are free and everyone is invited.

The Diocese of Youngstown is implementing a new program that will eventually effect every parish. It is called the *Parish Leader program*. This following is the first in a 5-part explanation of the program. **What is a Parish Leader?** A Parish leader is a professional minister appointed by the Diocesan Bishop with the responsibility of leading a parish community that does not have a resident priest, in collaboration with a Canonical Pastor. The sacraments will continue to be celebrated on a regular basis at the parish through the ministry of an assigned Sacramental Minister or the Canonical Pastor. The Parish Leader nurtures and renews the life of the parish in collaboration with staff and parishioners. A Parish Leader can be a deacon, religious woman or man, or a lay person who has been specifically trained for this ministry.



Our Senior's Group is planning an outing at Cafaro Field for a Scrappers' game on Thursday, July 27. There are a limited number of tickets remaining at \$8.00 for upper box seats. Thursday is also buck night. Call the parish office at 330-394-2461 for tickets. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

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.

A combined Finance and Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday evening July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pat Palumbo from the Diocese will be our guest speaker.

The Parish Growth Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening July 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #2.

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.

The winner of the SVDP Trumbull Co. Deanery of St. Vincent de Paul "Fourth of July Meat Raffle" was Jean Victor.

JULY 16, 2017		
Sunday Exponent	\$4480.50	164 Envelopes
	20.00	3 Envelopes
Sign up for electronic giving at theapostlethomas.com		
Recent Expenditures		
Property tax - \$6,170.50		
Repair Air Conditioner for Rectory & Parish Center \$1,179.00		
Sewer & Concrete Work - \$20,325.00		
Landscaping - maintenance, weed control, mulching and trimming - \$5,150.00		
Mortgage Payment - monthly - \$8,321.54		