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# Sunday, July 16th, 2023

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."  
- Mt 13:23

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Sat. July 15	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. July 16	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Special Intention for Olivia Bijakowski (Stephanie Anthony)
Mon. July 17	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. July 18	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. July 19	9:30am	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Colin & Teresa Walters) Tim & Janet Nohara & Family (Alexandra & Douglas Martin)
Thurs. July 20	9:30am	Nancy Horton & Family (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Fri. July 21	9:30am	Intentions of Vern & Donna Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters) Special Intention for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
Sat. July 22	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Erika Joy Jones (Adelaine Nohara)
Sun. July 23	9:30am	✠ Maria Albanese (Vince Addario)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**

**Offertory July 2nd, 2023 \$1,923.00**  
**Offertory July 9th, 2023- \$1,090.00**  
**Maintenance July to date- \$335.00**  
**Hall Floor Renovation Collection To Date:\$10,879.55**

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist? No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.



## Feasts of St. Anne & Joachim

On July 26th, the Church remembers St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. Despite the importance of their role as the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them.

Regarding Joachim, we know that he was a shepherd from Jerusalem, married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anna also had the same vision. So they called their little girl Mary, which means "loved by God," and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord. We do not know when Joachim and Anne died, and for many centuries their memory remained in the shadows. St. Anne is invoked as the protector of pregnant women, who turn to her to obtain from God three great favours: a happy birth, a healthy child, and sufficient milk to be able to raise the baby. And she is the patron of many jobs related to her duties as mother, including washerwomen and embroiderers.

### Prayer to St. Anne

Pray for us, good St. Anne. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Gracious God, who chose St. Anne to bring into the world the mother of Your only Son. Mercifully grant to us who devoutly honour her memory, the grace of happiness in this life, and the joy of life with You for all eternity. Amen.

## July – Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

# Sunday, July 23rd, 2023



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

Mon. July 24	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. July 25	9:30am	✠ Wladyslaw & Emilia Rajda & Son Lezek (Danuta Mazur)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. July 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario) ✠ Souls in Purgatory (Colin & Teresa Walters) Intentions of Olivia Mete (Adelaine Nohara)
Thurs. July 27	9:30am	Intentions of the Mullin siblings (Colin & Teresa Walters) Liliana Haynes (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Fri. July 28	9:30am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Intentions of Teresa Walters (Colin Walters)
Sat. July 29	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	9:30am	✠ Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. July 30	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**

## Mission Appeal—Weekend of July 15 & 16, 2023

During the weekend liturgies of July 15/16, 2023, Fr. Stephen Kolawole, a diocesan priest from Ijebu-Ode diocese, Nigeria, will be here to speak about the missionary work currently going on in the Catholic Diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria. Fr. Stephen has worked in Ijebu-Ode diocese, Nigeria, a mission diocese for many years. **He has a vast knowledge of the rural area of the diocese, having played different roles in the affairs of the diocese.** Information about this diocese and special collection envelopes were attached to the previous bulletin. Donations can also be made by e transfer. Please specify that it is for the mission appeal. If donating by cheque, please make payable to "St. Ann Parish". Thank you!

**Youth Ministry** has ended for the summer break. Thank you to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate for coordinating this ministry and helping to enhance the spiritual lives of our young people.

**Children's liturgy** will pause for July & August and resume in September. Thank you to all the volunteers!

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great) Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.



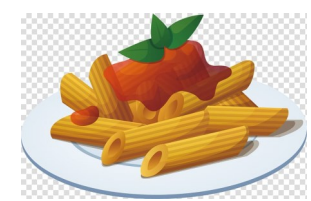
Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—July 23rd.

Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on January 31, 2021 to highlight the importance of providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. It is celebrated annually on the Fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

## St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out



Our July 6th Pasta Take Out dinner was another very successful event thanks to the support of the many volunteers, donors and all those who purchased dinners/meatballs/sauce. The winner of the gift basket is Janet Nohara and the 50/50 draw (\$39) was won by Maureen

Green. **The profit from the July 6th dinner, including cash donations, gift card donations and the 50/50 draw was \$3,745.40. We sincerely thank parishioners and our community for their support! The next dinner will be on Thurs. August 3rd from 3-6pm.**

Pre-orders for the August dinner will be taken one week before the event. Or phone the office.

**Donations of supplies/food for these events are always welcome and help defray our operating costs:** Pasta – Penne Rigate, Large 100oz cans of "San Marzano" tomatoes (It's a red, white and green can from Costco), Tub of pre-peeled garlic, Extra virgin Olive Oil, vinegar, sugar, sea salt, parsley, sweet onion, bread crumbs, romano cheese, lettuce, carrots, eggs. Phone or email the parish or speak to Vince Addario. Any donation is welcome!



