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From Our Pastor, Father George

July 28, 2024 is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary time

From Deacon Vern:

On this seventeenth Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ the new Elisha who feeds us and makes us one spirit in himself. Today, our first reading and the gospel are quite similar. This is because both narrate the miracles of the multiplication of bread and the feeding of the crowd. Also, both miracles were motivated by compassion and generosity.

In our first reading today, the prophet Elisha got a gift and noticed that the people were hungry. So, moved by compassion and generosity, he decided to feed them with what he received. The Lord saw his generous and compassionate heart and spoke through him: They will eat and have left over. Similarly, in our gospel today, moved by compassion for his flock, Jesus — the new Elisha, replicated the same miracle of Elisha. He fed more than five thousand people with just two loaves of bread and two fish. This shows that Jesus always cares for our well-being by feeding us both with the good news, and with the Holy Eucharist. He cares both for our physical and spiritual needs.

There are three important lessons we must learn from these miracles. The first is the compassion of Elisha and Jesus towards their flock and community. Compassion always moves Jesus to do something great for his people. Compassion means feeling and sharing both the pains and the joys of the other person. It is the basis of empathy and sympathy. Without it we cannot understand what others are going through. Without it, our community and family will collapse. We need compassion to understand what it means for others to be hungry, thirsty, sick, homeless, jobless, and lonely. The Second lesson is that God can transform something little into something great. So, rather than argue and doubt like the disciples of Elisha and Jesus, all we need to do is obey God's commands when he speaks through his genuine prophets. This is because our God is a God of impossibilities.

The third and very important lesson is the generosity of the small boy in Jesus' miracle. He is a hero in this miracle. He offered what he had generously, and it became the basis of a miracle for his community. How do we respond to the needs of our community and family, especially when there are not enough resources to carry on? This boy made a difference with the little he had. So, he changed the destiny of his community from a hungry people to a satisfied people. He exhibited the community spirit that Paul mentioned in our second reading. That is, when he reminded us of the virtues that we need in order to live and survive together as a body of Christ united by one faith, one baptism and one spirit. The virtues include: Charity, compassion, generosity, humility, gentility and patience towards one another. Finally, we must be ready to offer the little we have. This is because it might be the source of a miracle for our community. That little offer might make a difference in the life of someone in your community. When compassion and generosity embraces, the result is usually a great miracle for the community united by one faith, one spirit and one baptism in Christ. There can be no miracles without compassion and generosity. To be compassionate is to be like Christ and, to be generous is to cooperate with Christ in his miracles and ministry. Today, Jesus is looking for those who are ready to offer just two fish and five loaves of bread in order to perform the miracle seriously needed in your family and community. That person might be you! If you do not hide what you have, you could be the next hero in the next miracle of Jesus for your community and family.

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Greetings from Fr. George!

National Eucharistic Congress
(Indianapolis July 18-21, 2024) Cardinal Pierre, the Vatican Nuncio to
the USA, said at the beginning of the
Congress, it is useful to ask the question,
What is Eucharistic revival?

And, perhaps more pointedly, How
will we know when we are

experiencing Eucharistic revival?

He explained that true Eucharistic revival, though *always accompanied* by sacramental devotion such as adoration, benediction, catechesis, and processions, must extend beyond devotional practices.

A true revival means seeing Christ in others, not only our own family, friends, and communities. True revival means seeing Christ even in those from whom we feel divided, whether by race or class, or those who challenge our own ways of thinking, or who think differently from us.

When we encounter such people, Cardinal Pierre said, Christ is present to be a bridge, uniting all peoples, who are children of the same heavenly Father and called to the same eternal destiny.

May God bless all holiday makers - St. Patrick's prayer: Love, blessed Trinity of three, Bound in unity, Who guides my journey. I will arise with strength of heaven, Trusting in Your light, To guide my journey, Shine before me, Lead me home. Power to guide me, might to hold me, Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me. Ear to hear me, hand to guard me, Love to conquer very fear.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season - 0 God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, 0 loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Next Sunday, August 4, 2024, is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George



Events Around Town

Save the Date - Friends of the Seminary Gala! on Friday, October 18, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm and followed by a reception, live and silent auctions, and dinner at Saint Vincent de Paul Seminary, 10701

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First Friday Adoration - St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples, offers a Holy Hour of Adoration, First Fridays at 6pm. This takes place in the main church with the Chant Choir. The next First Friday offering is August 2. For more information, please call 239.774.3337.

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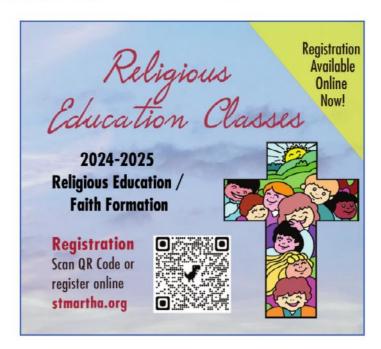
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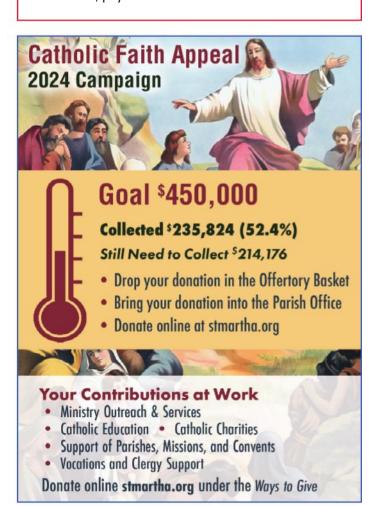
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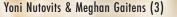
Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



Wedding Banns



Tiphaine Juliette Monroe & Chidi Daniel Okeiyi (2)





Monday, July 29 • Saint Martha, Saint Mary & Saint Lazarus

Tuesday, July 30 • Saint Peter Chrysologus • 10:30am Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 31 • Saint Ignatius

Thursday, August 1 • Saint Alphonsus Liquori

• 10am Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

Friday, August 2 Saint Eusebius & Saint Peter Julian Eymard

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Sun, July 28 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 7:30am [JV] 9:00am [FS] (Hall) Albert Spero, Jr. by Ann Crowley 10:30am [JR] (Hall) For All Parishioners 12:00pm [FS] (Kathleen Mislyan by Stephen Mislyan 12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm [JR] (Hall) L & D Members of Burch Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
Mon, July 29Jer 13:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 7:30am[JR]Mary Reese by Marisol Violette 8:30am[JV]Bob Corey by John Corey 12:00pm[JR]Paula Hernandez by Alberto Orta
Tue, July 30Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43 7:30am[GS]Molly Heraty by Peter Heraty 8:30am[DcP]Communion Service 12:00pm[GS](L) Aibhilin Helms by John and Mary McGruder
Wed, July 31Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46 7:30am[JR](L) Debbie Loper by Family 8:30am[GS](L) The Lafferty Family by John and Joyce Schaefer 12:00pm[JR]Michael Blair Frain by Jackie Fie
Thu, Aug 1Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53 7:30am[GS]Salvatore lacopelli by John and Stephanie lacopelli 8:30am[DcP]Communion Service 12:00pm[FS]Peter Uhriv and Dr. A. Graffinger by Magda Kovacik
Fri, Aug 2Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58 7:30am[JR]Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano 8:30am[GS]Shawn Kelly by Ann Proctor 12:00pm[FS]Biagio & Lucia Strangapede by Carmella Scarongella
Sat, Aug 3
Sun, Aug 4Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 7:30am[JR]Oma Handley by the Family 9:00am[FS](Hall) Rosemary Griffee by Jill Nugent 10:30am[GS](Hall) For All Parishioners 12:00pm[FS]Domingo Tengco by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco 12:00pm[JV](Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm[GS](Hall) Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Joseph (JV),

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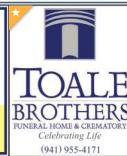


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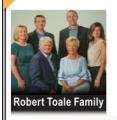
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