

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017



Now is the time of year that the Church begins to call forth candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. These are people who are unbaptized and who seek baptism in the Catholic Church (initiates). Also included are baptized Christians who seek admission to the Roman Catholic Church (candidates). The time period between now and fall is known as the Period of Inquiry. In other words, it is a time of “faith exploration” [my words] between the initiates and the candidates and the Church. During this period of time, the main question that emerges is whether or not baptism and admission to the Catholic Church is a proper Faith-fit for the individual who seeks the Church membership.

In my homilies, I often mention that we are a parish of faith-outreach. In the words of Pope Francis, we are called to be “missionary disciples”. If you know someone who is even remotely interested in membership in the Catholic Church, now is the time to encourage them to begin the Inquiry Period of the RCIA. Also, the RCIA process is a fine opportunity for service in the Parish for those who would be interested in becoming mentors at the various segments of the initiation journey. If anyone is willing to assist in the venture I would invite you to contact me soon. I will inform you of the role that assistants would assume. One does not need to be a theologian or a catechist to join the effort. Please ask any interested people to contact me directly at the rectory if they are ready to explore entrance/admission to the Catholic Church.

*Fr. Nick*

“Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.”

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## ROSARIES FOR FATHER NICK

The Knights of Columbus will lead the recitation of the Rosary immediately following all Masses the weekend of July 29-30. We continue to pray to ask God to heal Father Nick of his cancer and restore him to good health.

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>7/10</b>		
6:45 AM	MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN	FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>7/11</b>		
6:45 AM	JOHN RANKIN	NETTY QUANN	
8:00 AM	JOHN RANKIN	NETTY QUANN	
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>7/12</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	OSTILIO VITALE & MARY ELLEN VITALE	VITALE FAMILY	
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>7/13</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	LOUIS & PHILOMENA DELLOSO	CHILDREN	
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>7/14</b>		
6:45 AM	IRENE ANDREOLI	FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>7/15</b>		
6:45 AM			
5:30 PM	JOHN M. NAWROCKI	FAMILY	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>7/16</b>		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	GENE ONESI	TINO – TASTE OF ITALY	
11:00 AM	MARIO J. FRABIZZIO, SR.	FAMILY	



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

### Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

## Offertory Report

Due to a later than usual sorting of last weekend's collection caused by the Fourth of July holiday, figures for July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will be shown in next Sunday's bulletin.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Karen Berman	Carter Biondi	Helene Black
Roger Chao	Anita Dauphin	Nicky DeAngelo
Mary T. DiBiaso	Attilio DiGiacobbe	Tommy DiVirgilio
Joanne Dover	Eddie Ellis	Lisa Furjanic
James Ganey	Bonita Della Rocca Jodz	Elizabeth Laraway
Chelsie Marra	Grace Marie Mataleno	Bill McNabb
Nick Mercantini	Isabelle Meredith	Patricia Ogonowski
Kelly Panella	Jack Paradee	Kim Resnick
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Jimmy Silicato	Larry Silvestri
Nancy Sosnowski	Albert Vietri	Robert Walton
Rev. Nicholas R. Waseline, OSFS		Christopher White, Jr.

*...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.*

## Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Monsignor George Brubaker, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in New Castle, Delaware will discuss the Apparitions at Fatima as we celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

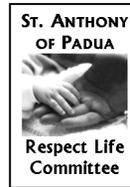
## 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage!!

The Legion of Mary, Wilmington Curia invites you to attend their Pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The bus will be leaving at 8 AM from St. John the Beloved Church, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington, and return approximately 6:30 PM. The event will include talks, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, etc. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. To reserve a bus seat contact: Sally Rogers at [302-563-1490](tel:302-563-1490) or Kay Malone at [302-239-2259](tel:302-239-2259) by Sunday, July 16, 2017. Make check payable to Wilmington Curia and mail to: Sally Rogers, 107 Loretta Lane, Bear, DE 19701.

## Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "my yoke is easy, and my burden light." While the priesthood and religious life have many challenges, those who choose to accept God's invitation are blessed with tremendous joy and peace. If you think God might be calling you to take on this "blessed yoke," please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



Between 600,000 and 900,000 abortions are performed in the United States each year. Of this number, over 300,000 are performed with the involvement of Planned Parenthood.

## Second Collection

Next weekend, July 15th and 16th, there is no scheduled second collection.

## Summer Vacation

Ahh! Summer! Fun in the sun! While you're enjoying this special time of the year with your family, we would ask you to be mindful that God doesn't take vacations, so please, if far from home, remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Attend Sunday Mass wherever you happen to be. Also, don't forget that our ministries here at St. Anthony's continue through the summer months, and they need your support. If you're out of town, you can mail your envelopes to us at 901 N. DuPont St., Wilmington, DE 19805. You can also use our rectory drop-slot before (or after) your vacation. The Oblate Community and our entire Parish Staff wish all of you a fun-filled, happy, healthy summer.

## Online Giving

Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone. Search the app stores for Online Giving or go to [OLGapp.com](http://OLGapp.com) and register with our parish. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

## Sicily Trip!

10 Day - Small Private Group tour of Sicily, October 11-20, 2017. First Class Hotels and most Meals including, \$3,099.00 per person. Call Mary Jane at Fillmore Travel [215-688-6833](tel:215-688-6833).

## Mass Intentions for 2018

We will begin taking intentions for Masses in 2018 beginning Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM in the rectory. Masses will only be said for one individual or married couple per Mass. We ask for an offering of \$25 per each 5:30 PM Vigil Mass and each Sunday and major Holy Day Mass. For all other Masses, we ask for an offering of \$10. We regret that intentions cannot be taken via phone or email.

## St. Francis de Sales



Every week, on the first page of each bulletin, we devote a small space to inspirational things that St. Francis de Sales said or wrote. In choosing the material used, we always try to select concise, pithy, one or two-sentence quotes. Here, however, we'll share some longer thoughts of Francis de Sales, Patron of the Diocese of Wilmington, and the model saint of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Our parish has been administered by the Oblates since its founding in 1924.

“Oh what remorse we shall feel at the end of our lives, when we look back upon the great number of instructions and examples afforded by God and the Saints for our perfection, and so carelessly received by us! If this end were to come to you today, how would you be pleased with the life you have led this year?”

“When we are at a loss what to do, when human help fails us in our dilemmas, then God inspires us. If only we are humbly obedient, He will not let us go astray. Some plants point their flowers at the sun, turn them with it as it moves. The sunflower, however, turns not only its flowers, but its leaves as well. In the same way, all God's chosen ones turn their hearts toward God's will by keeping His commandments. But those who are utterly filled with charity turn to God's will by more than mere obedience to his commandments. They also give Him their hearts, follow Him in all that He commands, counsels or inspires, unreservedly, with no exceptions whatsoever.”

“Our greatest fault is that we wish to serve God in *our* way, not in *His* way- according to our will, not according to His will. When He wishes us to be sick, we wish to be well; when He desires us to serve Him by sufferings, we desire to serve Him by works; when He wishes us to exercise charity, we wish to exercise humility; when He seeks from us resignation, we wish for devotion, a spirit of prayer or some other virtue. And this is not because the things we desire may be more pleasing to Him, but because they are more to our taste. This is certainly the greatest obstacle we can raise to our own perfection, for it is beyond doubt that if we were to wish to be Saints according to our own will, we shall never be so at all. To be truly a Saint, it is necessary to be one according to the will of God.”

St. Francis de Sales

## Vocations

2017 **Quo Vadis Days** for High School and College students will be **Thursday, July 27** to **Saturday, July 29** in Malvern, PA. This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest? For more info and to register online: [cdow.org/vocations](http://cdow.org/vocations). Registration deadline is July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Music Notes

Join us for the next in our series of Summer Pop Up Concerts, or what we like to say, Popsicle Concerts. Next one is schedule for July 9<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy an ice cold Popsicle at the conclusion of the music. Pop Up Concerts are come as you are, hair curlers, fuzzy slippers and all. Sit where you want. Move around if you want. Ask questions and laugh out loud. These mini concerts are one hour long and loads of fun. Help show your support of our young and old singers and musicians by attending. Enjoy an easy afternoon of all kinds of music and enjoy an ice cold Popsicle and watch your tongue turn blue. Concerts are at 3 PM.

## Annual St. Joseph Parish Carnival - Middletown

Tuesday, July 18 thru Saturday, July 22. Exciting rides, games and nightly entertainment under the big top! Special children's game area. Nightly raffles. Delicious meals in our air-conditioned Parish Hall beginning at 5:30 pm, Tuesday - Friday. Outdoor dining, rides and games begin at 6:00 pm nightly. FREE admission and parking. More information, call the Parish Office at 302-378-5800, or visit [www.stjosephmiddletown.com](http://www.stjosephmiddletown.com).

## Not Carnivalled Out Yet?

We are happy to announce that this year's Annual Fatima Fair will be from Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will run nightly from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Our Lady of Fatima Parish Grounds. There will be something for everyone! We have everything from great rides, fun games, ice cream and fantastic food. Please join us.