

The Bulletin

St Anne of the Heights • Jersey City, NJ

July 31, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 7/31 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MONDAY 8/1

3:30—4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Cent Hall*

TUESDAY 8/2

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*

FRIDAY 8/5

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*

SATURDAY 8/6

4:00 PM Baptism Class *Church*

SUNDAY 8/7 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 AM & 12 PM Baptism *Church*

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Juliet Nawrocki, Doreen Busacca, Kathleen Link, Orlando Basile, Marie Carlson, John Norton, Patricia Kucinski, Frank McNamara, Jennifer O'Connor, Donna Tuzzo, Matt Bolger, Lawrence Shin, Lupe Pena, Frances Kearns, Josephine Cermak Rowan, Steve & Rachel Mastin, Diane Shea, Joseph Callandrillo, Humberto Quintana, Julia Annicchiarico, Javier Vega, Jennifer Moloughney, Antoinette Maddi, Carol Jordan, Anthony Biggio, Sammy DeLeon, Shane Quinn, Alice Daly, Sadie Krieger, Dolores DelMonte, Dianne O'Sullivan, Carl Carlson, Larry Bello, Miyuki Campbell, Diane Albert, Meghan Connaughtonn

Baptism Information

Families are asked to please contact the Rectory for further information on preparing for the sacrament of Baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with archdiocesan policy, couples contemplating marriage are asked to begin the sacramental preparation program at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

July Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

UNIVERSAL: Sports — That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

EVANGELIZATION: Living the Gospel — That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call *St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com*

Novena of Masses — August 2016

Requested for
†Teodoro Ducusin
†Eugene Salati
†Leonardo Amisola
†Carmen Iris Rivera
26th Wedding
Anniversary 8/15/16
† Agnes Cassely
† Deborah Jennit

Requested by
Family
Salati Family
Villanueva Family
Linda & Munoz Family
Pacita & Gary Monteleone
Loretta Dempsey
Loretta Dempsey

Mass Intentions • August 1st—7th 2016

Mon 8/1 9 AM Novena
Tues 8/2 9 AM Novena
Wed 8/3 9 AM Novena
7 PM Special *OL Perpetual Help group*
Thurs 8/4 9 AM Novena
Fri 8/5 9 AM Novena
Sat 8/6 9 AM Novena
5:30 PM †Christina Burke
7:00 PM †Julian Rodriguez
†Luis Cruz
Offered by Marquez Family and Emma Vela
Sun 8/7 8 AM Novena
10 AM Dianna Paparella
Offered by Frances
12 PM †Wladyslaw & †Josef Zaufall
Offered by Mt. Sinai

Sanctuary Gifts • July 31st—August 6th 2016

Gift	In memory of	Requested by
Altar Wine	Agnes Cassely	Clare Morse
Altar Bread	Agnes Cassely	Marie Bradley
Sanct. Lamp	Carmine Salvemini	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	Colleen Sharp	Fran & Steve Kearns & Family

Weekday Readings

Mon *Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* JER 28:1-17/PS 119:29,43,79,80,95,102/MT 14:13-21
Tue JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/ PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23/MT 14:22-36
Wed JER 31:1-7 / JER 31:10, 11-12AB, 13 / MT 15: 21-28
Thu *Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest* JER 31:31-34 / PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 / MT 16:13-23
Fri NA 2:1, 3:31-3:6-7/DT 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD, 41/MT 16:24-28
Sat *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord* DN 7:9-10, 13-14 / PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 / 2 PT 1:16-19 / LK 9:28B-36

Banns

The families of Mr. Kiran Kumar and Miss Lakshmana Vasu Pamela announce the couple's intention to wed, in India, on Wednesday August 17th, 2016.

Family Faith Formation

Please contact Rectory for more information.
Please follow the Twitter channels of the parish:

[@sah_promise](https://twitter.com/sah_promise) Faith Formation Grade K—1
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Family Faith Formation Registration:
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE: The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns

The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to offering counseling and other support services, in appropriate cases, the Archdiocese provides reasonable compensation to those victims seeking a financial settlement of their civil claim, even after the statute of limitations has lapsed. Settlements are not confidential unless requested by the victim, and may include funding for continued psychological counseling. The Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage is the sole source of funds used to pay abuse settlements. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fund-raising collections are used to pay civil claims related to abuse cases.

How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask each person working in the household to gift one hour's wage to the parish every week. How much is one hour? Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38
\$50,000	\$25
\$40,000	\$20
\$30,000	\$15
\$25,000	\$12
\$20,000	\$10

Sunday Readings

First Reading: ECC 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm: PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Second Reading: COL 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: LK 12:13-21

†Jackie	Marie Bradley
† Baby Melody	Marie Bradley
† Pastor Gonzales, Sr.	Family
† Pastor Gonzales, Jr.	Family
† Purificacion Gonzales	Family
† Bob Farrell	Paige Aly
† Hung Thi Nguyen	Van Nguyen
† Bartolomeo Camporeale	Rosa Mastrogiovanni
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Family

TODAY'S GOSPEL

A person's life does not consist of possessions

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consists of.

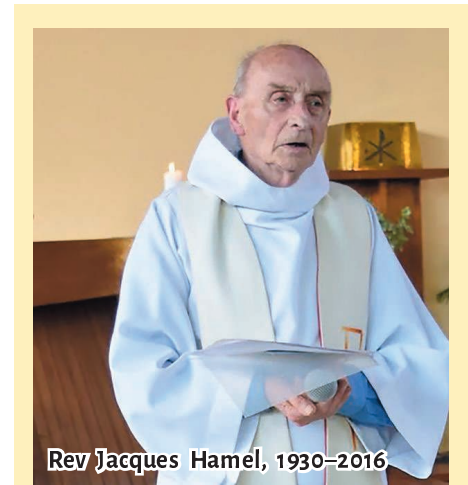
Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool!" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's



world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.



Rev. Jacques Hamel, 1930–2016

Many of you will have heard of the brutal slaying of Rev. Jacques Hamel, an 84 year-old priest whose throat was slashed by terrorists in the little church in St. Etienne du Rouvray in France. He had no idea that his life would come to such an abrupt and brutal end. As we struggle to come to terms with what Pope Francis described as a 'barbarous' attack, let us remember that each of us needs to make sure that our lives are in order because we know not the day nor the hour when we, like Fr. Jacques, will stand before God. Jesus reminds us that unless we become detached from our possessions, that we will be unable to accept the gift of salvation from God.

Are You Rich?

Reflection by **LEISA ANSLINGER**

Courtesy of LPI

Are you rich? Most of us, if asked, would think immediately of material possessions when considering whether or not we are rich. Wealth, as it is commonly considered, is about what we own—money, cars, houses, and the like. Yet in Sunday's narrative from the Gospel of Luke (12:13-21), Jesus points to a different sort of wealth: "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

What matters to God? We can point to the whole of sacred Scripture and our faith tradition to point to the things we should treasure, and these could be summed up very succinctly: life, faith, right relationship with God and others. In fact, the encounter between Jesus and the scholar of the law, which we heard on July 10 might still be ringing in our minds and hearts: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And, remember, Jesus continued to teach by sharing the parable of the Good Samaritan.

What matters to God? Mercy, love, forgiveness, compassion: the very qualities we know and are taught through Jesus.

All of the readings this Sunday, the first reading from the Book of *Ecclesiastes*, the second reading from the *Letter to the Colossians*, alongside the Gospel narrative, may ring particularly true for those who find their days and weeks focused on the pursuit of material wealth and the social status that results from being "rich" in the eyes of others. It is good for us to take stock of our lives from time to time, and Sunday's readings call us to do so. In the second reading from the Letter to the Colossians, we are directed to "seek what is above" and to "put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly." This is not to pit temporal matters against those of heaven, but rather to focus our lives, attitudes, and actions through the lens of faith. The "earthly" things that are listed in the reading are to be avoided because they are sinful: "immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry." Notice that Jesus does not condemn possessions but rather the reliance on them and also instructs us to avoid the greed that often accompanies the desire for earthly wealth: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of

possessions." We need readings such as these to call us to pause and consider our lives in light of the call of Christ, to love the least and to lay down our lives for the sake of others.

Yet, how often do we describe others by what they do, own, and have, rather than their qualities and the ways in which they embody Gospel values? The reality is that for many of us, our possessions do sometimes possess us; the desire for more results in our having less of what truly matters. Greed takes hold; the endless pursuit of objects becomes idolatrous. We look at others in light of what they own, and we measure our lives in similar terms. Especially in this moment in the US, we are also called to consider these questions as a nation: in what ways does our country and its policies embody Christ's way of caring for the least among us, showing compassion, mercy, and love?

In *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy shared an experience in which he was confronted with the need for serious surgery. As he prepared for surgery, he found himself reflecting on his life and wondering, "What do I own, and what owns me?" (p. 39). We might ask ourselves the same question today.

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Pilgrimage sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12 – 22, 2016; Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner Daily. Air from NY JFK For a flyer of more info, call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660



RAFFLE WINNER

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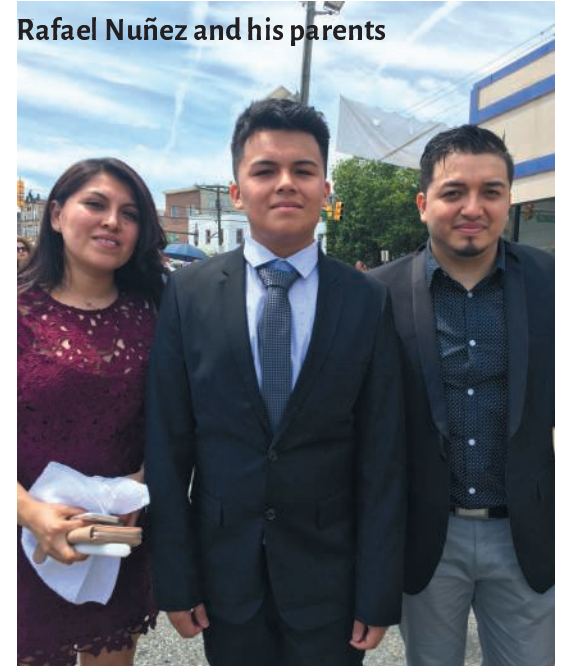
St. Anne's Festival 50/50 Raffle collected **\$9,368**. The winning ticket number was **04834**; the winner is **VALERIE GELICAME** who will receive **\$4684** (before taxes).





Welcome to the Body of Christ!

Congratulations to our newly-baptized!



Rafael Nuñez and his parents

Mike Roman with his mother and godmother



Mission Cooperation Sunday Appeal

The annual Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal will be made at the conclusion of all Sunday liturgies on the weekend of August 13/14. This year we are having Sister Restituta Nyinowaitu of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary. Sister will be arriving on Friday, August 12th and departing on Sunday, August 14th. She will need transport, to and from, Newark Liberty Airport, and room and board for her entire stay with us. If you can assist, please call Fr. Nigel.

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