

## GOD'S SAFE HARBOR

Life can be viewed as journey, pilgrimage or still better as voyage - because often we're driven by forces more powerful than ourselves, like wind and wave of unexpected situations. We sail upon a rippling surface of events, feeling the joy of movement, being alive and going somewhere. When things go well, we feel the contentment of those experienced sailors, the apostles, on their way home across the quiet lake of Galilee.

However, life is not always composed of quiet and enjoyable sailing. Our own life-voyage has its share of storms too; like anxieties, problems and pressures of various kinds. How often a sudden turn of events can disturb our inner peace. Are we on a charted course, or just drifting along without any determined direction? Many find it hard enough to stay afloat in bewilderingly changing times. We are often struggling with family, work relationships or we are painfully insecure in ourselves.

Those frightened apostles in the storm can be us today. We are those sailors tossing about in the waves. Various remedies are tried to ease the upsets of our voyage, like varied brands of medication for sea-sickness! A long quiet rest, a change of occupation, psychiatric help or counselling, Yoga, Tai-Chi or Meditation, each has its own advantages. But what better remedy can we find in times of stress than an understanding friend? Today's Gospel suggests that our best and most constant recourse is none other than Christ himself.

God is present where we least expect him. Sometimes He is a hidden, unseen presence, not always easy to discover. It takes faith to see God at work in our lives when things are going south. The apostles were amazed to see Christ coming to them in the middle of the storm, for - at that stage - they were men of little faith. We don't expect to be immune from the hardships and problems faced by all the other voyagers on this sea of life. Indeed, being tested as we are, our Lord shared fully in all of these anxieties.

So, if the Church is like a boat - with no idle passengers, for all are needed to row - then we have as destination the safe harbor of eternal life. With the compass of faith, and Christ himself as unseen captain of the ship, that harbor will surely be reached. In the meantime, though tossed about by circumstances, He tells us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, you of little faith!"

*Father Matt*

## MISSION APPEAL IN OUR PARISH

On the weekend of **August 19 & 20**, Rev. Thomas Rayar who is originally from India and serving in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be here to make a mission appeal for his native diocese, Sivagangai. The diocese of Sivagangai was established in 1987. This is a relatively new mission diocese in the State of Tamil Nadu (India) consisting of Sivagangai and Ramnad civil districts, which are the poorest districts in the State.

The diocese is in need of external help to run its mission consisting of about 190,000 Catholics in the population of more than 2.5 million in the area of 8400 square kilometer. About 30% of the diocesan Catholics belong to the low caste who are economically and educationally poor who live on \$2 - \$3 per day. About 50% of the population consists of small farmers and unskilled laborers who heavily depend upon the erratic monsoon for their livelihood. The rest of the population (20%) belongs to the fishermen community whose livelihood has been supported by the seasonal fishing.

When the diocese was established there were only 38 priests, many of whom were aged. Today the diocese is proud of having nearly 200 diocesan priests, 96 religious priests and 434 religious nuns serving in its mission. During the last 30 years, the diocese has started many orphanages and high schools and higher secondary schools, middle schools and primary schools (183 total). There were only 39 parishes when the diocese was started. At present there are 84 parishes and 737 mission stations.

The fund collected through this mission appeal will be used for the work of evangelization and educational ministries for the poor children in the orphanages in the diocese of Sivagangai.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

**"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."**

#### THE MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **August 14<sup>th</sup>** in Cerullo Hall at 6:30 PM.

#### SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education Registration is now open!

- Online by going to the parish website [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org). The Religious Education section is at the bottom of the page. Payment is required at the time you register.
- Download the forms and mail them to the Molloy Center with your payment.
- In person at the Molloy Center **by calling for an appointment** at (973) 779-1439.

Ms. Sirvidio can be emailed at [dsirvidio@st.philip.org](mailto:dsirvidio@st.philip.org).

**Confirmation and Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with the 8:00 AM Mass.**

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip's Preparatory School is seeking *Certified Substitute Teachers*. Please e-mail name, resume and certification to [principalzito@gmail.com](mailto:principalzito@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. PHILIP'S PARISH PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**



## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**Hosted by Father Julio A. Barrios**

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 6 – 16, 2018

- Visiting LISBON \* FATIMA \* SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SALAMANCA \* MADRID \* LOURDES
- \$2799 per person from NEWARK (Air/land tour price is \$2399 plus \$400 government taxes/airline surcharges)
- For brochure and additional information contact Barbara Salzer at 973-779-6200

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### PILGRIMAGE

WASHINGTON, DC



**OCTOBER 21, 2017**

To sign up contact Carol Mahoney at 973-986-2869

**OR**

Two Day Spiritual Journey

**October 20-21, 2017**

For information or brochure on this 2-day trip contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at 973-728-8162 or [secretary@olgpnj.org](mailto:secretary@olgpnj.org)

## CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION

Last call for applications to the CCE program at St. Paul Inside the Walls. **Certificate in Catholic Evangelization** is a unique program taught over 3 years which seeks to transform Catholics into effective evangelists, equipping them to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ into their homes, parishes and local communities.

Courses include: *Prayer, Discipleship & Community, Biblical Call Narratives, Catholic Evangelization, The Parables of Jesus, Evangelizing Church and Practical Evangelization*. These courses are taught in conjunction with *Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology* at Seton Hall University.

For more information and a brochure visit their website at [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or contact Brian Honsberger at [bhonsberger@patersondiocese.org](mailto:bhonsberger@patersondiocese.org) or 973-377-1004 ext. 415.

## PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Jim Lacava, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayney, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bruno Marino, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Roger Rossnagel, Fred Van Duyne, Theresa Buhler, Karen Ambrose, Dave Miller, Gary Diekmann, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc

**THE DECEASED:** Roger H. Ross

## PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 7, 2016	\$15,614.00
AUGUST 6, 2017	
Envelopes	\$12,440.00
Cash	\$ 1,172.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,441.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,053.00</b>

**PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: AUGUST 19/20, 2017**

5:30 PM Fr. Matt 10:00 AM Fr. Joe  
8:00 AM Fr. Matt 12:00 Noon Fr. Joe

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017**

8:00 Christopher Jeffers  
10:00 Margaret & George Dikdan  
Bill Loftus  
Alvera Dakak – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12:00 All the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

9:00 Deceased members of the Sadvary & Furesz Family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017**

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:00AM Marie Riegrova  
The Canavan Family  
7:00PM All the People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**

9:00 Walter Cummings

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017**

9:00 Ann Jasionowicz

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017**

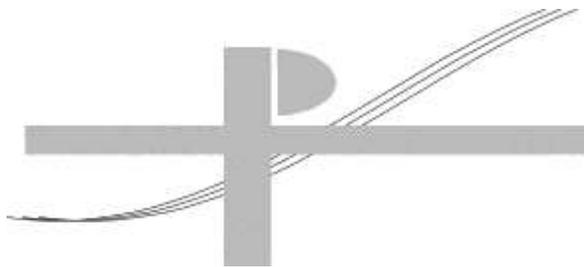
9:00 Joseph A. Mulheren, Jr.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017**

9:00 Irene Koribanics  
5:30 All the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, August 20, 2017**

8:00 Patsy and Sandra Sinisi – 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
10:00 Louis A. Cassella  
Anna May Wozny  
12:00 Henry Ventura



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**KORNER**

**Gospel Today**  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 14:22-33

Cycle A

The boat carrying the disciples was a few miles out to sea when Jesus, walking on the water, came toward them. Seeing they were frightened Jesus said, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27 When Peter showed faith and walked toward Jesus on the water, his faith faltered and he began to sink, crying out to Jesus to save him.

Jesus saw how hard it was for His disciples to keep their faith even though they witnessed first hand His miracles. Jesus knows it is also hard for us to not lose faith. If you begin to doubt, repeat the words of Jesus. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31  
**Have you ever heard anyone say this before?**

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z)

Hint: This sentence has a double of one letter

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

As Peter was beginning to sink, he cried out,

Matthew 14:30