

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS



To the elderly: the Church needs your prayers like a deep breath.

There is no “retirement” from spreading the faith, Pope Francis said in a message to grandparents ... adding that the prayers of the elderly are needed by the Church and the world.

“Think about it, what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this,” the 84 year-old pope said.

“Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new,” he commented.

In his message ahead of the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis referred to his own advanced age, and quoted his predecessor, Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, whom he called “a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church.”

“The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others” [Benedict] spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate.” He continued, “There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need.”

“I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new,” he noted. “The Lord is always—always—close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal, he never, ever goes into retirement.”

In January, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Sts. Anne and Joachim. This year the celebration will fall on Sunday July 25. The theme of this year’s grandparents day is **“I am with you always,”** taken from Matthew 28-20.

“This is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven,” Francis explained in his message. “They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandparents, dear elderly friends.”

Pope Francis’ message continues—

“I am with you always’ are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you—to us—and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone,” he wrote.

Pope Francis noted that his message came after the difficult period of the coronavirus pandemic, which “swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm,” and was a time of trial especially for the elderly. “Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods,” he said. “The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic.”

The pope encouraged people to visit their grandparents or other elderly or sick people, saying that they would be like “angels” to them. He also urged the elderly to...read the gospel every day. “We will be comforted by the Lord’s faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our live today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Matthew 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send laborers into his vineyard,” he said.

As part of the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Vatican has also granted a plenary indulgence to those who participate, either by attending a related spiritual event or by physically or virtually visiting the elderly, sick or disabled on July 25th. An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven.

Pope Francis Alert and Well After Surgery

Pope Francis was “in good, overall condition, alert” and breathing on his own...after the pontiff underwent a three hour operation that involved removing half of his colon. The Holy See said the pope needed the procedure.

We will keep Pope Francis in our prayers to successfully recover from the surgery and return to good health.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: July 12

9:00 am
In Loving Memory of Mattia Kinslow/Madge, Debbie and Darla Maffei
Antoinette Farone, Ann/Family

12:00pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Tuesday: July 13

9:00 am
Mary Kalska/Son, Paul

12:00pm
Terry Joggerst/Janet Coria

Wednesday: July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00 am
Natalina Losurdo/Nephew, John Piraino

12:00pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: July 15
St. Bonaventure

9:00 am
Cindy Caruso/James Capodagli

12:00pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Friday: July 16

9:00 am
Robert Kalska/Son, Paul

12:00pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: July 17

4:00 pm
Emmelina Raccuia (B)/Daughter, Mary Linda Joanne Merluzzi/Ronald Wade
David Vacco, Ann/Mom Canino and Family
Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph
Frank and Carmine Carapella/Frank and Sue
Joseph DeLorio/Frank and Sue

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Karen Schotthoefer/Mother
Peter DiBello/M/M Michael Morga

Sunday: July 18
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7:30 am
Joseph Spadaro (B)/Son, Sam

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity
Carmella DeMauro/Daughter, Mary
Patricia Wall/Rosemary Lane
Donald Timmins/Sue Slack
Edward Rudlowski/The Family

11:30 am
James Carioti (B)/Maria, Ron and Granchildren
Marie C. Garden/Mary and Joe Zambri
Lou Pennacchia, Sr./Gilda Sisera

5:00 pm
James Arena/Ron and Karen Reagan
Mary Anne Scarfino/Dina and Bob Gerardi

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

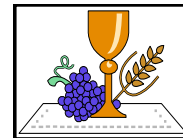
OLP/St. Peter Collection:

July 4, 2021 \$7,030.00

SJ/HT Collection:

July 4, 2021 \$4,802.00

Great start to our new fiscal year!!! Thank you!!



Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
David Vacco
Requested By
Mom Canino and Family



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
For the Intentions of
James E. Ready and
Aileen Kilcommons

Continued

Dear Parishioners,

News from the Holy Name Society—although we couldn't have our meetings during the pandemic, we still made a donation of 2 scholarships to CAP and other donations to the school, plus a donation to the Church. As always new members are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 315-391-2610. Thank you.

Marty Nave



COVID PROTOCOLS

- ◆ NYS and CDC regulations continue to maintain the wearing of masks for those not yet vaccinated. Masks for those who are fully vaccinated continue to be optional.
- ◆ A “physical distance section” within the church is the front section on the left side of church facing the Altar. Those not vaccinated or those who wish to be extra cautious may sit here.
- ◆ Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under the form of bread only.
- ◆ At the sign of Peace there still should be no physical contact.
- ◆ Holy Water Fonts will be filled.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will continue to be available.

As you know, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses was lifted on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ, Sunday, June 6, 2021.

It should be noted as well that anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is *always* excused from this obligation. Caregivers, too, may have to use prudential judgment about attendance at Mass, carefully considering the risk factors involved. Therefore, we will maintain livestreaming/recorded Masses for those who are still not able to be at Mass in person.

Please Note: The 9:00 am daily Mass at OLP/St. Peter will be held in church until further notice.

GOLF ANYONE...



**The 23rd Annual
Msgr. William L. Walsh
Golf Tournament will be held on July
26th at Tuscarora Golf Club.**

Lunch will be served at Noon followed by a Shot Gun start at 1:00 pm.

Gather your foursomes now and register your team! Only 20 teams will play.

Would you or your company like to become a hole sponsor for \$100.00 or would you like to donate something for a door prize?

We thank you for your consideration and are grateful for any support you can offer. Contact Joe Penizotto at 315-415-7468 or Lauri at the Parish Office, 315-422-7163.

Join Bishop Lucia and the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Syracuse for **MEN IN BLACK SOFTBALL GAME**, Sunday, July 25th, 5:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, Baldwinsville NY.



Please RSVP to vocations@syrdio.org. Each year members of the vocation team and priests and seminarians of the Diocese face off against adults and youth representing a parish during the Men in Black softball game. The annual game is both a fun activity and a special way to support and raise awareness of vocations.

***Bishop's Annual Vocation Picnic
The Tenth Hour***

The Tenth Hour is an evening of dinner, conversation, prayer and discernment with Bishop Lucia as well as with the priests, seminarians and religious sisters from the Diocese of Syracuse. This event will be 100% outdoors!!

Wednesday, August 4th at Christ the King Retreat House,, from 4-8 pm. RSVP by Monday, August 2nd. Also, you may visit: vocations-syracuse.org.