

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE FOOD THAT LASTS

It appears that many things produced today are not made to last. Take our modern buildings for example. I wonder how many of the buildings that have gone up in recent years in the city will still be there in three hundred years' time. Much of what we buy, like furniture for our homes, or our clothes have a shorter life span compared to a generation or two ago. We live in a throwaway culture, even if some of what made today will last into the future.

There are probably some books or plays of our own time that will have an enduring value too. Some will be read, watched and enjoyed for generations to come. We always retain the capacity to create something of enduring value, that has the capacity to engage people not just in the present but into the future. They last because their value is great.

On our journey through life we tend to seek out what might be of lasting value because we sense that it can enrich us and make us better human beings. Having found something of real value we often return to it, whether it is a book, a poem, a piece of music, a painting or a building. We know from our own experience that what we really value are not so much objects or things but people. A good friend is worth so much more to us than a good book, or a good piece of music, or a good painting. There is nothing more valuable to parents than their children. For those who are in love, their treasure is the beloved. Everything else is on a much lesser scale of value. We want the people we value to last forever, which is why the death or the loss of a loved one is such a devastating experience.

In today's gospel the crowds of people whom Jesus fed in the wilderness come back, looking for him, wanting more of this bread he had provided. Jesus takes the opportunity to point them towards something more enduring. His advice is, 'do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The horizon of Jesus is not the mere horizon of this world but that of eternity. When he speaks of what truly *lasts* he means what it is that lasts into eternity. For Jesus what is of lasting value is not just what is remembered for generations, but what will continue to have value in eternity. It is hard to keep that horizon of eternity before

us, especially in these times when our universe seems so all absorbing. Yet the horizon of Jesus is the horizon of eternity. Certainly, he takes this earthly life very seriously; he has invested himself in showing us how to live in this life, by his teaching, his way, relating to others. He gave himself over to meeting the basic needs of those he met. He healed the sick; he comforted the bereaved; he fed the hungry; he befriended the lonely. He told us to do the same and declared that what we do for others we do for him. Yet, all the time the backdrop was an eternal horizon. In living in this way, we are preparing ourselves to live forever. Those who live by the values of the kingdom of God will inherit the kingdom of God.

When Jesus called himself the way, he meant the way to live under God's influence; he shows us how to live this present life as the way to eternal life. His message is about what endures not just into successive generations but into eternity. Since human beings were created by God to live forever, Jesus came to show us how to gain that eternal life and to help us on our way to it. In a great metaphor, he speaks of himself as the bread of life who nourishes us into eternity. If we stay with him our deepest hungers and thirsts will be satisfied in this life and more fully in the next. When we wonder about what endures, we should think first of Jesus. He is the gateway to enduring life, for ourselves and for all we love and value.

Fr. Matt



RESTORATION UPDATE JULY 2018

Dear Parish/School Organizations,
The restoration and construction process update due to the fire on January 11, 2018 that I shared during announcements on the weekend of July 14/15 is as follows:

- We now have use of the Molloy Center except for Marian Hall.
- Marian Hall suffered extreme smoke damage and is currently gutted to the studs.
- Restoration of Marian Hall must happen simultaneously with the construction of the Kaleidoscope Building because they share a common roof and two walls.
- The new Kaleidoscope Building which replaces the one that was unsalvageable and demolished is designed and ready for construction. We intended to begin construction this summer, but we are thwarted due to ongoing insurance issues. This is a normal part of the process of post fire restoration which takes time.
- Marian Hall will not be available until construction, restoration and inspections are completed in the future.
- Be assured that every effort is being utilized to speed the process, but we are dealing with situations which we cannot change.
- We will do all that we can to accommodate our spiritual, social and service ministries until the restoration and construction project is complete.

Thank you for your patience and I offer you once again, the prayer that seems to be our way of life these days.

*God grant us the serenity
to accept the things we cannot change;
courage to change the things we can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

Yours in Faith,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION
Registration for the 2018-2019 year is now open. **New families are welcome!**

Consider joining the Religious Education Ministry

Catechesis and religious education require the involvement of our entire faith community. Not only are we called to provide a community that welcomes new members, but also to provide catechetical instruction to them.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with the youngest members of our community. Let's work together to help our children grow in Faith.

Our Religious Education needs several volunteer catechists, classroom aides and substitutes for classes beginning in September. Training and curriculum materials will be provided for catechists. Offer your example and your time to learn about Christ with the children. Please pray about it! Come and join us in this beautiful ministry. For more information, contact Debbie Leach at 973 779-6200 or dleach@stphilip.org.

Registration for Classes

Returning families are reminded, if you haven't already done so, to register for 2018-2019 school year.

There are two ways to register:

- **Online:** Visit www.stphilip.org. The registration forms and fees can be submitted electronically.
- **In Person or by Mail:** Download and Print the registration form and return with fees to the Parish Office.

If you are new to our parish or have a child entering 1st grade in September, please call the Religious Education Office.

Be sure that you are registered with the parish prior to registering your child/children for class. Contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973-779-6200.

Please contact dleach@stphilip.org with any questions about our Religious Education program.

- Registration closes on August 15th!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 14th and 28th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, August 13th – 6:30 PM – We will be meeting in the Molloy Center at 6:30 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM: *The VFW Hall* - 491 Valley Road, Clifton

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Needed

Teachers, paraprofessionals, and substitute teachers
Please email your resume to:
principalzito@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON

ST. PETER CHURCH- 179 BALDWIN RD. PARSIPPANY

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 40th commemoration anniversary of his passing on **September 20, 2018** from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on September 20 at 7:00 PM.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzeno, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Cirilli, George Heyrich, Angelo Masino, Monique Tommaro, Paul Pairo, RoseMarie Azzaro

THE DECEASED:

Emil Schuren, Helen Lux

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: AUGUST 12, 2018

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| 5:30 PM | Fr. Joe | 8:00 AM | Fr. Matt |
| 10:00 AM | Fr. Joseph | 12:00 N | Fr. Joe |

PARISH GIVING

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| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 30, 2017 | \$19147.00 |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 29, 2018 | |
| Envelopes | \$11,396.00 |
| Cash | \$1276.00 |
| Online giving donation | \$4340.00 |
| Total | \$17012.00 |

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

SUNDAY, August 5, 2018

8:00 Giuseppe Ingui
10:00 Norma Llanes
Daniel Kelleher
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018

9:00 Srs.Eileen & Jayne Kelly, PBVM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

9:00 Thomas Reiner

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

9:00 Ralph J. Fucci

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

9:00 Ron Gorun

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018

9:00 Abbygail & Andrej Zarebczan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018

9:00 Alfonso Bayuelo
5:30 Rose Martin
Joseph Calise, Jr.
Thomas A. DiSanto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Margaret & George Dikdan
Kathy Miragliotta
12:00 Special Intention: Amati & Hilario Families

The Sanctuary Candle:

In memory of
Ron Gorun
From Charlotte and Dan

