

July 26, 2015 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The miraculous sign of Jesus *John 6:1-15*

A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the *Bread of Life*, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger.

Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., - Sun., July 25 – 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 PM Joseph Marmo *r/o* Family

9:00 AM Gaetana Canonico *r/o* Lucia Canonico DeSapio

11:00 AM Laurence Murphy, Jr.,

Please join us today, Sunday, July 26, at 3 PM for the Rosary for the Family, Reflection on the Family and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.



Monday, July 27, 8:00 AM Intentions of Ian Diaz *r/o* Ongo Family

Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 AM Intentions of Fahimeh & Brett Van Benthysen *r/o* Fehrenbach Family

Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 PM Vincenzo & Sabatella DeSapio *r/o* DeSapio Family

Thursday, July 30, 8:00 AM Intentions of Fr. John Maria Devaney, OP

Friday, July 31, 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Sat., - Sun., August 1 - 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 PM James & Edna Moninghoff *r/o* Andresen Family

9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society

11:00 AM Intentions of Mangi Family

Monday, July 27 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room the Social Outreach Committee will present the movie "Joshua" based on the novel by Joseph Girzone. It is an inspirational story about a stranger whose mysterious powers inspire a small town. It stars Tony Goldwyn and F. Murray Abraham. A free-will donation of a nonperishable food item for the food pantry will be gratefully accepted.



“Stuff the Bus” – School Supply Drive. It’s that time of the year again – back to school! The Social Outreach Ministry will be collecting school supplies and we will welcome your donations to help our students in the community to prepare for the new school year. During the weekends of August 1 - 2 and August 8 - 9, please bring your donations of school supplies (backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, magic markers, crayons, t-shirts [large, to be used as painting smocks], art supplies, etc.) and place your contributions in “Stuff the Bus” boxes in the Community Room. If a student in your home needs a particular item that we may be able to help provide, please let us know. You can drop a note in the stained-glass receptacle specially-marked for “Social Outreach” in the Community Room.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry’s next meeting will be on Thursday, August 13 from 6 to 8 PM in the Parish House. New members are welcome. Please contact Lisa Lacey with questions at 908 996 7044 or gllacey@ptd.net.

Knights of Columbus Council #7581 next meeting will be on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Parish Center in Milford. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - Delaware Valley Council #7581, Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please check us out on the Church website, then contact Grand Knight Jerry Armenti at 908 995 7895 or roglack@aol.com.

A Knotty Project for World Meeting of Families 2015. The students in the OLV summer CCD program will contribute to a piece of public art, along with others from around the world, in Philadelphia artist Meg Saligman’s, *A Knotty Project*, that will be on display in front of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul during Pope Francis’ visit to Philly in September. Please see our children’s knot work in the community room before it is sent to Philadelphia to be included in this art project for Pope Francis.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl 2015 – The 7th grade CCD Confirmation Class would like to thank our parish family for generous donations to CRS Rice Bowl 2015. Total collection was \$1641.00. (20% of collection will be donated to our food pantry). “What you give up for Lent changes lives both at home and overseas.” Thank you for your continued generous and enthusiastic support.