

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 1, 2018



And there was white smoke...

In the event you have not heard, at our convocation (June 18-21) the members of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales elected Father Lewis S. Fiorelli as our Provincial Superior. Father spent many of his years of ministry in our province teaching in our seminary in Washington and at the Catholic University of America. From 1994-2006, Father Fiorelli served as our Superior General. Since leaving that post, he has served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Vienna, Virginia.

In addition to electing Father Fiorelli, four members of our province were elected as his councilors: Father Michael Murray, Father Jack Kolodziej, Father Michael Vannicola, and Father Matthew Hillyard.

By the time we departed Center Valley, Father Fiorelli and his Councilors had been ratified by the Superior General and his Council.

Over the next few weeks, Father Fiorelli will be transitioning into his new duties.

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>7/2</b> JOSÉ GREGORIO HERNANDEZ ROSA CAMINA
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>7/3</b> JUSTINE MATALENO-CLERC HELENE DI FRANCESCO DAVID, SON FAMILY
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> MARGARET & FRANK SCHIAVELLI MARY DI VIRGILIO
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>7/5</b> THERESA GAZZILLO ANN ODDO & FAMILY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>7/6</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	<b>7/7</b> MICHAEL ANDREOLI FAMILY
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>7/8</b> PARISHIONERS MARY JEAN MCCRARY JOSEPH SPITELLE FAMILY FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

### Responsorial Psalm:

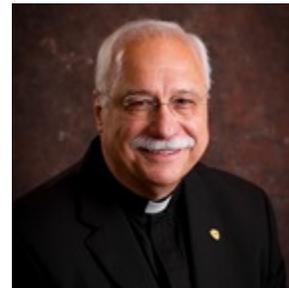
Psalms 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

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

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

### Gospel:

Mark 6:1-6



Father Fiorelli

*Father Mark*



"Stay close to God. The gentleness of His shadow is more healthy than the brightness of the sun."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized...

**Taylor Mae Emig**

**Amelia Grace Mazalewski**



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

## "God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 06/24/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	-\$
Percent Difference This Week:	- %
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Kenyon Blough	Nancy Brown
Marianne Calvarese	Roger Chao	Tori Daniello
Mary T. DiBiao	Judi DiFrancesco	Thomas DiGuglielmo
Tommy DiVirgilio	Christopher Ganey	James Ganey
Mark Johnson	William J. Nardo, Jr.	Kelly Panella
Jack Pipa	Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Jimmy Silicato
Larry Silvestri	Eileen Swindel	Albert Vietri
Robert Walton	Annamarie White	

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

## Second Collection

Next weekend, July 7th and 8th, the scheduled second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

## St. Joseph Parish Carnival -Middletown

July 17 thru July 21. Exciting rides, games and nightly entertainment under the big top! FREE admission and parking. More information, call Parish Office at 302-378-5800 or [www.stjosephmiddletown.com](http://www.stjosephmiddletown.com).

## Diocese of Wilmington Website Notes

The Diocese of Wilmington's new website makes it easier to find a church or school and features news headlines from The Dialog, quick links, a video feature, and more. Check it out today at [www.cdown.org](http://www.cdown.org).

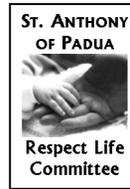
**Let us Rejoice in the Lord! Our Diocese is 150 years old!** For videos, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150* coming on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, links, photos, and more, go to [www.cdown.org/150th](http://www.cdown.org/150th). Also, follow all the action on social media at [www.facebook.com/cdown150th](https://www.facebook.com/cdown150th), and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram and [www.TheDialog.org](http://www.TheDialog.org).

**Before you head to the beach, check out the Vacation Mass Guide.** The Diocese of Wilmington is blessed to have some of the best, most beautiful places for family vacations within its borders. Find family fun at one of the exciting Delaware or Maryland Atlantic beach resort areas, or relax with a trip to one of the historic and quaint Chesapeake Bay communities on the Maryland Eastern Shore. Wherever you go, you can find a warm, welcoming Catholic parish. For Mass times, check out the Vacation Mass Guide at [www.cdown.org/VMG](http://www.cdown.org/VMG).

## Vocations

In today's gospel reading, Jesus heals a long-suffering woman and raises a little girl from the dead. Every day priests, deacons and religious bring life and healing into a world fractured by sin and death. Do you think God is calling you to serve through one of these vocations? Please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdown.org/vocations!](http://www.cdown.org/vocations!)

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning."

Pres. Ronald Reagan

## 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 8th, tune in to hear an interview with Our Mother of Sorrows parishioner, Queen Anne's County Historian, and women's athletics pioneer, Ms. Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](https://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.

## Religious Goods Store

The Religious Goods Store will reopen on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding and for your support of the store during the year. Enjoy your summer!

## Independence Day

In observance of the Independence Day Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Also note that the only Mass of the day will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. Have a Happy Fourth!!

## 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

### *Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith*

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

# Welcoming The Lord

Imagine that you are coming to church next Sunday. As you come through the door, you realize that someone is right behind you and you naturally hold the door open for that person. As he comes in behind you, you suddenly realize that it is Jesus himself, looking just as you always imagined him. What do you do now? What do you say?

I suspect most of us would do whatever we could to make Jesus feel welcome in our community. Of course, it's not very likely that he will show up next Sunday, looking like a first-century Jewish rabbi. He will show up here, but he'll probably look different from our usual image of him. Christ will arrive looking like your neighbor or your friend, or perhaps like a person you've never met before. He might look like a member of your family, or he might look like a homeless person who needs a bath and a haircut.

Our faith tells us that Christ dwells in every member of his body, that we can find him in the people who gather with us here every Sunday. That's the deepest reason for us to be hospitable to one another as we assemble for the Eucharist.

So often, we hear people say that the Catholic church is not very friendly. When strangers visit a Protestant church, they are usually warmly greeted and made to feel quite welcome. Many people report a very different experience in the Catholic Church. Of course, many Catholic parishes are very large, which makes it harder to know who is a visitor and who is a member of the parish. Maybe that just gives us even more reason to be hospitable toward everyone around us, whether stranger or friend.

Through the week, all of us who are members of the body of Christ are scattered throughout our community. On Sunday, when we come to Mass, we need to reconnect with the other members of the body. Smiling and saying hello to those who gather with us can help us to connect again. Brief conversations about family members and other concerns can express the love of Christ that binds us to one another.

This is not irreverent in church, because it is the way that we welcome the Lord into our midst. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). His presence in one another is the first way that he reveals himself to us at Mass. Reverence requires us, to recognize him there and to respond to him in one another. This doesn't have to be loud and raucous, but it does have to be sincere and caring.

This gathering and reconnecting with the other members of the body is an important step in getting ready for Mass. Christ invites all of us to share in his sacrificial offering to the Father. We can only do that as members of Christ's body, so linking up with the other members of the body helps us to get ready to worship together. How will you welcome Christ the next time we gather here?

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