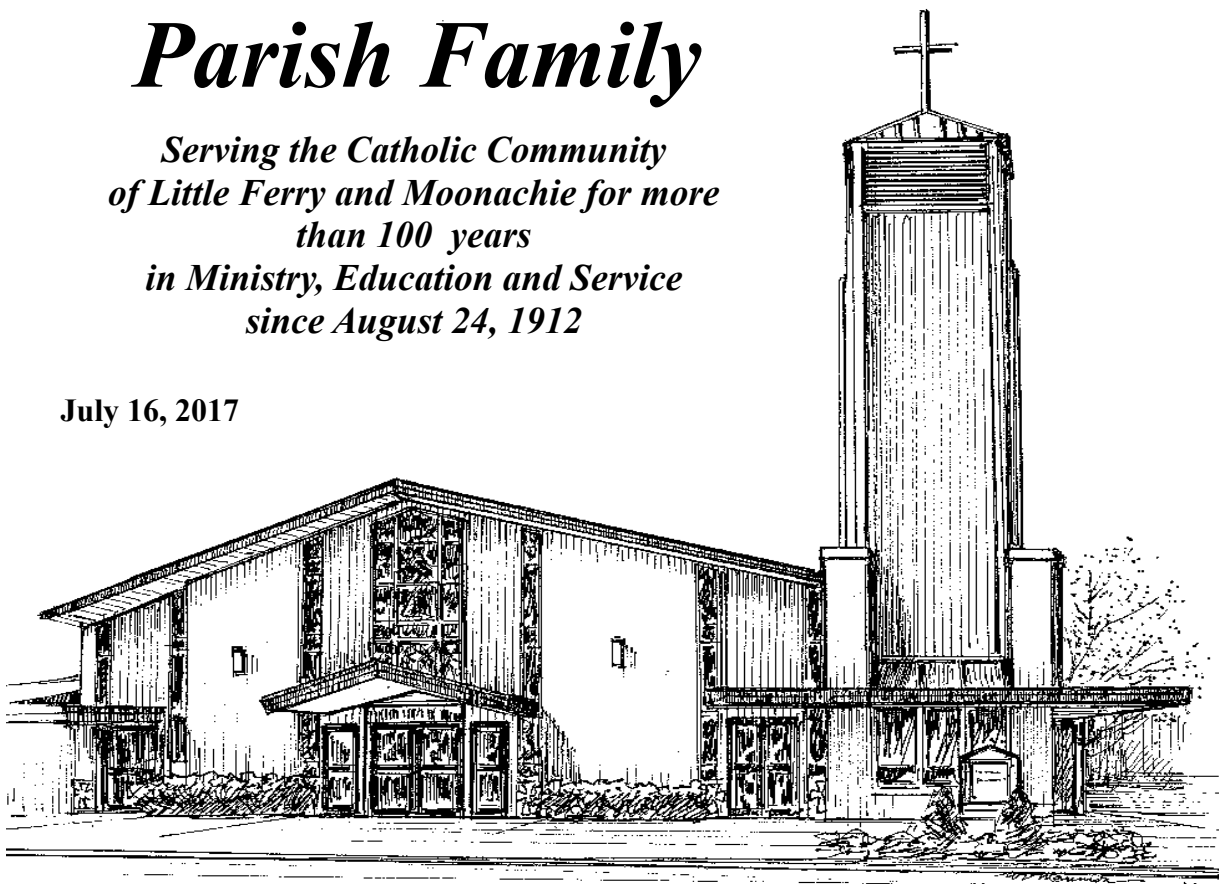


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

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The Holy Eucharist for this Week



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SATURDAY

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders

SUNDAY, July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Theresa M. Auth
10:00 AM John (Gasparo) Morin
12:00 PM Mickey Darata

Memorials
Bread and Wine
Mary Valestro Piccinich
Sanctuary Candle
People of Our Parish Family

LISTEN

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

—St. Camillus de Lellis

MONDAY, July 17

7:00 PM Barbara Spadavecchia



TUESDAY, July 18

8:00 AM Frances C. Nisbet

WEDNESDAY, July 19

6:00 PM Joan Lee [1A]

THURSDAY, July 20

8:00 AM George Georhalli

FRIDAY, July 21

8:00 AM Timothy Oechsner



SATURDAY, July 22

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass
Guild

SATURDAY

5:30 PM Gertrudes Mallari & Orlando Castro

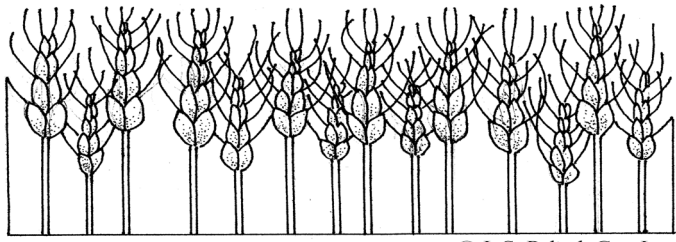
SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM David John Vacirca
10:00 AM Nicolina Hroncich
12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich



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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.

— *Psalm 65:12*

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Thursday: St. Apollinaris

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene



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**We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.**

Bishop John W. Flesey

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Phil Kinsella
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
George Cappiello
Robert & Evelyn Zienkiewicz
Kevin Michael Francis
Connie Vaccarino
Regina Ballone
Victor Traverso
Florence Corbiserie

John Mc Connell
Catherine Mary Moncello
Jackie Grabusnik
Michele Porta
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Grace Ehler
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Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions especially for all those victims who suffered and lost so much, under the severity of hurricanes.



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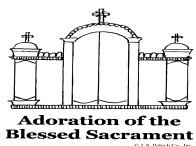
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

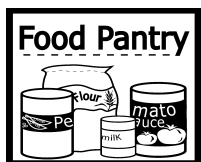
Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.



RCIA If you or any one you may know has not completed sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion) and wishes to do so, please see Father Kevin or Sister Dorothy. Also, if you or any one your know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, again contact Father Kevin or Sister Dorothy.



Our parish Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Wednesday, July 19. Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Adoration will follow until 7 p.m. We will close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.



HELP WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS

We are currently in need of Altar Servers for all weekend Masses. Please read below, you or someone in your family may be able to help.

What is an Altar Server? An Altar Server is a lay assistant to a member of the clergy.

Who can be an Altar Server? Anyone one who is half way through 3rd grade or older, including Adults. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with the appropriate reverence.

Why should we become Altar Servers? This ministry forms a community of peers within your own team and others. It also helps with leadership roles and responsibilities.

What are the responsibilities of an Altar Server? Servers carry the cross, hold the book for the priest when he is not at the Altar, assist with the receiving of the gifts from the people and provide them to the priest during the preparation of gifts and help with the washing of hands. By setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy by looking alert and sitting or standing at the appropriate times. Prior to Mass they should arrive 10 – 15 minutes before Mass. Servers should ensure the candles are lit on the Altar and ensure enough seats are in the Altar Server area for all servers for that Mass.

At the end of Mass, all Albs should be returned to the closet and hung on the appropriate hangers. Why are altar Servers important? The priest will have difficulty receiving the gifts at offertory when they are presented. It is a bit awkward when it comes to the washing of the hands and the preparation of the gifts. From a purely functional point of view, altar servers are always necessary. In the missal, when priest celebrates Mass without a congregation, the only other minister that is stipulated in as altar server. All other ministers become optional.

How many Altar Servers are required at the Mass? On Sundays and other more important occasions, two or more servers are needed to carry out the various functions entrusted to the role.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Sophie at 201-641-0474.

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