

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 23, 2015

SATURDAY: AUGUST 22nd

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:00 PM JOSEPH W. STOBER

SUNDAY: AUGUST 23rd

8:00 AM DICK BIRCHFIELD
9:30 AM DONNA BRACCIOFORTE
11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. MARC YOURSH
REQ. BY THE ORAS FAMILY
REQ. BY JOAN POLANSKI

MONDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY

8:00 AM RICHARD GONNELLA

REQ. BY MR. & MRS. R. ANDREWS

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM ANGELA P. STOBER

THURSDAY

8:00 AM ALICE HEIMALL

REQ. BY HER FAMILY

FRIDAY

8:00 AM CAREN CWALINA

REQ. BY A FRIEND

SATURDAY: AUGUST 29th

8:00 AM JANET ESTELLE
5:00 PM PAT & PEGGY SULLIVAN
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

REQ. BY A FRIEND

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SUNDAY: AUGUST 30th

8:00 AM MARION STOBER
9:30 AM JOSEPH MACINO
11:00 AM PETER MULLER

REQ. BY THE PIRRELLO FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and of our families.

SHOP-RITE, WEIS, STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

Cards in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations are available.

Please support this worthwhile fundraiser.

CAMP AUXILIUM SCHOOL

Now accepting registrations. School serves ages 6 weeks through Pre-K 4 (ages 4-5) Hours 6:30am – 6:30pm.

Visit our website at

www.campauxilium.org or call 383-2621 x1 for info.

FLEA MARKETS

Last Saturdays of the month (Apr through Oct). For info & registration call Joe Zidek 973-948-5752.

Bake Sale: Sat, August 29th at the flea market - baked goods may be dropped off in the hall on Fri., August 28th between 9am & 2pm or Sat morning.

PARISH CRUISE

Panama Canal – March 4-14, 2016 –

Reserve now and save!!! Contact

Regina @ UNIGLOBE Travel Partners
(973)810-8025

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the last of the 5 Sundays from which we have heard passages from the Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel. This Sunday's Gospel ends the 5th chapter in John's Bread of Life discourse. Throughout the 5th chapter Jesus repeatedly told his followers that he is the Bread that has come down from heaven. It was not the bread or the manna that Moses gave to the people in the desert that gave life but rather it is Jesus himself who gives us true life and promises us eternal life if we eat his Flesh and drink his Blood. We remain in him and He in us if we eat of his Body and Blood. We remain in him by believing in him and receiving him in the Holy Eucharist, the greatest gift that God has given to us.

The Jewish people of Jesus' time and many of his disciples had difficulty in accepting this teaching from our Lord. They thought he was referring to cannibalism when he told them they must eat his flesh and drink his blood and if they did not there would be no life in them. This teaching was too hard for them to follow and as a result most of his disciples left him. Jesus questioned his Apostles to see if they too would abandon him. *"Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"*

In our Gospel this weekend we hear that, *"many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."* We also witness in our time many of Jesus' disciples have decided to leave him. They leave him by no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Many Catholics no longer see the importance of attending Mass on Sunday and the Holy Days of Obligation even though our Church teaches that if you deliberately miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation then you have committed a grave sin and need to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and confess your sin before receiving the Eucharist. There are exceptions and allowances if you are sick or if you need to care for a child or sick person.

We abandon the Lord when we are not in communion with the Church's teaching; the Church that Jesus has established and overshadows by the Holy Spirit.

To be a disciple of Jesus requires that we stand with him and his Church. We are not afraid to give witness to the truth especially the moral truths of our faith; especially to give witness that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. And the Church's teaching about marriage that it is exclusively for a man and a woman.

In our Gospel this weekend, the Lord asks each one of us, "Do you also want to leave?" Will we remain faithful to the Lord and his Church, The Roman Catholic Church or will we abandon him by following our own desires and the things of the world?

It takes strength and courage to remain with the Lord and his Church. If we stay close to him in our prayer life, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to keep our souls right before the Lord, and then dine at the banquet of the Eucharist, He will remain in us and we will remain in him and he will be our strength. Jesus is the Holy One of God who loves us and has given his life for us so that we can live with him here and now and forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us,
Father Ed
Administrator

Parish Life:

Our Bishop has requested that at all Masses in the month of August we are to pray for those suffering religious persecution. There will be a prayer card that we will use at the end of Mass, after the Prayer after Communion. Please pray especially for our brother and sister Christians who are suffering in the Middle East

Parish Picnic



This year our Parish Picnic will be sponsored by the Men's and Women's Clubs on Sunday, **September 20, 2015** after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Music, games, hamburgers, hotdogs and more will be provided at the picnic.

This year there will be several inflatable rides and games for the children of our parish. We will keep you informed as we get more information.

For further information please call:

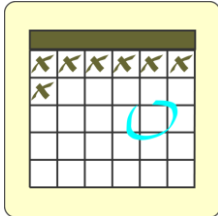
John Dalmas 973-600-8010 or

Geralyn Boyce 973-702-7755



Calendar of Events:

Aug. 24 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Aug. 29 Flea Market from 8am to 3pm
Aug. 31 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm



Collections

Aug. 15 &16:	\$4,294
2 nd Collection:	<u>\$1,265</u>
Total	\$5,559

Weekly Goal: \$6,500

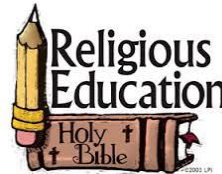
Envelopes Mailed:	219
Envelopes Received:	123

If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS. Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes.

Memorials:

Week of August 23rd the Sanctuary
Lamp Burns for:

Richard Bach



**2ND Year (10th grade)
Confirmation Candidates
Only:**

Please mark your calendars! Bishop Serratelli would like to meet with all the candidates in the diocese on Sunday, October 11th from 2:30 – 5:00 PM at Pope John High School. This mandatory event will be placed on your program calendars and distributed at the parent meeting on September 20th. Information will be sent in the mail. Any questions, contact Nancy in the Religious Ed. Office.



Knights of Columbus Calendar

Aug 23	Past Grand Knights Dinner 2pm Bella Italia in Andover
Aug 29-30	Football Ticket Sales-St. Joseph & Good Shepherd
Sept 10	Council Mtg Sacred Heart Cntr 7:30pm
Sept 14	St. Joseph Migrant Ministry Dinner 7:30
Sept 27	Picnic Panther Lake Camp Grounds 2pm