

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017



## SAINTS IN THE CHURCH IX

There is an image of St. Vito (aka St. Vitus, Guy) over the second confessional on the left side of the Church. He is dressed as a Roman soldier and is holding a feather. There is a rooster at his side. Who is this saint? He was the son of a Roman Senator in Sicily. His family resented Vito's conversion to Christianity and wished desperately for Vito to recant his Faith in Christ. He persisted in his convictions as a Christian and fled to Lucania in southern Italy for refuge. The Roman emperor, Diocletian, had a son who was afflicted with a nervous ailment that is commonly known today as epilepsy. In the ancient world, the disease was attributed to demonic possession. Vito is said to have miraculously cured the youngster of the infirmity. However, the emperor and his cohorts judged the cure to be the work of the evil spirits. Believing that Vito was in cahoots with bad omens, the officials of the emperor's court had him boiled in oil. Along with Vito, a rooster was thrown into the vat of hot fluid because the bird was considered a carrier of evil spirits, thus the reason that the image of Vito is pictured with him holding a rooster's feather.

For some time in Western Europe, the disease of epilepsy and some other neurological disorders were referred to as "St. Vito's Dance." Vito is the patron saint of person's suffering from neurological-convulsive illnesses. He is also the patron saint of dancers and actors – if you ask me, not a very nice association with those who suffer the pangs of nervous weaknesses. He is popular in some regions of Italy and Germany. His martyrdom took place in the year 302 and his feast day is June 15.

*Fr. Nick*

"An action of small value performed with much love of God is far more excellent than one of a higher virtue, done with less love of God."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized:

**Amelia Anne Burdett**

**Mason Driscoll**

**Billiejean Byrd Johnson**



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

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>7/24</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING	MARY DI VIRGILIO	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>7/25</b>		
6:45 AM	DAVID ERNST	ALFRED FRACZKOWSKI	
8:00 AM	JOHN B. & MARY A. WIESEL	DAUGHTER	
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>7/26</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM			
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>7/27</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	JOHN & ROSE JULIAN	BOB & LORRAINE	
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>7/28</b>		
6:45 AM	BILL MCNEAL	WIFE PAT	
8:00 AM			
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>7/29</b>		
6:45 AM			
5:30 PM	NELLO M. PAOLI, SR.	GODDAUGHTER JENNIFER	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>7/30</b>		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	CHRISTY EPISCOPO	PHYLLIS & CHILDREN	
11:00 AM	MARY C. PETRUCCI	MADALYN PETIT	



### Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

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

Romans 8:28-30

#### Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

### "God's Plan for Giving"

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/16/17

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 8,266.41

Avg. Weekend Last Year: \$11,361.51

Difference: -\$3,095.10

Percent Difference This Week: - 27.2%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$ 1,165.43

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## 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	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 30<sup>th</sup>, Catholic author and humorist, Susie Lloyd, will discuss her book, "Bless Me, Father, for I Have Kids." 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.

## 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.

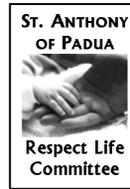
## Second Collection

Next weekend, July 22nd and 23rd, there is no scheduled second collection.

## Popsicle Concert – July 30

Our Popsicle Concert of July 9th was a wonderful success. Close to 50 in attendance, and how great to see children as well as adults. Our next Popsicle Concert is July 30th at 3 PM. We continue to mix things up with music from Andre Lloyd Weber, Ragtime, Trio music for flute, cello and piano and other surprises. Concerts are one hour long with funny stories and an informal laugh out loud atmosphere. There is no charge as our musicians volunteer their time to the Parish. We don't dress up so you don't have to either. Turn the gravy on low, stir it once or twice and head over to church for some musical summer Popsicle fun-filled entertainment.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



Peter Singer, author (Rethinking Life and Death) and philosopher argues that infanticide is ethical and proposes that "since neither a newborn infant nor a fish is a person, the wrongness of killing such beings is not as great as the wrongness of killing a person."

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus Awards

The Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Council recognizes the dedication and contributions of William Giles as Knight of the Year for the Columbian Year 2016-2017. William has contributed much of his time and labor to the activities of the Council especially our Pasta Dinners. He is also active in a number of Parish events. Congratulations Bill! The Knights would also like to recognize Anthony and Lynn DeLuca as our Family of the Year. Both Tony and Lynn contribute a great deal of time and labor to many of the activities around the Parish and the Grade School. They are regulars at Mass with their two sons. Congratulations Tony and Lynn! Both you and your sons represent a great example of a strong Catholic family!

## European Pilgrimage

As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a pilgrimage to Ancey, Rome and Assisi will take place April 16 - 26, 2018. *And you are invited!* Ancey, the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an alpine town in southeastern France, where Lake Ancey feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its cobble streets, winding canals, and pastel-colored houses. Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display, including ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum. It is the home of Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX, the diocese's founder. Assisi is a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region. It was the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints. For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to: [www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage)

## St. Francis de Sales

"Charity is kind," says Saint Paul, but the world on the contrary is evil. "Charity thinks no evil," but the world always thinks evil and when it can't condemn our acts it will condemn our intentions. Whether the sheep have horns or not and whether they are white or black, the wolf doesn't hesitate to eat them if he can. Whatever we do, the world will wage war on us. If we stay a long time in the confessional, it will wonder how we can have so much to say; if we stay only a short time, it will say we haven't told everything. It will watch all our actions and at a single little angry word it will protest that we can't get along with anyone. To take care of our own interests will look like avarice, while meekness will look like folly. As for the children of the world, their anger is called being blunt, their avarice economy, their intimate conversations lawful discussions. Spiders always spoil the good work of the bees.

We can never please the world unless we lose ourselves together with it. It is so demanding that it can't be satisfied. "John came neither eating nor drinking," says the Savior, and you say, "He has a devil." "The Son of man came eating and drinking" and you say that he is "a Samaritan." It is true that if we are ready to laugh, play cards, or dance with the world in order to please it, it will be scandalized at us, and if we don't, it will accuse us of hypocrisy or melancholy. If we dress well, it will attribute it to some plan we have, and if we neglect our dress, it will accuse us of being cheap and stingy. Good humor will be called frivolity and mortification sullenness. Thus the world looks at us with an evil eye and we can never please it. It exaggerates our imperfections and claims they are sins, turns our venial sins into mortal sins and changes our sins of weakness into sins of malice.

As soon as worldly people see that you wish to follow a devout life they aim a thousand darts of mockery and even detraction at you. The most malicious of them will slander your conversion as hypocrisy, bigotry, and trickery. They will say that the world has turned against you and being rebuffed by it you have turned to God. Your friends will raise a host of objections which they consider very prudent and charitable. They will tell you that you will become depressed, lose your reputation in the world, be unbearable, and grow old before your time, and that your affairs at home will suffer. You must live in the world like one in the world. They will say that you can save your soul without going to such extremes, and a thousand similar trivialities.

St. Francis de Sales

## Vocations

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans (*and us*) that "the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit." He's speaking, of course, about the Holy Spirit, Who knows God's unique plan for each one of us. What are you doing to try to discern God's plan *for you*? Suppose God is calling you to priesthood or to religious life? How would you know? If you'd like to talk about it, 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!)

## Oblate Community News

### Francis J. Rinaldi, OSFS

From Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua (Wilmington, DE) to residence in retirement with pastoral ministry at St. Anthony of Padua effective August 1st

### Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

From Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas More Oratory (Newark, DE) to Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua Parish effective August 1st

### Brian D. Zumbum, OSFS

Campus Minister, Salesianum School from residence at St. Thomas More Oblate Community (Newark, DE) to residence at St. Anthony of Padua Parish effective June 1st

## 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.

## Remembering Our Pastors

Again this year, St. Pius X Council, Knights of Columbus is organizing a visit to the cemetery in Childs, MD to pay our respects to our departed but not forgotten Pastors. The event will take place on Saturday, August 19th with a Mass celebrated at 11:00 AM followed by wreath-laying. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Anyone who is planning to attend, please Eugene Dzielak 658-0351 or Felix Spittle 658-2713 so we can determine how many will be attending.

## Full-Time Secretary I

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities is seeking a full time Secretary I at Seton Center, a community center that offers financial coaching and case management services, financial help for rent, mortgage, utility payments, behavioral health services, food cooperative for qualified households, emergency food pantry, immigration services, information and referral services and a thrift store, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Princess Anne. This position provides support services for the staff and clients. Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred. Work schedule is 35 hours per week Monday through Friday. To apply, see our posting on [www.CareerBuilder.com](http://www.CareerBuilder.com).