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JULY 28, 2024

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. —Psalm 145:15-16

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Deacon Albert Ganter

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS
8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS
8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS
- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family
Dear Friends of our Parish,

The days around the 17th Sunday in Ordinary include two important feast days in our Catholic calendar which also highlight the importance of family and friends in our personal lives and in our life of faith.

On Friday, July 26, the Catholic Church throughout the world once again celebrated the Memorial Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This coming Monday, July 29, we will celebrate with all Catholics the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus. These five “early Christians” are certainly on the short list of people who were humanly “closest” to Jesus during his earthly life: his grandmother, his grandfather and three of his special personal friends. The particular place of these celebrations during the summer season of gatherings, trips, and celebrations, highlights the great importance of our loved ones and friends in our lives. From the moment of our birth until the very last moments on this earth, and, in fact, for all eternity, they have been placed into our lives according to God’s providential plan of love towards us. Jesus, who had unconditionally taken on himself our humanity with all its joys, challenges and sorrows, gave personal witness to the essential role of our human relationships. None of us, however young or old, however well off or poor, could humanly or spiritually survive on our own. And on that journey, as his reassurance and his sign of unconditional love, Jesus even promoted and adopted us into his own family when He adamantly declared that “whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother” (cf. Mt 12:50).

Saint Paul, although arriving rather late into Jesus’ “family circle”, following his dramatic conversion continually reaffirmed that without those who had become his brothers and sisters in faith his personal life would be humanly and spiritually impossible. He writes four of his letters which are now a part of the New Testament from a prison in Rome - *Letter to Ephesians*, *Letter to Philippians*, *Letter to Colossians*, and *Letter to Philemon* - and constantly reminds us “to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace” (cf. Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6). Following his example, let us pray this Sunday in a special way for all dear and special people in our lives, for our families, friends, and for our dear parish family of Saint John the Baptist.

-Fr. Peter

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Victoria Davis, John Luke Bechtold, Angela Visentini, Sonia Spagnoli, Lucas Kelly, Al Spiegel, Sr., Michelle Mangano, Martin Filon, John Bibby, Michael McKay, Mary Schubert, Jim Lyons, Maxine Fleming, Christine Mulcahy, Carolyn Graham, George Di Gregorio, Ramona Suarez-Rose, John Falcone, Dorothy Doyle

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Martin Keating, Emil Gordon, Nancy Baviello

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 27

5:00 PM Joseph Keough

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM Anthony Morin

10:00 AM George P. Wehrle

12:00 PM Gerard Carty

MONDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM Claire Greve

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:00 AM Michael Bracken

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

8:00 AM Emil Gordon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM James Zozobrado

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM John P. Clohessy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Kay & Lino Caldera
(Living)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM Teresa Pesce

10:00 AM Alice Corrieri

12:00 PM Joseph Truglio, Sr.

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

MARIA BIANCHINOTTI

AT THE REQUEST OF
FIORELLA & FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE ARE GIVEN
IN MEMORY OF

BARBARA HUDSON

AT THE REQUEST OF
RAMON & TERESITA KASILAG



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through
every season of life,
do not abandon us, take care of us,
and grant us, once again,
the ability to discover ourselves
and recognize that we are Your children.
Renew our hearts with your Word
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us
with Your tenderness
and teach us to say:
“I will not abandon you!”
to those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
and may we not conform to
the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future
with renewed hope,
and make the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first fruits of Your peace.
Amen.



OUR ELDERLY ARE LIVING SIGNS OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

“In old age they will still bear fruit” (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true “gospel” that we can proclaim to all. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbor few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the “throw-away culture”, which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from “them” and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life - so the Bible teaches - is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned, but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honors the elderly!

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. “The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations.” This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role. We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.

One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees - with practical assistance or with prayer alone - not only our own grandchildren, but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the *revolution of tenderness*.

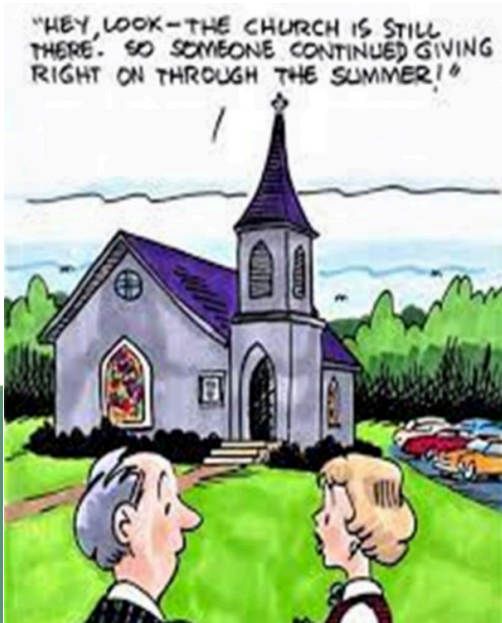
Pope Francis, Rome, 3 May 2022, Feast of the Apostles Philip and James

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

		2023	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,235	\$ 6,147	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	<u>5,169</u>	<u>\$ 5,041</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$11,404	\$ 11,188	\$12,900

*Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church.
Thank you and God bless you!*



Thank you for your support during these summer months & always.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office will be offering a retreat on the weekend of September 20-22, 2024.

For further information and to register, please contact Cheryl Riley, Director, Archdiocese Respect Life at:

973-497-4350 or cheryl.riley@rcan.org.



ST. JOHN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION FALL GIRLS CYO VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Open to girls only in grades 5 - 8, who are either students at SJA or actively enrolled in the St. John's Parish CCD program. This is a competitive season with approximately 12 games, plus playoffs. The season runs from September to mid-November. Fees are \$160 per player, plus \$40 for a numbered jersey (if you don't already have one). First come, first served - registration will close on August 10 or when full.

For more info and to register, please visit:
<http://sjsports.org>

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**"Trust the past to the mercy of God,
the present to His love,
and the future to His providence."**

— St. Augustine (354 - 430 A.D.)