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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm
Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices
Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2016

Mass Intention: June Dodd

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#529
Praise the Lord You Heavens, Adore Him	
PSALM	#924
Lord come to my aid.	
OFFERTORY	#568
Lord of All Hopefulness	
COMMUNION	#636
I Danced in the Morning	
RECESSIONAL	#708
Immaculate Mary	

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Greg Stowers, Bob Webster. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:30 am: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:
 Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode
FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz
10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers:
 Jim Martinelli, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof
FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers:
 Doug Dewing, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak
FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Linda Shisler
10:45 am: Colin Schmidt Extraordinary Ministers:
 Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli
FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, Chris Thomas

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Special Intention
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Mary Estelle Smith
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Wed.: Mass Intention: Christopher D. Carollo
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Frances Murdock
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Ronald James Lee

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello all!

I have been busy lately and have not had time to watch the Olympics. But I am hoping to catch some events soon...I like watching table tennis (ping pong).

Whenever I watch the Olympics, I cannot help but think of a special bible verse. It goes like this:

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Why do I think of this verse? If it is not obvious, all me to explain.

I love competition. I think that it brings out the best in people. Although I realize it can also bring out the worst in people, I still think that competition among virtuous souls is a good thing that helps people to strive to achieve their best...which helps them to be happy and when, during such efforts the person gives appropriate thanks and gratitude to God for their success, it is even a moment of growth in holiness.

So there is much good about the Olympics. It brings out the best in strength, agility, discipline, and perseverance among the human race. That is amazing.

But the reason I cannot help to think of the above mentioned scripture verse is because although there are great gains to be made when someone works, and sacrifices and suffers all the hardship that is experienced in connection with achieving the level of excellence of an Olympic athlete, in the end, they receive “a crown that will not last.”

Olympic athletes – and for that matter even pro football, baseball, basketball athletes – receive notoriety, big muscles, and maybe even a big (or enormous) paycheck for their efforts. But how long do those prizes last? Do any of them last more than a few years or a few decades?

That is what the scripture says. Although commendable and honorable, those efforts will only get a prize that will eventually fade away.

But what happens when you practice spiritual discipline, as opposed to physical discipline. It is NOT likely to make your muscles big and it may NOT make your bank account grow and you will likely NOT receive recognition (actually the bible says you should try to AVOID recognition).

That said, spiritual discipline – such as living a virtuous lifestyle, practicing moderation with food and drink, practicing chastity, giving alms to the poor, going to confession, praying, avoiding gossip, slander and foul language – these things will result in gain THAT LASTS FOREVER!!!

Heaven lasts forever and this life lasts for 60, 70, 80 years or so. What we do to make gains through spiritual discipline will last forever, while every gain made physically will disappear.

Please don't get me wrong, I am not trying to be a poo-poo on the Olympics. I love the Olympics and the competition.

My only prayer and hope for our human race is that we a human race will prize spiritual gains MORE THAN physical gains, because that is demonstrative of a humanity that is endowed with the mind of God.

Have a great week everyone!!! Fr. Rossi

RESTORATION – The big day is almost here!!! We should be back in our beautiful church on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Then we will be making plans for Bishop DiLorenzo being here in October for the rededication. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make this possible.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of June Dodd, wife of the late George Dodd, who passed away on Monday, August 8, 2016. Please keep June and her family in your prayers.

SUMMER FEST – Join in the fun at our sister parish, St. John the Evangelist, Highland Springs, VA on Saturday, August 20, 2016. There will be crafts, food, your favorite beverages, and live music. Summer Fest starts at 10:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

Stress in Your Marriage? – **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 16th call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Outreach & Social Ministry – 138 lunches were served on Tuesday, Aug. 9. 60 dinners were served on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – Monday, August 15, 2016. Mass times are: St. Peter – 12:05 pm, St. John – 9:00 am & 7:00 pm, St. Patrick – 7:00 pm

Coffee – downstairs after each Mass on Sunday. Please join us and get to know your church family.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection –	<u>4,551.00</u>
Gain	\$1,263.00

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