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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 18, 2021

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are live streamed on Facebook.)

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

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Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Sienna Fricke	Jeanne Gallo
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Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
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If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of July 18th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Henry Wangenstein
Tue. Victoria & Gabriel Forero
Wed. Giuseppe Carnevale
Thu. Sr. Marion Lenihan

Saturday, July 24th, 5PM Mass

Anthony Michael Arzillo, Joan Babino, Kim Mallory, David Guinaw, Father Michael Driscoll

Sunday, July 25th, 17th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Michael Corcoran
11:30 AM Peter Medaro, Frania Espinal, Joan O'Hanlon, Anthony LaVeglia
Helen Cole



Scripture Readings for July 25, 2021



+ 2 Kings 4:42-44
+ Ephesians 4:1-6
+ John 6:1-15

THE WONDER OF TRAVEL

by Father Michael

I was away this past week with some of my priest friends. We just spent a few days in a vacation house about an hour north of the city. It is not so much about the destination, but rather spending time together. Next week the Travel Club is off on Sunday morning to New Hampshire for four days. Whether it be near or far, there is something about travel that stirs my heart to life.

My first adventure into travel took place when I was six years old. (Bear with me if I have already shared some of these details with you.) My father died unexpectedly of a heart attack in July of 1966. The next year, my mother felt it was important to do something fun and different with me and my older siblings. When my father was alive, he took my brother and two sisters on lots of day trips, but never a vacation. I probably went on some of those trips but, honestly, I don't remember them. When my mother announced we were going to spend a week at a little family resort in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, it was very exciting news.

My mother learned to drive after my father died, but an out-of-state car trip was more than she was willing to tackle. So we were awake in the wee hours of the morning. We took a taxi from New Hyde Park to the 179th Street subway station in Jamaica. From there the E train brought us to the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Next step was a 9-hour bus ride. Finally, the resort sent a car to meet us at the closest town. In the end, it was about a 14-hour trip to go 300 miles.

But what an adventure it was. It's remarkable how tiny details can be etched into your memory when something important happens. I remember the smell of the subway and being squashed between our luggage and the morning rush hour crowd. Being in the bus terminal made my head spin: so many buses going to so many places. I remember the feel of the seat on the Trailways bus. But the epic journey was worth it; those first breaths of fresh mountain air brought waves of excitement and life. It was like we were brought to another world.

My mother had the traveling spirit in her blood, and I am so glad she was not afraid to bring it to life. I'm sure sooner or later I would have discovered it in myself on my own, but it was a gift that Mom awakened that interest for me. I know my affection for bus tours is rooted in that first awesome trek of the Trailways bus. I feel blessed that I have been able to see as much of our world as I have. It is a joy when I can bring others along for the ride. I feel richly blessed that life's journey can be enriched by the adventure of heading off to somewhere else. I pray you have those moments of grace in your life that bring joy and wonder.

PARISH NEWS

Meetings this Week

Tuesday, July 20th 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, July 25th 1 PM
 • BAPTISMS Worship Area

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 24/25



5:00 PM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph
 8:00 AM Fr. Frank/Dcn. Ralph
 9:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
 11:30 AM Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe

Banns of Marriage First Time



Amanda Luisi & Francis Abbate



The Bread and Wine for the week July 18 - 24 have been donated in loving memory of Yolanda Juresich by Madeline Garcia.

Special Collection

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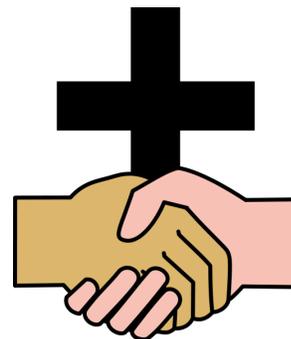
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LITURGY BYTES

The Sign of Peace

As life is slowly returning to normal, both at Church and in our daily lives, I have been noticing each week how happy parishioners seem to be at Mass. We no longer must sit in designated spaces or be escorted to our seats. For those choosing not to wear masks, our singing voices are heard once again. However, it is the sign of peace that prompted me to reflect this week. Basically, it is because of the enthusiastic body language demonstrated by the assembly that I have noticed lately at Mass.



The sign of peace or kiss of peace is an ancient liturgical gesture dating back to the early Church which has been part of the Mass from the very beginning. The spiritual symbolism of the act is found in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." (Mt 5:23-24)

In the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal, we read of the confirmation of this symbolism. The GIRM explains further: "There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament." (#82)

The early Christians took to heart Jesus' words (mentioned above) and incorporated the action into their celebration of the Eucharist. From the time of St. Gregory the Great, this gesture was seen as a pre-requisite for the reception of Communion.

This sign of peace was typically given only to those standing next to each other. Later on, it developed that this gesture be descended from the sanctuary and passed onto the people, symbolizing that peace comes from Christ. Another interesting point to note from those early days is the priest would first kiss the altar and then pass on that kiss to his attendants. Moving along in history, by the 17th century the kiss of peace was done only in the Roman Rite to those present in the sanctuary and not passed onto the faithful in the pews.

As we know, after the second Vatican Council the Church took a new look at this ancient custom and restored the original action to include the faithful. This gesture is a highly symbolic act that is meant to point towards the disposition of heart required for receiving the Eucharist. It reminds us that in order to be in full communion with Christ, one must first "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength," and not forget to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:30-31)

May the peace of the Lord be with each of you! ~~~~*Michele Hahn*



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Summer Cash Sizzle

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to Covid. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the “*Summer Cash Sizzle*.” This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 30.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

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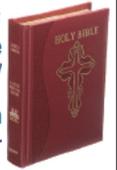
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