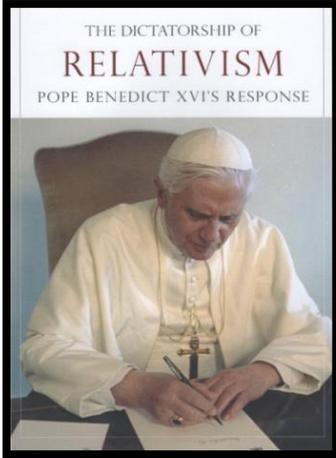


Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 13, 2017



Relativism is Not Neutral



Moral relativism is the belief that there is no moral order to the universe, no moral norms that are objectively right or wrong, regardless of the circumstances. All morality is in the mind of the individual. To a relativist, someone who declares that a given act is sinful, is

labeled judgmental. The more extreme relativists would even consider a believing Christian to be a close-minded bigot.

Professor Edward Sri has recently suggested that we could respond to a relativist by asking him to explain his position: “Why do you think that there is no universal moral norms?” “Why do you believe that each individual decides what is right or wrong for himself?” As he tries to explain himself, then ask him, “If someone is personally convinced it is okay to harm an innocent child or enslave a woman for personal pleasure, is it then okay?” Quickly the relativist will find himself in a logical dilemma. He will have to admit that certain actions are always wrong.

The problem is that relativism is not a morally neutral position. Relativism itself is a definite way of viewing reality. It is a specific world view. At the same time, relativism attempts to impose itself on everyone. If you uphold traditional moral values, you are marginalized and classified as judgmental or intolerant. Actually, it is relativism that is intolerant. As Pope Benedict once observed, “The more relativism becomes the generally accepted way of thinking, the more it tends toward intolerance, thereby becoming a new dogmatism... it prescribes itself as the only way to think and speak.” Practically speaking, relativism is

a “super-dogma” that subordinates all religious convictions to itself. It becomes what Pope Benedict termed, “a dictatorship ... whose ultimate goal consists solely of one’s ego and desires.” It brooks no dissent.

We can see then, the conflicts that the dictatorship of relativism produces in a society that once defined itself as Christian. By its nature, relativism seeks to subjugate all moral teaching to its own subjective principles. But we know that no matter what the popular philosophy of life may be at a given moment in time, in the end, we will answer only to God. His Word is the final standard to which all reality must reconcile itself.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

Fr. Tim Byerley
Pastor

Saint John Paul II from his Encyclical Letter *The Splendor of Truth*

All around us we encounter contempt for human life after conception and before birth; the ongoing violation of basic rights of the person; the unjust destruction of goods minimally necessary for a human life. Indeed, something more serious has happened: man is no longer convinced that only in the truth can he find salvation. The saving power of the truth is contested, and freedom alone, uprooted from any objectivity, is left to decide by itself what is good and what is evil. This relativism becomes, in the field of theology, a lack of trust in the wisdom of God, who guides man with the moral law. Concrete situations are unfavorably contrasted with the precepts of the moral law, nor is it any longer maintained that, when all is said and done, the law of God is always the one true good of man. (No. 85).

Relativism is an ideology which can only triumph if it is imposed in a totalitarian way. The tools to impose this ideology are the mass media, formal education and activist judges. The paradox is that “relativist” democracy becomes, surreptitiously, the worst totalitarianism.



Mass Intentions

**Mass Celebrant Code:*

TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – FK = Fr. Francis Kim – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

<i>Intentions:</i>	<i>Requested by:</i>	<i>*Mass Celebrant</i>
Monday, August 14th		
6:45 AM Vincent DeRose	Karen Burns	TB
9:00 AM Edward Polansky	John & Janet DiCiurcio	TB
7:00 PM Raymond, Sr. & Eleanor Dick	Their Son	TB
Tuesday, August 15th – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION		
6:45 AM Tomas Rivera, Sr.	Dot Rock	TB
9:00 AM Ints. of Bob & Barbara Piekarski	Their Son, Bobby	FK
7:00 PM Ints. of Karen Dunn	Patrick & Olivia	FK
Wednesday, August 16th		
6:45 AM Bernadine Penton Riley	Her Family	FK
9:00 AM Betty Salzer	Kelly Family	FK
Thursday, August 17th		
6:45 AM John Piekarski	Pat & Debbie Moran	TB
9:00 AM Tomas Rivera, Sr.	Mary & Adam Pascale	FK
Friday, August 18th		
6:45 AM Theresa Dungca	Her Brother & Family	FK
9:00 AM Peter & Ella Sneddon	Eckhardt Family	TB
Saturday, August 19th		
9:00 AM Paul David Tomko	His Family	FK
5:00 PM Col. Joseph P. Loughran (Ret)	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brancato	TB
Sunday, August 20th		
7:30 AM Edward Polansky	Marie Ralbusky	FK/MS
9:00 AM Helen Vendetti	Novak Family	TB
10:30 AM Gary Sutton	His Aunt	TB
James Ciamaichelo	His Family	TB
Edward Polansky	Dennis & Kay Collopy	TB
Ints. of Raymond & Erin Basso	Megan Frombach	TB
Carol Fowler	Emily Wood	TB
7:00 PM Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		TB
Patricia A. Cocuzza	Esther Norman	TB

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of Arthur Ruccolo the week of August 13th – August 19th requested by his Wife, Marie.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

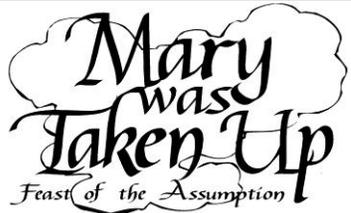
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Holy Souls in Purgatory the week of August 13th – August 19th requested by A Parishioner.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

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Flowers for the Altar

Flowers on the Altar for the week of August 13th – August 19th have been donated in Thanksgiving on their Wedding Anniversary requested by Louis & Victoria DeRose.



MASS SCHEDULE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil, Monday, August 14th
7:00 PM

Solemnity, Tuesday, August 15th
6:45 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER:

We are *obliged* under pain of mortal sin to attend Mass.

PLEASE NOTE:
NO MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Monday, August 14th



Sunday, August 13th

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Second: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Monday, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

First: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

First: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Second: 1 Corinthians 15:20-17
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

First: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 17th

First: Joshua 3:7-10, 11, 13-17
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 18th

First: Joshua 24:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 19th

St. John Eudes, Priest

First: Joshua 24:14-29
Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday, August 20th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Adoration Chapel



You are cordially invited to come and spend an hour a week in adoration of Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel!

24 hours a day! Pick your hour!

Jesus asked His Apostles,
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”
He is asking all of us the same question today.
Won’t you say “Yes” to Him?

All hours are available most especially:

Sundays ~ 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sundays ~ 11:00 AM – Noon

Sundays ~ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sundays ~ 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mondays ~ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fridays ~ 5:00 AM – 6:00 AM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261
or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

**Thank you to those who have signed up
for an hour.**

Intercessory Rosary Group

The Group will not meet during the Summer.
Please join us in the Convent Chapel @ 3:00 PM
Wednesday, September 6th!

Parish Sick List

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. *You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.*

Joan Anders, Vincent Barone, Buzzy Bianco, Theresa Brown, Carol Burg, Eva Burgess, Barbara Burkhardt, Matt Curley, Ray Dick, Louis Grosso, Ann Humenik, Joe Junikka, Maryann Kearney, Alicia Kureczka, Irving Lamb, Jr., Agnes Marcella, Salim Mikhael, Mary Moran, Carmel Naples, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, Linda Petrilli, Bob Piekarski, Mark Stevens, Joe Teti, Roe Wackerle, Grace Walter, Alan Young, Andrea Young.

May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!

Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.

**PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373
when your loved one has recovered!**

Father’s **Q**uick **Q**uote: **“P**rayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is Queen even of God’s heart.”

~St. Maximilian Kolbe

ST. PETER'S "BIG BUCKS"!



We've launched our traditional "BIG BUCKS" Raffle here at St. Peter's once again. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold.

Our First Prize will be **\$20,000**, Second Prize **\$15,000**, Third Prize **\$5,000**, Fourth Prize **\$5,000** and Fifth Prize **\$5,000**. These are nice take-home winnings, and you have an opportunity to support your beloved parish. The funds from this raffle will go toward the repair of the plaster around the seventh station in our church which has suffered water damage, and other important projects.

The winnings to be distributed total **\$50,000**, and the other **\$50,000** will go to the parish. Prizes are based on the sale of all 2,000 tickets.

Andy Lipenta has agreed to head our "BIG BUCKS" raffle this year. He is going to need people to help him sell tickets. Please call Andy @ 856-665-0528. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in Pastors' Hall, and at the rectory during regular office hours, beginning in August. We hope for others to take 10 or more tickets and sell them among family and friends. Tickets cost \$50.00 each.

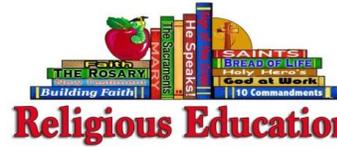


The "BIG BUCKS" Raffle drawing will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017** at 6:30 pm in Pastors' Hall



First Collection for the weekend of August 5th – August 6th was **\$14,420.28**. Second Collection was **\$2,501.00** for a total of **\$16,921.28**.

Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!



Religious Education

Direct Phone Number: 856-663-4490

C.C.D. 

Registration Deadline is near!!!

Before deadline of August 15th - regular fee
After deadline of August 15th - regular fee *plus* \$25



Registrations were mailed to homes in the Spring. If lost, please pick up another copy at the Church Rectory or at the Religious Education Office.

Questions? Please call 856-663-4490.



Please register your Kindergarteners for Religious Education this year! Our beautiful faith is introduced in a fun and lively way.

8 - 10 slots are available

Classes are Tuesday afternoons

4:30 - 5:40 pm September through May



Copy paper, poster board, colored copy paper, glue sticks, children's markers, pens, pencils, bags of large cotton balls



Upcoming Baptismal Classes

Monday, August 21st

Monday, September 18th

Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.



You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class. Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.



Monday, August 14th

Super Stretch with Rossana

Tuesday, August 15th

Trivia with Rocky

Tai Chi with George

Wednesday, August 16th

Fit & Focused with Rossana

Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

Thursday, August 17th

Center Closed – Field Trip

Friday, August 18th

Fast Forward with Rossana



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM. BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.

Admission is \$3 & includes cards for 7 regular games.

Thank you for supporting our Bingo!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

BINGO at Saint Peter's

Service Dates for Bingo Teams

August 16th – Team D ~ August 23rd – Team A

POSITIONS REMAIN OPEN



The Bingo Committee is in immediate need of parishioners to join our team. Please commit to working bingo at least once a month and support your parish and your fellow parishioners in this important fund raising endeavor. One Wednesday a month is all it takes. The work is not difficult nor demanding, but it is very gratifying.

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 or Pat Leone at 856-486-4357 or just come out on Wednesday to sign up and we will put you straight to work! Thank you in advance for answering this call for help!

“Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!”

Community News

Knights of Columbus

Monthly Business/Social Meeting

Monday, August 21st @ 7:30 PM in Knights' Room

Tim Hesser

Grand Knight

Bob Blessinger

Membership Director

BNABLES315@verizon.net

(856) 317-5855



To Benefit St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017

Where: Pennsauken Country Club

4:30 pm first tee time

(followed by 10 minute tee times until 6:00 pm).

Cost: \$50 which includes:

9 holes with cart; 3 tickets to use in any combination after the round for beers and/or hotdogs; 1 FREE Block in our \$100 payout block pool; admission to the Mayweather/McGregor boxing match to be shown on the outside deck of Bob Altenbach's house at 7409 Githens Avenue, Pennsauken. Additionally, there will be Closest to the Pin and Putting contests.

You can come as a single/double/ triple or foursome.

MUST have payment upfront to reserve your spot.

Checks can be made out to the Knights of Columbus

Council #6735, and sent to: Bob Altenbach

7409 Githens Avenue ~ Pennsauken, NJ 08109

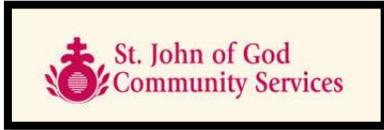
For further information contact Bob Altenbach at:

410-336-2209; 856-663-2115 or email him @

baltenbach@nbcllc.com

Around the Diocese

Special Needs Faith Formation Program



The St. John of God Community Services Special Needs Faith Formation Program is a program designed specifically for children or adults with disabilities and serves families within the Camden Diocese. The program aims at preparing individuals to receive the sacraments, as well as attend post sacramental classes, such as Scripture study, arts and crafts, and the bell choir. There is also an outreach program for families. The program is offered in the School located in Westville Grove on Saturdays from 10 AM–11 AM.

St. John of God Community Services is currently accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes run from September through May. For more information, visit www.sjog-faith.org or contact Linda Kutz @ 856-848-4700 ext 1600 or klutz@sjogcs.org.

Healing Mass

Monday, August 21, 2017
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Rev. Mathew Naickomparambil, V.C. &
Team from the Potta World Evangelization Ministry
St. Thomas More Church
1439 Springdale Road ~ Cherry Hill
856-424-3212

Fr. Mathew is blessed with the gift of healing.
Program will focus on inner reflection of the Word of
God followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Project Rachel



ABORTION LEAVES A HOLE IN THE HEART...

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, you can get help. Call Project Rachel @ 1-866-4RACHEL for *confidential* information on retreat dates or visit the website @

www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Collegium Center for Faith and Culture

301 White Horse Pike ~ Haddon Heights
856-534-0400



Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 24th - 7:00 PM
Healed Through the Mass
Demaris Hernandez



*A Personal Testimony to the Power of the Mass and
an Instantaneous Healing*

Come to be inspired and have your faith
strengthened!

Doors open at 6:30. Admission: Free!
Light Refreshments Served.
Invite Your Friends!

Upcoming CAP Sessions

CAP 1

Friday, August 25th ~ 9:00 AM
St. Vincent dePaul School
5809 Main Street ~ Mays Landing

CAP 2

Thursday, August 24th ~ 7:00 PM
Sts. Peter & Paul
362 Ganttown Road ~ Turnersville

CAP 3

Tuesday, August 22nd ~ 7:00 PM
Sts. Peter & Paul
362 Ganttown Road ~ Turnersville

To attend a class, please call the registration line @
856-583-6165 or contact Maryellen Schell @
Maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY:
INSPIRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**



Fr. Tim Byerley will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy with the Collegium Center for Faith and Culture
May 21 – May 30, 2018

The pilgrimage will include visits to all of the key religious and historical sights of Rome, a papal audience, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Catacombs, and day-excursions to Assisi, Orvieto and Siena. Orvieto is the place where the miraculous host is reserved that turned into flesh and began to bleed during Mass in 1236.

The cost is \$4,095.00 from Newark.
Receive a \$100.00 discount if registered by October 26, 2017 (\$3,995.00).

For more information, contact Kristine at Select International Tours @ 800-842-4842 or via email @ Kristine@select-intl.com.



Camden Catholic High School
Class of 1967 50th Reunion will be held on

September 16, 2017
DoubleTree ~ Mount Laurel



For more information and contacts, log onto camdenatholic.org, Classmates.com or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for August 19th – 20th	
5:00 PM	B. Boulger, B. Kwiatkowski, D. Montes, F. Sass
7:30 AM	P. Bilinsky, D. Doyle, C. Leone, P. Leone
9:00 AM	M. Campbell, M. Carlino, T. Crymes, J. Dymond
10:30 AM	M. Deluhery, J. German, M. Kenney, A. Lipenta, J. Szczepanski
7:00 PM	K. Bailey, J. Clarke, M. D'Amico, M. DiPiero, C. McCoy

Lectors for August 19th – 20th	
5:00 PM	C. Zia-Sass & C. Gunderson
7:30 AM	T. Presenza & J. Foster
9:00 AM	J. Chevere & D. Mannella
10:30 AM	K. McConnell & A. Marinelli
7:00 PM	T. Taylor & O. Rivera

Altar Servers for August 19th – 20th	
5:00 PM	Maria Montes, Sebastian Montes, Benedict Segrest, Anthony Segrest
7:30 AM	Hudson Dials, Madeline Dials, Salvatore Leone, Sonny Leone
9:00 AM	Seamus Blessinger, Grace Blessinger, Ignatius McWilliams, Charlie Miller
10:30 AM	Martin Deluhery, Theodore Deluhery, Giovanni Marinelli, Anthony Marinelli
7:00 PM	Kenneth Larsen, John Martin, Anna Nicole Martin, Vincenzo Spinola

Altar Servers for the Week of August 21st

Monday through Saturday Morning Masses
See Schedule on Ministry Pro

Miraculous Medal Novena – Monday Night
Dominic Saffioti & Jason Saffioti

Marriage Banns



Please pray for all who are entering into the Holy State of Matrimony especially:

Jim Juliano & Debbie Segrest



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Reading I – 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.” A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

***R.* Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

***R.* Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

***R.* Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

***R.* Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Reading II – Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-23

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

