

JULY 18, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The Good Shepherd is ever attentive to the needs of His Flock. He gathers them to Himself and keeps them safe from predators who seek to scatter and slaughter. He seeks them out, when they are lost and rejoices when they are found. He leads them through the valley of the shadow of death to the restful waters and verdant pastures where they might find rest.

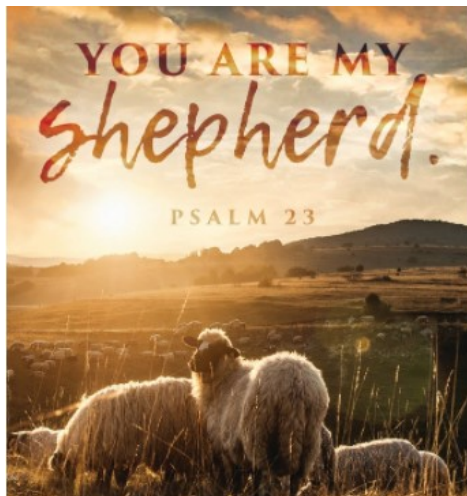
In The First Reading, the Shepherds who neglected the flock are severely indicted by God. At the same time, God promises to send shepherds who will care about His Sheep.

In The Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that By His Death, Christ broke down the wall that divided Jews from gentiles, and He united all peoples as Children of The One Father.

In The Gospel, we see the care of Christ for His Apostles as well as His Compassion for the people who were “like sheep without a shepherd”.

Jesus’ words speak to the heart of every person, for they truly give life to the soul. Like the members of the large crowd that gathered that day so many years ago, we are privileged to experience in every celebration of The Holy Eucharist, The word of God who becomes flesh and dwells among us. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus the Good Shepherd, we too are called to be the Good Shepherds to others, especially to the poor, the lonely, the suffering, the sick and the needy.

Today let us sincerely pray for the grace to become The Good Shepherds to others, following the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)	
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)	
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT	

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	July 17
10:30 AM	Baptism: Silas Wolf Mansolillo
5:00 PM	Mass: Joey Langworthy (RIP)
Sunday	July 18
8:00 AM	Mass: Ann Marie (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Clodomiro Gabriele (RIP)
Monday	July 19
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Wednesday	July 21
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Isaac Pelletier & Nancy Garvey (RIP)
Friday	July 23
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Kathy Jubinville (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Deacon James Walsh (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Erin Durfee (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Book Sale

This weekend, Paul Caranci, a local historian and award winning author of (12) books will hold a book sale and fundraiser following all Masses. Paul offers these book sales to various parishes both as a means of raising money for the Church and promoting devotion to Our Lady. Fifty percent of the net proceeds will be donated to the parish. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

Thanksgiving Mass: for Essential Workers

On Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the 10AM Mass St. Paul's will be offering a Mass of Prayer and Thanksgiving for all those who served as a much-needed essential workers in a time of crisis; including police, firemen, members of the National Guard, CNAs, nurses, doctors, teachers, grocery workers and truck drivers. There are many that we know but so many that we do not, so please sign up on the bulletin board if you are an essential worker, to be included in our prayers and thanksgiving.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021. The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 26, 2021, 1:00PM** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence. Please let the parish know if you will attend so we can make reservations for you.

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - July 10/11
\$ 2,697.00

Mission Co-op - July 10/11
\$ 1,162.00

Thank you for your support!

Kingly Mission of Domestic Church

The mission of the family is to charitably serve the Church and the world; it is a kingly mission because it mirrors the service of Christ the King. Pope Francis has memorably called the Church "a field hospital after battle" and said the family "has always been the nearest hospital" to care for all those who are physically and spiritually wounded, especially those who are poor and outcasts to the larger society. A married couple is called to be a reflection "of that divine love which comforts with a word, a look, a helping hand, a caress, an embrace" and to join "God's dream" by building "a world where no one will feel alone." Pope Francis is calling for families to live together in charity. Charity is not just a form of dutiful service meeting the immediate physical needs of people. It is also the joyful love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God, which seeks to heal human misery. "This love does not simply offer people material help, but refreshment and care for their souls, something which often is even more necessary than material support," Pope Benedict explained. Families can live this divine charity in many ways. They can join one of the Church's charitable organizations, participate in local parish ministries or go on a mission trip together. Most of all, family members can practice charity within the walls of their home through hospitality and attentive care to others, because it is true that charity begins at home. With its first principle of charity, the Knights of Columbus offers many methods of living this virtue in practical ways. The possibilities are endless. Families should discern with God what he creatively wants them to do. When families live charity within their homes, their parishes and the broader culture, they begin to build up what Pope John Paul II called "the civilization of love." By doing this, families become not just a "saved community" blessed with grace — they participate in the mission to evangelize all people as a "saving community." It is this civilization of love that the world desperately needs!.

BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God's People, **Silas Wolf Mansolillo**, who was baptized Saturday morning. He is the newest member of Christ's Body—the Church.



Please pray that he and his family will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

Christmas Bazaar Raffle

We have our 4 Main Prizes and in upcoming weeks we will be asking for 30 parishioners to donate \$25 toward our \$1000 Gift Card Tree.

We are looking for:
Jewelry, new or gently used.
NEW items for **Penny Social Table**.
Thank you!