

July 19, 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

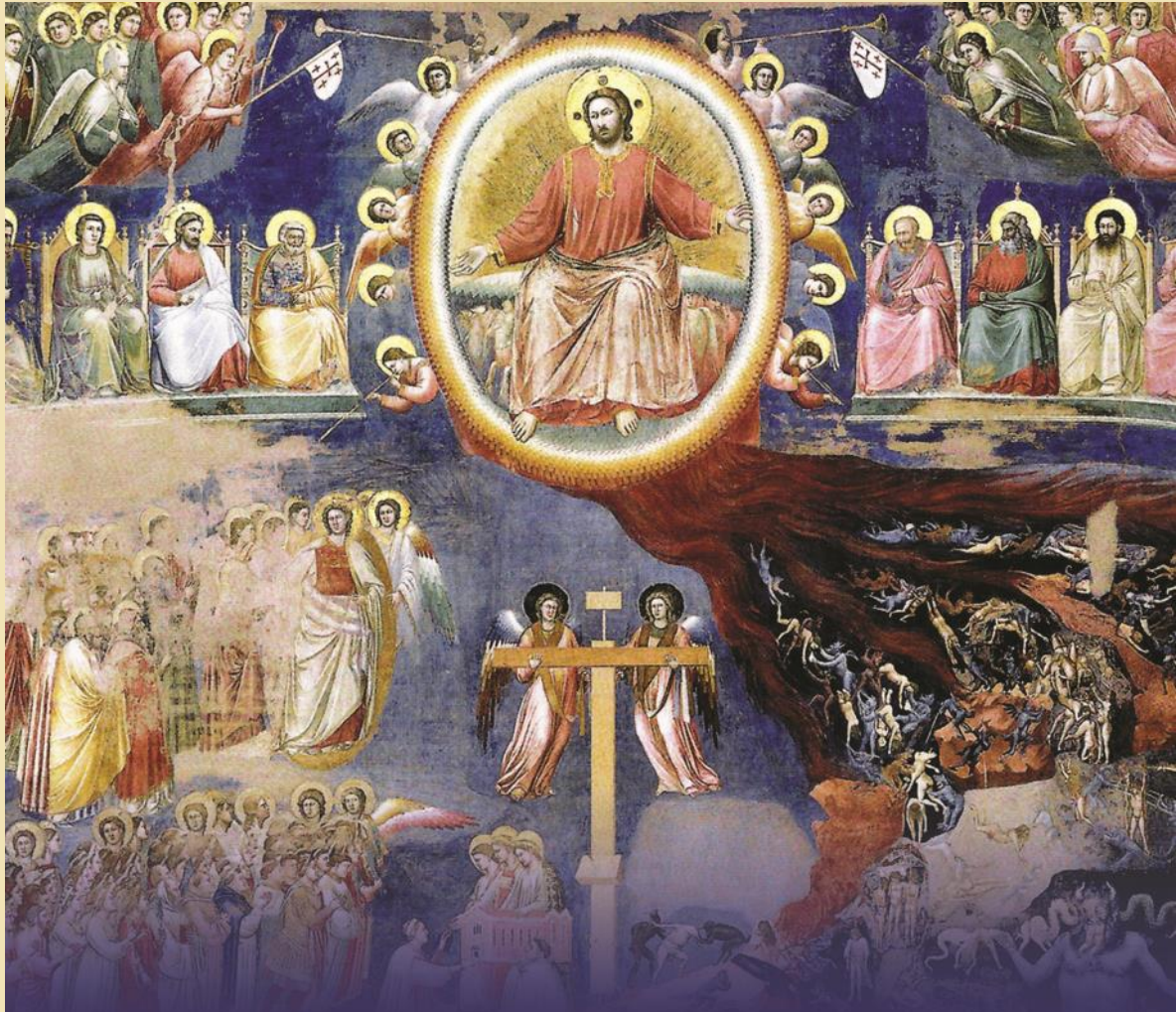


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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Public Masses in time of Pandemic:

As we attend Mass during this pandemic, we also reflect on the ancient traditions and rich chant of the past. The Antiphons have been an integral part of the Roman Missal since its beginning, and all over the world this text is sung or spoken. During our period of social distancing and minimal congregational singing, the Meinrad tones are a contemplative approach to our current crisis and participation. We hope you will pray deeply while the cantor begins our liturgy and participate as you feel comfortable in internalizing the refrains.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon
Mode 5 Ps. 54(53):6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sus -
tains my soul. I will sac - ri - fice to you with
will - ing heart, and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

(Psalm 54[53])

Congregational Refrain

We praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Greeting

Glory to God (Recited):

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86



Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will.

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat long with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed

that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’” He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.* Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Instrumental

The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop baskets.

To maintain the brevity of the Mass and protection of all during this pandemic, the Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited.

Preface Dialogue

Preface Acclamation

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

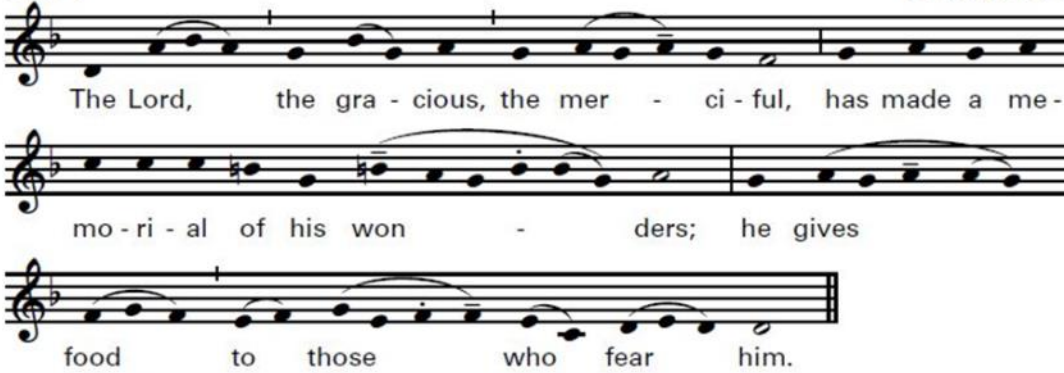
The Lord's Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

Communion Antiphon
Mode 1

Ps. 111(110):4-5



The Lord, the gra-cious, the mer-ci-ful, has made a me-mo-ri-al of his won-ders; he gives food to those who fear him.

(Psalm 111[110])

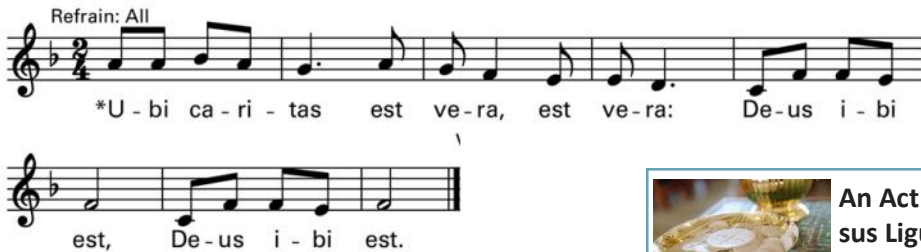
Congregational Refrain



The Lord gives food to those who fear him.

UBI CARITAS

Bob Hurd



Refrain: All
*U-bi ca-ri-tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i-bi est, De-us i-bi est.

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth

Instrumental

Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

This worship aid is yours to keep. Take it home with you to continue reading the bulletin which contains lots of information about continuing your faith and ways you can participate at JGS.



During Communion: The direction for communion is the opposite of what we used to do. We will be using the side aisles to receive and return on the opposite aisle.

The outside sections go first and then the center sections. Center sections, please remain kneeling until it is your turn.

Please use the markings on the floor to maintain 6ft from other families in the communion aisle out of care for our community.



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

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Bulletin for July 19, 2020 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. In the church
 9:45 a.m. In church or in your car
*live-streamed at 9:45 a.m. on
 Facebook and YouTube*

Weekday Mass

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)
Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)
live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

[Click here to Sign up for Mass](#)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My prayers continue to be offered for you during this summer of the pandemic. Although most have adjusted beautifully to this new situation, many still have not. In particular, let us keep those who have difficulty during these times foremost in our thoughts and prayers.



In addition, anyone who has a son/daughter in school at any level of education understands that the end of July is a time for patience and for wisdom. As we inch closer to the resumption of fall classes, many decisions have to be made. Let us also pray for all students, parents, educators and school administrators that they may make the best decisions for their families and for their respective schools.

For us as Catholics, we look for spiritual strength and inspiration in the great Saints who also encountered great challenges in their lives. My personal faith is always inspired by Saints who persevered in times of struggle. One was St. Elizabeth Seton.

Elizabeth Seton had every reason to give up, to lose hope, to be angry and to turn her back from God. When she was just 29, her life began to fall apart in ways that are almost unthinkable. By then, she lost her husband, her friends abandoned her, her own family rejected her. Soon after, Elizabeth was left penniless, and eventually, two of her five children would die in her arms. But in her suffering, Elizabeth Seton found hope – through her endless faith, her love for God and in her fervent prayers. She was indeed a woman of prayer. It was in her prayer life that Elizabeth was able to draw new strength and new hope when she faced her darkest hours.

As I write, we all are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in our lives. Inconvenience and hardship on many levels have hit so many of us close at home. I pray that you and your loved ones remain healthy and safe. We continue to pray that our nation and our world will overcome this crisis through God’s grace and the power of prayer.

Thanks to so many of you, our parish community continues to live and breathe despite the times. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist continue to be celebrated in abundance. Outreach to the homebound, hungry and hospitalized continues. We already have five candidates for our RCIA next year, even though we have not yet really publicized such yet. Funerals are being celebrated; plans for the re-opening of Cardinal Hickey Academy, our Faith Formation Program for our children, Confirmation Program and ACT for our teens and RCIA are coming together for the fall. Physical plant needs and repairs [such as the re-paving of the last section of our parking lot, new HVAC unit for the church, additional lighting in the church sanctuary] are presently being addressed. We can all say at Jesus the Good Shepherd, “Praise God!” And in the midst of all of this, Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid. I have risen and I am still with you!” God bless you!

Father Mike

Weekend Mass Intentions for July 18-19, 2020

4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of Helen Ponton at the request of the Scott family
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary Chin, wife of Ray, at the request of John and Barbara Hoff
9:45 AM	Healing and blessings for the Chin and Palmer Families, loved ones of Mary Chin, at the request of Evelyn Turley; and, for the repose of the soul of Albert Amisano, uncle of Richard Amisano, at the request of the Amisano family

Mass Intentions for July 20-25, 2020

Mon	7/20	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	7/21	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary Chin, wife of Ray, at the request of Dave and Carol Wilson
Wed	7/22	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	7/23	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Vincent Austin, Jr., brother of Carolyn Austin, on his birthday
Fri	7/24	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of David Kuhn, son of Chuck and Lynn, on the one year anniversary of his death, at the request of Randy and Paula Kozick; and, for the repose of the soul of Raymond Stubbs, husband of Mildred, at the request of Jim and Midgie Haerer
Sat	7/25	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Josephine Martin, mother of Carol Wilson, at the request of Dave and Carol Wilson

Ministry Schedule for July 25-26, 2020

Mass	Lector	Greeters/Host Team	Cleaning Crew after each Mass
4:30 PM Vigil	Renaud	help needed please sign up	Volunteers Needed
8:00 AM	Please sign-up	Kaputa/Thorne/more help needed please sign up	Mike and Patty Horabik
9:45 AM	Norris	Zamary/more help needed please sign up	Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers are needed! Help as a greeter or help with the 15 minute clean up after Mass.
Call or email Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 ext 1001**



JGS MEMBER REGISTRATION – Are you new to JGS? Want to join? **THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS MEETING IS YET TO BE SCHEDULED.** Please, stay tuned, as this may be a zoom meeting or the meeting will take place in the Centre or outdoor pavilion. In the mean time please go to our website at ccjgs.org or join us Facebook. Another good way to keep in contact with us is by signing up for Flocknote to receive alerts about news and events. (see page 9).



PARKING LOT PAVING: Plans are underway to complete the last phase of our large parking lot repairing and repaving which began last summer. The area under consideration is towards the Pavilion and behind the church. This final phase is able to be completed due to the generosity of our members and careful savings for this purpose since last summer. The paving company assures us that this last phase of paving will take place during the week of July 20th. There should be no interruptions in parking or driving.

During the repairing and repaving, there should be no interruption to the flow of traffic. The final cost of repairing and repaving the entire parking lot comes to \$124,340. This, of course, would not have happened with your financial support through our Sunday offertory. We depend very heavily on our Sunday offertory to not only make ends meet but to save for on-going, future maintenance expenditures. Our deepest thanks to all for their faithful financial generosity to our parish. Your financial gifts allow us to do such things as to repair and repave our parking lot.

Upcoming Events



Registration is open for our Children's Faith Formation program for grades PreK4 through 8 this fall!

Early-bird discounts have been extended through July 31st.

Please re-register your child/ren now! Two years of prep are required for First Communion at the end of 2nd grade and Confirmation at the end of 9th grade. To register your children online, visit: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/4342>. Classes meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Pre-K through 8) and evening classes (for grades 3 through 8) meet twice monthly on Sunday nights from 6:20 p.m. to 8 p.m. While we hope and pray that we will be able to meet in person in September, we are preparing for the possibility of classes being partially or fully online.

We need Children's Faith Formation volunteers in the following grades:

Grade 3: AM catechist ; PM catechist and aide

Grade 5: PM catechist and aide

Grade 7: AM aide ; PM catechist

Grade 8: PM aides

Office Aide: AM

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents as a catechist or classroom aide. You will enjoy it and bolster your own faith and we will provide training. If you have questions or are interested in being a catechist or an aide, please email: religioused@ccjgs.org or religiouaide@ccjgs.org.

JOB OPENING, COORDINATOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION[AFF]/RCIA AT JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD: Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, an active and service-minded community in Owings, Calvert County, Maryland in the Archdiocese of Washington, is seeking a part-time coordinator for Adult Faith Formation. We are looking for someone who is in love with their Catholic Faith, has a passion for Adult Faith Formation and is a self-starter.

This position requires someone who can creatively and energetically grow an adult faith formation program and present the faith in a way that is innovative, exciting and relevant to adults. The candidate should be comfortable with working with adults, using social media and technology, have motivational leadership skills and be well-organized. The responsibilities also include the planning and execution of the RCIA program. The coordinator assists with a few liturgies during the year, including retreats, missions and special speakers. The coordinator also oversees the JGS Ministries, Ministry Fair, and evangelization efforts.

Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and possess a good knowledge of and be able to articulate the teachings of the Catholic Faith. A Bachelor's degree in Theology or Religious Education or similar field is preferred. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Mrs. Laura Cleary, Administrative Assistant, Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, 1601 W. Mount Harmony Rd, Owings, MD 20736 or email to secretary@ccjgs.org.



JGS is ultimately concerned with the safety and well being of our community. We have made necessary precautions and followed local county, state, and archdiocesan guidelines during the re-opening of the church. We have trained volunteers from our parish continuing to sanitize after Masses (if you would like to volunteer, let the church office know, we could use more help).

How should you and your family prepare?

- 1.) Make your reservation, choose:
 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass in the church (seating begins at 4:10 p.m.)
 - 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church (seating begins at 7:40)
 - 9:45 a.m. Two options: Mass in the church (seating begins at 9:20); or in your car (limited parking available). Park by the brick Founders Walk (look for the cones) Tune into station 100.1 on your car radio.



For you and the safety of our parishioners, reservations are required. This allows us to contact you should we have a need.

- 2.) Arrive early and prepared. Follow all directions from our Host Team. Please note:
 - Wear a mask •Social Distance • Access to bathrooms is limited • Tune to FM 100.1 for Car listening (limited spots) •Hospitality after Mass is temporarily unavailable

To sign up, go to the JGS website, ccjgs.org, or Facebook page. The link is also sent out via Flocknote, see page 9 to sign up for Flocknote. Or arrive early, and sign-in at the sign-in table. Or call Laura Cleary at the church office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. and she will sign you up for Mass. 410-257-3810.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God’s presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God’s mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God’s time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener. ©LPi



Virtue of Spirituality



The sick: Christopher Crandall; Robert Pellegrino; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff;

Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Ray Wenderlich; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Katie Lackie

For the repose of the soul of Dave Thacker, brother-in-law of John and Mary Otranto.

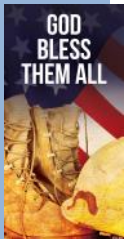
Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

<i>Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; Ensign Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lan-son Weeks; Captain Robert Pat-terson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer;</i>	<i>Genelin; Michael Par-ker; Michael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison;</i>
<i>Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian</i>	<i>Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell</i>



Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.

JUBILARIAN MASS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating mile-stone-wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. To register, cou-ples should contact Laura or Sheryl in the church office by September 23rd. Send email to secretary@ccjgs.org or call 410-257-3810.

3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

-  WASH YOUR HANDS
-  DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE
-  KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

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Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



SOS is here to serve our seniors!

If you need help, SOS is here to serve. SOS will gladly assist parishioners 55 years old and older who needs help, whether it be to pick up groceries or a prescription, provide transportation to Mass or to the doctors, or just talk on the phone to say hi. If you, or, if you know of someone who needs help please either send an email to jgsservingourseniors@gmail.com; or call 410-610-2953 and speak with Raleigh Weckbaugh or email Cindy Morgan at mcmorgan@hughes.net.



JGS continues to support the local food pantry in North Beach, Maryland, called, "Our Ladies of Charity Food Pantry". If you would like donate non-perishable food items, you may leave them on the cart by the front door of the church.

SUMMER OFFERTORY GIVING: Summertime is a critical time for any parish's Sunday offertory, but even more so during the pandemic when there is still a dispensation not to attend Mass. When people do not attend Mass, the offertory is down and the parish suffers as a result. During the summertime, the financial needs of a parish do not stop; they do not take a vacation. Utilities and repairs and ministries continue regardless. Your prayerful financial support of your parish especially during the summer is deeply appreciated. Here at Jesus the Good Shepherd, every weekend we depend on \$7,000 weekly and \$32,00 monthly in our electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*, to maintain our present/budgeted operations into the fall. Thank you for keeping the needs of your parish foremost in your minds, hearts and budgeting during these summer months. Thank you!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of July 12, 2020:
Weekly Offertory \$ 8,605
Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.
Thank you for your generosity!



Cardinal Hickey Academy (CHA) continues to accept applications for the 2020-2021 school year. We are blessed with teachers who were ready for distance learning this year and will be ready for the next school year - whatever that brings.

Have questions? Call 410-286-0404 and leave a message or email us at cha_info@cardinalhickeyacademy.org
Admissions information and links are on our website at cardinalhickeyacademy.org

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

ARE YOU ON FAITH DIRECT? Offertory is essential to your JGS church operations! JGS relies heavily on Sunday offertory to maintain operational budgets, staff, and resources for our community. It is essential that, during this isolation time, we continue to give an offering to our church for it to be sustained in the future.

Questions? Contact Pam Huseman
accounting@ccjgs.org

OFFERTORY WILL BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

- Via FaithDirect** • go to ccjgs.org/partners
- Online Banking** • You can send us your offertory through your personal online banking, just like you pay your bills. Please use the mailing address below.
- BY MAIL** • You can mail your offertory envelope to the church:

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ALL Masses are in the church and we are following CDC protocols.

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For contact tracing, we ask that you sign up for Mass using our electronic sign up found on our website at ccjgs.org/ virtual resources; or, find one of our greeters and sign-in when you arrive.

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to get involved right away. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:**Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>

We are having periodic virtual new members meetings, which are announced via flocknote.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 x1000, 1001 or 1003.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS - We are working on holding virtual baptism classes. To get your name on the list for the next class, please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 or email receptionist@ccjgs.org.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

Mission Statement: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.” 10



Dear Members of Jesus the Good Shepherd Community,

Thank you for your continued support of Jesus the Good Shepherd to enable it to continue to be the great parish it is! May God bless you for your generosity and support of your parish in these unprecedented times.

Out of concern, quite a few parishioners have approached me as to how Jesus the Good Shepherd is doing financially after the pandemic began in March [fallout from fewer Sunday Masses]. The annual financial report to our community goes out in September. Because of the present circumstances, however, this report is intended to give our overall status until that report.

We are happy to share that electronic giving through *Faith Direct* is way up both in numbers of households participating and in income. Because JGS began electronic giving several years ago, this has become a "blessing in disguise," financially speaking, now during the pandemic. *Faith Direct* has offset the decline in Sunday offertory collections due to fewer Sunday Masses, while the dispensation to attend Mass is still in force.

Currently, 45% of our active/registered/giving households are enrolled in *Faith Direct*. As a result, Jesus the Good Shepherd is now one of the top parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington enrolled in *Faith Direct*. This is very impressive and something for Jesus the Good Shepherd to celebrate! For those who have joined "eGiving," my deepest thanks!

For those who don't give yet electronically, an open invitation to consider doing so through *Faith Direct*. It is safe and easy. Overall, our budgeted income is still considered low. This is why we need every household to support our parish financially to meet our needs. Information is in our bulletin. Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

With our Stewardship/Finance Council, I have been working diligently to be more realistic both in terms of what is needed to maintain our parish operations, to constantly monitor spending and to be more creative to address offertory.

First, for our budget for this fiscal year which began July 1 [ends June 30], we need \$7,000 weekly in the offertory and \$7,500 weekly in *Faith Direct* or \$30,333 monthly offertory and \$32,500 monthly in *Faith Direct*. This is needed to maintain our present, budgeted operations into the fall. This does not include the Christmas or Easter collections we get once a year that also cover our expenses during the year or the other ways income is received throughout the year [for example, fees for Children's Faith Formation, Confirmation, funeral receptions, sacramental offerings]. *Faith Direct* proceeds are reported to us twice a month; Sunday offertory proceeds are known weekly.

Second, for extra convenience, we also have developed our own "QR" code ["Quick Response"]. We are working on getting this QR code on all JGS publications and media to allow simple and immediate electronic giving from electronic devices.

Third, our technology needs continue to grow. The parish still needs a new "server" to replace the original one, in addition to new "switches" to replace the original switches throughout the building which control internet/intranet traffic. Server upgrades to the staff machines are also needed. Your kind financial assistance during the summer will help us upgrade our technology to better serve our parish needs as they will expand.

Lastly, we are trying to be good stewards in other areas of parish life as well. You may have noticed that our worship aid to participate in Mass is our parish bulletin. This is a move to "digital" communication from our former song books in the pews to the bulletin. Going "digital" will enable our music ministry more options for choir practices and musicians to go "virtual" on their own devices for their rehearsals, while saving the parish approximately \$3,000 a year by not purchasing songbooks in the future.

Our new worship aid/bulletin now has a beautiful colorful cover and is artistic with spiritual reflections and news events about our community. With our now combined "Worship Aid/Bulletin," there is more distribution of our advertisers who underwrite the entire cost of the bulletin with no cost to the parish. It has become really a wonderful communications tool to our parish community.

Please know that you are in my prayers. Please keep me in yours as together we try to be the best parish we can be during the pandemic. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Mike

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