

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017



A Gospel Quiz

Yes, we've heard this Gospel before. It's the one about the sower and the seed. It's a piece of one of 5 longer talks Jesus gave during his public ministry. As a matter of fact, it's number 3, which takes up all of chapter 13.

Matthew is trying to get one main point across to his audience who were composed in large part of Jews who had converted to Christianity: Jesus Christ, the long awaited and promised Messiah, had come; he had lived a human life and died and rose from the dead for our salvation.

Today's Gospel is one of 7 parables or stories that Jesus uses to talk about the Kingdom, which he announced at the beginning of his public ministry:

- **Sower and the Seed – today's Gospel**
- Weeds and Wheat
- Mustard Seed
- Leaven/Yeast
- Treasure
- Pearl
- Dragnet

So what is today's parable telling us about the Kingdom? Remember that Jesus is teaching, probably to an audience of people who worked the land. People who understood how things grow, and how to grow them. Remember also that much of Palestine was and is rocky, and the topsoil is often quite thin, and temperatures can soar! Jesus, we notice, is trying his best to invite his audience into the story - "Think about this story I am telling you – where do you fit in?"

So where do I/we fit in? A few questions may help us:

- what is the seed being sown?
- what is Jesus hoping to accomplish by telling this story?
- which one of the different soils do we identify with right now?
- have you ever had the experience of looking but not seeing, listening but not understanding?

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 24

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
 7:00 AM Georgeine Wendel
 12:00 PM John Scott

TUESDAY, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 7:00 AM Margaret Ryff
 12:00 PM Aldo Fronzi

WEDNESDAY, July 26

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
 7:00 AM Eileen Tracy
 12:00 PM Bill Casey

THURSDAY, July 27

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
 7:00 AM Elina Baldaserini
 12:00 PM Eileen M. Treacy

FRIDAY, July 28

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
 7:00 AM Fr. Ignatius McCormick, OFM CAP
 12:00 PM Marie E. Albert

SATURDAY, July 29

Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 8:00 AM Charlotte O'Donnell
 4:30 PM Vivienne Dalton

SUNDAY, July 30

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Church

7:30 AM Giovanni Tamburro
 9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish
 11:15 AM Mary Ann Marx - 9th Anniversary

Hall

10:30 AM Kaz Tarnowski
 12:00 PM Salvatore Puccio
 5:00 PM Sean Donovan



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 16, 2017	\$17,084	\$639,632
July 17, 2016	\$19,673	\$682,613
Co-Op Sunday	2017	\$6,853
	2016	\$8,503

This week's second collection: Hospitality House

We're still here while you're on vacation!



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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Beckham James Cartelli, Evelyn Davie Kwasnowski** and **Daniel Cash Tully** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Joseph Lapera, Dante Ligi, Conor McLaughlin, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, and Barbara Ortonowska.** For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



Candle Intentions



Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of **John Hyland**

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of **Victoria Cally**



SAVE THE DATE!

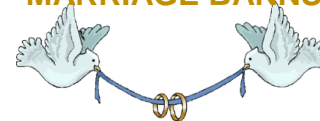


Aug. 19 - Facing the Giants (Food Trucks) Outside
Sept. 16 - Hidden Figures (BBQ) Outside
Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who (Babysitting and your version of "Mac n' Cheese")
Nov. 18 - Case for Christ

28th Annual Immaculate High School Golf Tournament Wed., **Sept 20th** at Richter

Park, Danbury. Enjoy 18 holes, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, beer and wine, hole-in-one contest. 9:00am registration; 11:30am shotgun start - \$1000 for foursome, \$250 single golfer. For info on sponsorship opportunities and to register online, visit www.immaculatehs.org/golf, or contact Debbie Basile, 203-744-1510, ext. 159, dbasile@myimmaculatehs.org.

MARRIAGE BANS



I. Bryan Paul Eisenman – Gina Marie Yost
II. Charles Thomas Denninger – Jennifer Mary Hnath

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In the month of July, collected food will go to Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Don't you want to be the best role model for your child? The easiest way is to share the faith with your children by spending time with them and "walking the talk." Connect the words to action! Join the Knights for the opportunity to serve our church and community together WITH your children. We are looking for Dads and their kids to help us throughout the year. Contact John McNicholas at jmpmcnich@yahoo.com or visit www.kofc245.org for more info.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady's message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken, 203-894-1341.



WHO MIGHT CONSIDER RCIA?

Adults who have never been baptized. **Adults** who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. **Adults** who were baptized

Catholic as infants, but who have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and /or Holy Eucharist. RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a

- Journey of personal growth
- Personal spiritual journey
- Time for discernment & reflection
- Place for sharing & questioning
- Time to learn about Catholicism and its Liturgy

RCIA is the Church's way of helping people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is concerned with the formation of a person into a fuller understanding of our Catholic faith, so that he or she can comfortably pray and serve within our Church. Contact RE Director, Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.



ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!

Give us your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our

Parish! Go to www.smcr.org for links. 😊

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Praise the Lord! This Corpus Christi we celebrated 23 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary Parish! Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or sign up for an hour:

SUN: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; MON: 1-2am; TUE: 11pm-Midnite; WED: 1-2 pm; THURS: 1-2am

O=permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.

X=1 additional adorer needed. Blank boxes=2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	X	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X			X		X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am	X	X	X		X	X	X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	O	X	X	O	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X			X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X					X	X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X		O		X	X	X

The kingdom of heaven is our God-given treasure to be entered & experienced. Through experience, wisdom & generosity we will be able to live it. We live the kingdom of God daily by using our treasure, allowing others to accompany us into a deeper faith in Christ. What better way to accept our gifts from God than by visiting & spending an hour with Him in the Adoration Chapel. We say, "Lord, I love your commands", but do we really know the Lord? Spend time with Him & get to know Him. Sign up for an hour by calling Bill & Monica @ (914)-533-2832. God bless us all.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary sung and prayed. Please join us!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Take an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord - along with 50 to 60 other like-minded men. How about spending a weekly hour and half experiencing our Men's Ministry on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:00AM? Besides having a great and welcoming community, we also serve bagels, coffee & OJ each week to ease the pain of a **very worthwhile wakeup call!**