

Holy Family Parish

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August 20, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing Our Parish

Religious Education registration will take place August 27 following the 8:15 and 11 a.m. Masses. Class Schedule for the 2017/2018 session will be available for pick up at that time

Attention Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts! You are invited to the 2017 Annual Scout Retreat at Camp Holy Cross, Goshen, MA. September 22-24, 2017.

Regular Fee \$40; Early bird deadline September 1, 2017 Fee \$35.

Participant requirements: Sixth grade on up. Registered Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Venture Crew, or American Heritage member. Registered leaders & parents welcome. It is sure to be a fun time.

Contact Pam Kosnicki for more information at pamdkos@verizon.net or 413-283-3242.

Check us out at #WMAScoutRetreat.

Vocation Retreat—September 8--10, 2017: “Be Bold. Respond to God’s Call: A Discernment Weekend.” Do you feel God is calling you to something more? Join with other women discerning a call and explore life in a religious community. What does it mean to be a contemporary Dominican Sister? How do you go about prayerfully discerning what God is calling you to? On this weekend retreat, you will learn some of the answers to these questions and more about the heritage, prayer and community life of the Dominican Sisters of Peace today.

Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free “Come and See” Discernment Retreat designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. The retreat begins at 5:30pm Friday, September 8 and concludes at 1pm, Sunday, September 10 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Rosary Manor, 1

Rosary Drive, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzgerald@oppeace.org. Participants may register online for using the registration form here. (We can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)



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Join program host Sharon Roulier as she brings you stories from Western Massachusetts and beyond.

MASS SCHEDULE

August 19 to 27, 2017

Saturday, August 19 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Needs of Parishioners and Friends

Sunday, August 20 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time*

8:15 a.m. Louis Garlo † requested by his wife Lucy

11:00 a.m. Cossette Guy (2nd Anniversary) † requested by Earleen

Monday, August 21 *St Pius X*

8:00 a.m. Pope Francis

Tuesday, August 22 *The Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. **NO** Communion Prayer Service or Mass

Wednesday, August 23 *St Rose of Lima*

8:00 a.m. Missions and Missionaries in the United States

Thursday, August 24 *St Bartholomew*

8:00 a.m. **NO** Communion Prayer Service or Mass

Friday, August 25 *St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz*

8:00 a.m. Civic Leaders

Saturday, August 26 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Phil Gusek (1st Anniversary) † requested by the Parish

Sunday, August 27 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. Stephen and Joseph Garlo † requested by the Lucardi Family

11:00 a.m. Remembrance of Virginia Steward † requested by Earleen Gadreault

Second Collection

August 19/20 – Maintenance and Improvements

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski

(413-862-4418)

Deacon David Baillargeon

(413-667-3147 or cell phone: 413-207-1301)

Religious Education Director:

Deb Bogoff ~ 413-888-7412

Cemetery Superintendent:

Please contact the parish office.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Morawski

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Email: holyfamily.parish@aol.com

Phone/FAX: 413-862-4418

Parish Website: holyfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

**To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418**

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri): 8 a.m.

Communion Prayer Service:

Thursday 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:30-8:00am

Religious Education:

Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

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Suggested donations for Huntington Food Pantry this month: Canned soups, broth, chili, corned beef hash, and ravioli. Canned tuna, salmon, crabmeat. Mac & Cheese. Fruit, fruit cups, veggies (including beets). Coffee, tea, hot chocolate packets, juice and juice boxes. Instant oatmeal, hot and cold cereals, granola and breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, graham crackers, snack crackers. Brownie, cake and cookie mixes, frosting, Jell-O and pudding (pre-made or boxed).

Place your donations in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.

Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477

Lector and Usher Schedule

Date	Mass	Lector	Ushers
Aug 19	5:00 pm	Ginny Hardie	
Aug 20	8:15 am	Barbara Leja	Del Lavature Mel/Mike Scuderi
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	
Aug 26	5:00 pm	Ellen/Jesse Vidal	Bill Hardie
Aug 27	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Chelsea Edinger	Dave Norton

Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral Visits

Call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your prayer requests. Also, if you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please notify Fr Ron.

Vocation View ~ Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life. If you think you have this call, contact Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0811 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

Your Parish Needs YOU! Ushers at all Masses and people to count the weekly collection are urgently needed! Please speak with Fr Ron.

Reflection

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The late comedian Don Rickles specialized in insults. Displayed often on the old “Dean Martin Roasts” (now available on YouTube) he targeted his “victims”—usually celebrities—with mean one-liners that were usually funny. I recall him addressing George Burns, by then an octogenarian, by simply saying, “George, it’s over!” But

always at the end of his spiel, Rickles would explain that it was all done in fun, and that love for others was a part of life we should always practice.

Jesus taught us how to react to insults. We remember His injunction to “turn the other cheek if slapped on one.” Yet today we find Him at first seemingly ignoring a poor woman’s plea for help for her daughter. He calls her “a dog.” It may be that He believed for a while that His mission was only to the Jews. In that light He couldn’t give the children’s bread to dogs.

Now here is where we have to admire this unnamed woman’s reaction. Remember that she already had “two strikes” against her. First, she was a woman, apparently alone, living in a man’s world. Second, she was a despised Gentile, a Canaanite, calling out in a crowd of Jews. Instead of a nasty response to Jesus, or issuing the threat of a feminist revenge lawsuit such as we might expect today, or running away in tears of disappointment, she humbly retorts with a clever remark that incorporated Jesus’ characterization of her as a dog. “Even the dogs get to eat the scraps!” I admire her for that courage.

That sparks in Jesus an admiration of His own. He cites her great faith. In so doing, He acknowledges an expansion of His views about His mission. By granting the woman’s request, He includes all people as welcome in God’s family, and having a dwelling place in God’s house.

Now comes the gospel imperative for this twenty-first century. In a figurative lineup of all the so-called “marginized” people of our time, often so labelled by prejudice, we would find their numbers staggering. Think of war refugees eking out a living in makeshift camps. Immigrants from countries with cruel regimes. Then of addicts of all kinds, or those with different sexual attraction, or the physically and mentally disabled, and believers in unpopular religions. Dare we call them “dogs?” Dare we engage in insults to these our neighbors in the way Jesus described a neighbor?

Here is where we must remain ever grateful for the Holy Eucharist. It feeds our good side with strength against the “beast” in all of us. Along with the ever relentless Word of Scripture speaking the whole truth and nothing but to our ears, we are doubly equipped to accept God’s perspective and His judgment, no matter what the current popular opinion proffers.

To close with a salute to that Canaanite woman’s perseverance, and to all who struggle to live by Jesus’ opinions, I quote an old adage easily remembered: “By perseverance the snail reached the ark.”

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