



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father."

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:30AM +Zdzislaw Korzeniewski
r/o Dorota & Adam

5:00PM +Vinnie Papa r/o Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:00AM +Stanley Kurkowski
r/o Wife & Family

11:00AM +Ks. Wladyslaw Grodzki
r/o Frank & Regina Grodzki

MONDAY, JULY 24

St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest

8:30AM +Vinnie Papa r/o Nancy Krug

TUESDAY, JULY 25 - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

8:30AM +Beatrice Lobby
r/o Myrna Caruso

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:30AM +Jacqueline Fleming
r/o Maureen Slater

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:30AM +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30AM +Matthew Kemper
r/o Douglas & Margaret Bohres

5:00PM +Katheen Petrone
r/o Anthony & Dorothy Comino

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00AM +Giovanni Bonello
r/o Wife & Family

11:00AM +Mieczyslaw Kowaleski
r/o Ed & Christine Ciesla

First Reading - This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading - Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel - According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

Comment

God's supremacy is clear in the reading from Wisdom. God is all-knowing, just, and powerful. Our hearts, thoughts, and actions are clear to God before we even know them. Even with incomprehensible power, God is patient. The words of Wisdom show us how God tempers justice with mercy and how God's actions teach us to be patient, fair, and hopeful.

Paul encouraged the Romans to be patient through the trials of this life. The fretting is really not worth the effort when compared to the glory God has in store for us. We are saved in the hope of what is unseen, and we need to be patient in order to receive God's promise of heaven. Even when we lack patience, the Spirit helps us and gives us the heart to hope, wait, and pray. Jesus tells a parable about wheat and weeds in Matthew's Gospel. After planting good seeds of wheat, an enemy came along to the field and spread weed seeds. When the plants popped through the soil, the workers were upset to see so many weeds and wanted to pull them out. The owner encouraged the workers to be patient--to let them grow together until the harvest. Whatever weeds were left, the workers were to bundle and burn.

Pope's Universal Intention: For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and with all their brothers and sisters.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Barbara Mendel, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance.

HOMEBOUND: Patricia D'Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Frank Stock, Madeline Wojciechowski.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Weekly Offerings

July 15-16, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 233.00	11:00 am - \$ 747.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,307.00	Mail - \$ 375.00
Total \$2,682.00	

Celebrating Life!

A Day for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

"His mercy is from age to age..."

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Feast Day of Saints Joachim & Anne

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

Join us for breakfast, fellowship, a guest speaker & Holy Mass. Event is free.

Registration is required. Call 732-562-1543 or visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>



Don't take a vacation from God!

Many Parishioners will be travelling this summer, enjoying a much-needed vacation. Please remember to attend Mass during your time away from St. Mary's. To find a church near you, call 1-800-Mass times or www.masstimes.org.



RETROUVAILLE
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is August 18-20, 2023. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

Lector Schedule - July 22-23, 2023

5:00pm Lector Dawn Lanner
9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
11:00 am Lector Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Summer Family Rosary

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Summer Family Rosary on Zoom in July and August at 7 p.m. July dates are the 10th and 24th and August dates are TBD. Engaged and married couples and kids are welcome! For details and link information, please get in touch with Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org



Feminine Genius Brunch - October 2023

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture. (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.



A spiritual Journey to Fatima November 13-20, 2023

Join Ave Maria Pilgrimage Tours and Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR, on a special spiritual journey to Fatima, Portugal, for our annual pilgrimage to this most sacred site.

\$500 Deposit deadline by August 13, 2023
 The price of the package includes a round-trip, direct flight on United Airlines from Newark to Lisbon, Portugal and back. Our pilgrimage also includes a Catholic English speaking guide, air-conditioned bus and air-conditioned lodging at Doums Pacis hotel/retreat center. (owned by the Blue Army.). Plus, there is plenty of scrumptious cuisine to go around!

Call 908-246-6626 or e-mail: pilgrimages@avemariatours.org