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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023



Hidden Treasures

MATTHEW 13:44:52

May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do we treasure the most and how do we keep it from being lost or stolen? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Matthew 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

When we discover the kingdom of God, we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things - our friends, job, our "style of life," what we do with our free time, etc. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek. Is the Lord the treasure and delight of our hearts?

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 6, 2023

Daniel 7:9-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Saint of the Week... Saint Ignatius of Loyola

On July 31, the Universal Church marks the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Spanish saint is known for founding the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, as well as for creating the "Spiritual Exercises" often used today for retreats and individual discernment.

St. Ignatius was born into a noble family in 1491 in Guipuzcoa, Spain. He served as a page in the Spanish court of Ferdinand and Isabella. He then became a soldier in the Spanish army and wounded his leg in 1521. During his recuperation, he read "Lives of the Saints." The experience led him to undergo a profound conversion, and he dedicated himself to the Catholic faith.

After making a general confession in a monastery in Montserrat, St. Ignatius proceeded to spend almost a year in solitude. He wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises" and then made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land, where he worked to convert Muslims.

St. Ignatius returned to complete his studies in Spain and then France, where he received his theology degree. While many held him in contempt because of his holy lifestyle, his wisdom and virtue attracted some followers, and the Society of Jesus was born.

The Society was approved by Pope Paul III in 1540, and it grew rapidly. St. Ignatius remained in Rome, where he governed the Society and became friends with St. Philip Neri. St. Ignatius died peacefully on July 31, 1556 at the age of 65. He is the patron saint of soldiers and spiritual retreats.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com



Feast Day: July 31



Ignatius of Loyola

This modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often called "The Saint of Second Chances," is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle, driven to near suicide by his inner demons, finding himself imprisoned, and finally finding his life in the hands of the Inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

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First Jubilee Fundraisers Bring Great Success!

Last weekend we wrapped up the first fundraisers for our Jubilee celebration and they were all a great success! A hot dog sale took place after the Vigil Mass on Saturday which also featured a handmade jewelry sale and the raffle drawing. Congratulations to Pam Launi who was the winner of the grapevine cross!

We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners who are always willing to give their time, talent and treasure! Proceeds from these Jubilee fundraisers will help offset any costs related to the many events which are planned during our year-long celebration.



Benjamin Burdock, son of Tom and Cassandra Burdock, drew the winning ticket for the grapevine cross.



Shown here are a few of the members of the Fundraising Committee who helped to make the hot dog sale a success! Rosie Landis, Joanne Stickley, Melissa Stanislawczyk and Tina Stephen.



Parishioner Rene Trezise takes a look at the handmade jewelry items.

MARY KAY

Next Fundraiser Begins August 1!

Our next Jubilee fundraiser is a Mary Kay online party!

Mary Kay Consultant and fellow parishioner Ann Marie DeMasi is hosting this event with a portion of all sales benefitting the jubilee celebration. Everyone is invited to participate, including family and friends both near and far! Please use and share the link or QR code below for the online party which will be open August 1-31, 2023. Don't want to shop online? Contact Ann Marie directly at 304-790-2620 or mk0895annie@gmail.com.

Please note: If you would like to help but already have a Mary Kay consultant, simply let Ann Marie know. You can still purchase through the "Aug 2023 Jubilee Party" to help with our Jubilee fundraiser, but she will NOT contact you in the future unless it relates to your purchase.

<https://marykayapp.page.link/viWL>



Simply aim your phone's camera at the code

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 29	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Donald Wagoner	Mary Wagoner
		Soul of Jerry Marsh.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 30	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Susann & Larry Martin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Monday, July 31	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 1	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 2	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Joe Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Soul of Joyce Turner	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, August 3	12 noon	Soul of Jordan Placka	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Sue Harber	Linda Marsh
Friday, August 4	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Pam Williams	Sue & Jean Harber
Saturday, August 5	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, August 6	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill
		Intentions of Art DeMasi.....	Mike & Rosie Landis

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Jean Harber, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Anita Martel, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

**Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)*



Congratulations to senior religious education students **Jack Stanislawczyk** and **Amaya Bartlett** who were chosen to attend Mountaineer Boys State and WV Rhododendron Girls State earlier this summer! Both events are sponsored by the American Legion and offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about state government. For the first time ever this year, a joint session of both Boys State and Girls State representatives was held at the State Capitol in Charleston. Amaya was a member of the House of Delegates and passed two bills through their mock legislature.

Jack says that his time at Boys State was great and, "I had a good time and am thankful for the opportunity to attend." Amaya says her time at Girls State was amazing and, "I learned so much and I am so grateful for the friendships I made and the leadership skills I learned."

Your Stewardship

July 22-23, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,740
Loose Donations.....	\$612
Total	\$2,352

Attendance

Saturday, 7/22	67
Sunday, 7/23	79
Total	146



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Sesquicentennial Jubilee Meeting

A reminder to members of the Jubilee Core Committee that there is a meeting on Thursday, August 3, at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Each committee should have a representative attend.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, August 10. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Paul Bogdan, Tammy Dale, Charlotte Delilo, Mike Fleming, Jean Harber, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Pam Williams.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 5

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, August 6

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
 EM: Kelley Kuhn, Dave Minnich (c), TBD (c)
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
 Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Saturday, August 12

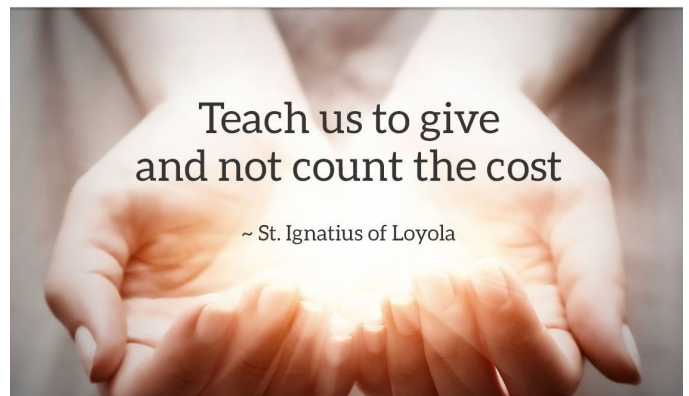
Lector: Anita Tetreault
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EM: Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
 Cantor: TBD

Sunday, August 13

Lector: John Bogdan
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Charlotte Delilo, Nancy Starcher (c), Jane Placka (c)
 Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
 Cantor: TBD

Stonerise EM

August 3 Dave Dunn
 August 10 Pam Williams



Teach us to give
and not count the cost

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola