17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses:** Mon., Wed., Fri. at 6:40 a.m.
Mon. – Sat. at 8:30 a.m.
Tues. & Thurs. at 6:15 p.m.

**Saturday Vigil Masses:** 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday Masses:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.,
12 noon & 5:00 p.m.

Our 8:30 a.m. Masses; weekend Masses
& the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (prayed
weekdays at 3:00 p.m.) are livestreamed via
Facebook [here](#) and also on [YouTube](#).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**The Rosary** is prayed Mon. – Fri. and on
First Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. via this [link](#).

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the
Klinger Center (building next to church).

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**St. Vincent de Paul Helpline** (614) 973-9772

**PARISH REGISTRATION**
Welcome to St. Paul’s! We encourage you to
register online at [https://stpaulcatholicchurch.org](https://stpaulcatholicchurch.org/).

**BAPTISMS**
For those families wishing to have their child
baptized during this time of physical distancing,
we can arrange a private baptism following the
12:00 noon Sunday Mass. For more information,
please contact Annette Ramos in the Parish
Office at [aramos@stpacc.org](mailto:aramos@stpacc.org).

**WEDDINGS**
Please contact the Parish Office at least six
months in advance at either (614) 882-2109 or
[stpaulchurch@stpacc.org](mailto:stpaulchurch@stpacc.org).

**MARIAN GIFT SHOP**
Our Marian Gift Shop, located in the church, is
open on Mondays and Fridays from 9:15 a.m. to
noon; Wednesdays from noon to 7:00 p.m. and on
Saturdays from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call
(614) 882-5257 to arrange to shop at either other
times or remotely.

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July 26, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 26, The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12; Ps. 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13:44-52 or Mt. 13:44-46
8:00 a.m. People of St. Paul the Apostle Parish
10:00 a.m. Carolyn Cox
12:00 p.m. Catherine & Suzanna Danaraj
5:00 p.m. Deborah Waggoner

Monday, July 27
Jer. 13:1-11; Dt. 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt. 13:31-35
6:40 a.m. Intentions of Claudia Erardy
8:30 a.m. Mary Huff

Tuesday, July 28
Jer. 14:17-22; Ps. 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt. 13:36-43
8:30 a.m. Joe Beshara
6:15 p.m. Dollie Zito

Wednesday, July 29, Memorial of Saint Martha
Jer. 15:10, 16-21; Ps. 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Jn. 11:19-27 or Lk. 10:38-42
6:40 a.m. William R. Bates
8:30 a.m. Joann L. Leite

Thursday, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer. 18:1-6; Ps. 146:1b-6ab; Mt. 13:47-53
8:30 a.m. Leonard Guild
6:15 p.m. John Heringhaus

Friday, July 31, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer. 26:1-9; Ps. 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt. 13:54-58
6:40 a.m. Rina Tiberi
8:30 a.m. T. Joseph Walsh
1:30 p.m. Marriage of Alaina Lewis and Colin Burke

Saturday, August 1, Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer. 26:11-16, 24; Ps. 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt. 14:1-12
8:30 a.m. Bob Tavenner
1:30 p.m. Marriage of Madeline Shaw and Matthew Smolik

Vigil Masses for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is. 55:1-3; Ps. 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom. 8:35, 37-39; Mt. 14:13-21
4:00 p.m. Dan Walker
6:00 p.m. Tanner Hogue

Praised be Jesus Christ!
For those of you whom I have not met, my name is Aron Aziz. I grew up here at St. Paul’s and graduated from our grade school. After studying computer science at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, I served for the last two years as a campus missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Following much prayer and discernment, I applied and have recently been accepted to the novitiate of the Province of St. Joseph of the Order of Friars Preachers, the Dominicans. The novitiate is a year of continued discernment dedicated to learning the way of life of the Order and exploring whether God is calling me to a vocation as a Dominican priest. For the next year, I will be at the province’s novitiate community at St. Gertrude Parish in Cincinnati.

Thank you for your prayers and support during these last two years while I have been preaching the Gospel with FOCUS, and please continue to keep me in your prayers during this time of continued discernment. I am sure I will need it! Be assured of my prayers for our parish family.

To Jesus through Mary,
Aron Aziz

Lord, I love your commands.
Our Stewardship Collection on July 19, 2020

Fiscal Year Offertory Budget per Week............................................. $54,375.35
Offertory:
Envelopes................................................................. $11,205.00
Loose................................................................. $3,997.94
One-time WeShare contributions....................................... $8,802.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (460 households)...................... $27,048.00
Total........................................................................ $51,053.94
Estimated Weekly Excess/(Deficit)................................. ($3,321.41)

YTD Church Building Fund Collection.................................$2,491.00
Church Building Fund Loan........................................ $5,231,405.59
YTD Reaching for Tomorrow Collection..........................$915.00
Reaching for Tomorrow Loan.........................................$53,872.12

Our sincere thanks to all who give to the parish offertory. Your continued giving is most essential to our operations. May our Lord richly bless you!

We thank everyone who has given to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Through the Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many. To date, we have received $60,125 in gifts/pledges which is about 18% of our $335,810.58 goal. To make an online gift or for additional information, please refer to www.columbuscatholicgiving.org. If you prefer, you can also place your BAA envelope in the collection basket at Mass or simply mail your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Through your generosity, you are supporting ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. Every donation, regardless of the amount, helps in serving others. Thank you.

Now is an especially good time to use WeShare, a safe, simple and certainly convenient way to give! Just text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952. (Note that as of July 24, the text is to be sent to an 800 number.) If you prefer to give online, go to https://stpaulcatholicchurch.weshareonline.org/. Please contact Parish Accountant Loretta Nazario at lnazario@stpacc.org if you have any questions about WeShare or your offertory. Thank you.
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Social Concerns (10%) - Your BAA gift funds social justice education and advocacy programs addressing current issues as they pertain to Catholic Social Teaching and local liaisons for national programs such as Catholic Relief Services and the Campaign for Human Development.

Spiritual and Pastoral Programs (17%) - The BAA supports the mission of Catholic Ethnic Ministries to promote spiritual growth, and evangelization of our multiethnic Catholic communities and the parishes serving them.

Parish Life Enhancements (18%) - The BAA supports Diocesan parishes in the realm of liturgy, and sacramental preparation, and also funds archdiocesan programs such as the Bishops as well as marriage preparation and life enrichment programs.

Priest, Deacon, and Seminarian Education (21%) - Your gift to the BAA supports the education and professional development of our seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders, and also provides funding to promote vocations.

Education programs, student and school assistance (30%) - The BAA helps prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith-centered lives through Catholic religious education programs, parish school tuition assistance, parochial school tuition assistance, parish religious education programs, religious ministry programs, and youth ministry programs.

A small portion (4%) of funds raised through the BAA are used to develop and execute fundraising efforts associated with the appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and data processing, promotional materials, and postage.

July 26, 2020
CONNECTING THE WORD OF GOD TO OUR LIVES

Reflecting on Today’s Gospel...
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The news around the world each day confronts us with images and stories that can push us to the core of our faith and conscience and lead us to seek out meaning and understanding. This weekend’s scriptures offer us some insight into how we might see and respond to these realities. God offers King Solomon any gift, and Solomon asks that he be given an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong.

Is there anything that is standing in the way between you and God?

After spending time reflecting on today’s Gospel, what is the Lord trying to say to you?

Preparing for Next Sunday...
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
Second Reading: Romans 8:235, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus is mourning the death of John the Baptist in the Gospel reading today. But even though he is troubled, Jesus is fully aware of the needs of those around him. Instead of focusing exclusively on his own needs and concerns, he reaches out to heal others and even to feed a great multitude. This miracle had eucharistic implications for the early Christians. Moreover, he continues to feed the poor and the hungry through his Church.

Tell about a time when someone helped you in your time of need.

For what are people in your life hungry? Plan one way you might help “feed” them this week.
You Can Share God’s Love by Caring for Those in Need

During these unusual and difficult times especially, there are many who are hungry, hurting, and need our help. We will be collecting donations of single serve snacks, water bottles, as well as bologna and cheese sandwiches** this Tuesday morning, July 28, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. for the very many served at the St. Lawrence Haven and our sister parish, Holy Rosary/St. John. Certainly, monetary donations are always appreciated as well. We will process in a simple drop off and drive through format in front of our church on Tuesday morning. Please consider placing your donations in the trunk of your vehicle if possible, for a “contactless” drop off. Thank you!

**The process for assembling the sandwiches is quite simple. For each bologna and cheese sandwich, please use two slices of white bread. On top of the bread, place a single slice of American cheese (still in the plastic) then put a slice of bologna on top of the cheese. This helps to ensure that the sandwiches do not become soggy. Please package each sandwich in a zip locked sandwich baggie. You may want to then place the baggies in the plastic bread bag to more easily transport them.

As you make the sandwiches, please pray for those who will receive them.

Is God Calling You to Something More During This Pandemic?
This is a precious time in which people are looking to deepen their connection with Jesus...

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Our parish is hosting Tuesday gatherings from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. this summer for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, are eighteen years of age or older and have either not been baptized, were baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic and have not yet received their First Holy Communion.

The sessions are FREE and are available via Zoom. The format will include a dialogue of questions from those participating, coupled with information about the ins and outs of connecting spiritually with the Lord. Please contact Pastoral Associate Susan Bellotti at sjbellotti@stpacc.org for the Zoom sign-in information—and consider viewing this link entitled “How Do I Become Catholic?” https://youtu.be/OPvhfouj3Pg?tl=6.

The St. John Learning Center is offering Start Your Own Business Workshops on Wednesday evenings (August 5th through September 2nd) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. All workshops are taught on Zoom. You can register for any of these workshops through the St. John Learning Center Eventbrite page: eventbrite.com/o/st-john-learning-center-22982702594. (Consider bookmarking it for future small business, health and other workshops!) For more information about this upcoming workshop, please contact Dan at either 614-547-2171 or sjlc.coordinator@gmail.com.
How Well Are You Living Your Baptistmal Call to Discipleship?

Through Baptism we are called to be followers of Christ, to be His disciples. Perhaps we could all benefit from taking some time over the course of the next few weeks to examine our lives and see how well we are answering our call to discipleship.

† Do I pray regularly?
† Do I listen to God or do I do all the talking?
† Do I recognize when God speaks to me through scripture, through others, and in the silence of my heart?
† Do my prayers focus on discovering God’s will more than expressing my needs?
† When making decisions, do I seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
† Is my relationship with Christ motivated more by love than duty or fear?
† Do my actions demonstrate a desire to build God’s kingdom rather than my own?
† Do I forgive others as God forgives me?
† Do I admit my errors in relationships and humbly seek forgiveness from those I’ve likely hurt?
† Am I gentle and kind and patient in my interactions with others?
† Do I encourage others by pointing out their strengths rather than criticizing their weaknesses?
† Do my time commitments demonstrate that I value relationships over my work, career, and my hobbies?
† Do I share my faith in Christ Jesus with others?
† When confronted about my faith, do I remain consistent and firm in defending it?
† Do I profess my faith through both my words and actions?
† Do I recognize the gifts I have been given and use them to serve others?
† Do I help others to identify their gifts and encourage them to use them to serve God and others?
† Do I serve others expecting nothing in return?
† Do I sacrificially contribute my treasure to support my church and community?
† Do I go out of my way to show God’s love to the people I meet?
† Do I live the Gospel?
† Do I live Jesus?

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Please be sure to save the date for the Stallion Golf Outing set to take place on **Sunday, August 23** at the New Albany Links. The outing supports St. Francis DeSales High School’s athletic programs and is open to all.

Please refer to [www.sfdstallions.org/stallion-golf-outing](http://www.sfdstallions.org/stallion-golf-outing) to learn about the many sponsorship opportunities that are still available and find out how you can reserve your place!

Local businesses who advertise in our parish bulletin need us now more than ever before. As businesses reopen, please consider how you might patronize our bulletin sponsors and remind others to do the same. Their support makes our weekly online bulletin possible. During this time when we are not printing copies of the bulletin, we will feature a **Sponsor of the Week**. This week the spotlight is on **The Gables of Westerville Senior Living Community**!

The **Gables of Westerville**, located right next to our church, strives to help ease the challenges of aging while encouraging seniors to enjoy the comforts of home. Their sales office is now open. You can learn more at [https://gablesofwesterville.com/](https://gablesofwesterville.com/) or schedule a virtual tour by calling 614-918-0050.

We are very pleased to report that three counselors from Spirit of Peace Clinical Counseling are now able to meet clients face-to-face following safe protocols in a private meeting room located in the lower level of our Parish Office building. Telehealth is also temporarily available during the pandemic for those who are interested. Spirit of Peace is dedicated to helping people restore hope, peace, and balance in their lives. They accept a variety of insurance plans and self-pays, have support through the Diocese of Columbus, and are used by many parishes. Consider contacting these clinicians about their onsite availability: Jennie Statczar, MA, LPC, at [jennie@sopcc.org](mailto:jennie@sopcc.org), Matthew Knox, CT, at [matthew@sopcc.org](mailto:matthew@sopcc.org), or Edward Luersman MA, LPC at [edward@sopcc.org](mailto:edward@sopcc.org). You can also learn more about Spirit of Peace Clinical Counseling at [www.spiritofpeaceclinicalcounseling.com](http://www.spiritofpeaceclinicalcounseling.com) or by calling their general office number at 614-442-7650.

Thank you for placing your donations of clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances in the donation bin located in our church parking lot. All items are sold, and proceeds are used to support the many programs provided by Catholic Social Services. If you have any questions, need a tax receipt, or have large items to donate, (sorry, no large furniture), please call 1-888-852-7523.

**Thank you for not placing any donations outside of the donation bin nor in the narthex of the church.**