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July 23, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Mission: To Embrace the Body of Christ and Reflect His Light to the World

Bulletin Highlights...

- ***Guatemala Mission Trip***
- ***Christ Our Light Blood Drive***
- ***Elementary Faith Formation Registration***

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LITURGIES

Saturday - 4:00 PM | Sunday - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 AM | Saturday - 9:00 AM
Confessions - Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 AM, 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment
Parish Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Stewardship

Stewards Good Seeds



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."
- MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the Stewardship potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Stewardship of Treasure

Current Fiscal Year Actual vs. Budget

		Current	YTD
7/16/23	Actual	\$20,893	\$62,131
7/16/23	Budget	\$22,141	\$66,423
	Delta	(\$1,248)	(\$4,292)

Current Fiscal Year vs. Prior Fiscal Year Actual

		Current	YTD
7/16/23	Actual	\$20,893	\$62,131
7/17/22	Budget	\$19,440	\$61,343
	Delta	\$1,454	(\$788)

*** Fiscal year is July 1 - June 30 ***

Thank you for your most generous contributions of Time, Talent and Treasure to Christ Our Light.

Graduate Blessing



Join us as we celebrate you: college, military, tech, grad etc. students with a special mass blessing - August 13th 10:30 mass followed by a special reception at the parish center for grads and families. Please RSVP on the Parish website if you plan on attending. Any questions please direct them to

sgreen@christourlight.net.

Parish News

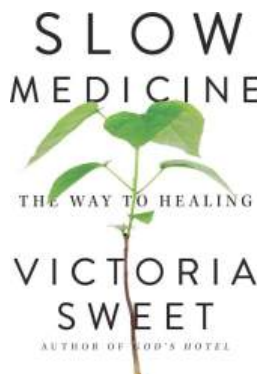
Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are restarting in-person prayer shawl ministry. This ministry will be meeting the first Wednesday of the month in the Ministry Center Conference Room from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. The ministry center conference room is down the hallway past the bathrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Oczkowski at

Djski813@msn.com or call 215-906-6526

Christ Our Light Book Group



Our July meeting will be Thursday, July 27, at 7:30 pm, in person at the Parish Center's St John room, or remotely via Zoom. (Contact Tom for Zoom details). We will be discussing **Slow Medicine** by Victoria Sweet.

Looking ahead: we will not meet in August; on September 28 our book is **Life in a Jar - The Irene Sendler**

Project by Jack Mayer. If you have any question, please contact: Tom deWolf 856-298-0089 /

tjmdewolf@gmail.com

Retrouvaille



REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It

provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Question of the Week



LIVING IN THE LIGHT

The Word

Reading for July 30, 2023

Matthew 13:44-46

Adults:

What are the most difficult sacrifices you make in making manifest the reign of God?

We offer this form of *Lectio Divina* (sacred reading) for pondering Scripture and for faith sharing with family members and other people.

- Listen/ Read (*Lectio*): Ponder God's word and listen for what touches your heart.
- Meditate (*Meditatio*): Attend to what you notice. Allow God's word to resonate in you.
- Speak/Share (*Oratio*): Prayerfully share with Jesus or with the group your thoughts and feelings.
- Rest in God's presence (*Contemplatio*): Notice God's presence and be still, surrounded by God's love.
- Choose to act (*Actio*): Trusting in God's nearness, commit to action rooted in love.

Youth:

What have you had to sacrifice to attain some of your goals? What things have you given up to have a closer relationship with Christ?

Children:

What is something that is very important to you? How do you show others how important Jesus is to you?

Hour of Adoration

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month we will be having an hour of Adoration at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Come and experience the powerful presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We will be using the iBreviary app during the service which can be downloaded on your cell phone either on the App Store or by going to <https://www.ibreviary.org/en/>.



Worship & Music

This Weekend's Liturgical Music



Gathering:

Offertory:

Communion:

Sending Forth: :

Coming to a pew near you!

What has Vital Structures been working on? Let me tell you. We are currently formulating ideas on how to get the message out to our current parishioners as well as our new and prospective ones as well. One idea that has started coming to fruition is a new greeting card that will be distributed in the pews.

This card can be filled out to request information, prayers, and also to give contact info for parish registration for prospective new parishioners. The card will also include a QR code for those who are smart phone savvy to direct them to the Parish website to do all this electronically. We look forward to finalizing this with the Pastoral Council and Parish staff in the coming weeks. It will be in a Pew near you soon.

SSJ Neighborhood Center



Mark your calendars for **Tee Time** for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center. All are welcome golfers and non-golfers to the SSJNC first annual fundraiser at Topgolf, Mt. Laurel on Thursday, August 3, 2023, from 5:30-8:30pm. To register or to learn more about sponsorships, go

to www.ssjnc.org Thank you!

Parish News

Christ Our Light Leisure Club



Welcome to all parishioners and non-parishioners aged 50 and above! Our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to May in the parish gym, except for

December 12th and May 14th, when we will have an off-site luncheon.

Our first meeting for 2023-24 will be **September 12th at 12 noon** in the Gym. Doors open at 11:30. **To welcome those who are members and those who would like to join, we will have a free Hoagie Lunch, with hoagies, snacks, dessert and beverages.** However, you must **make a reservation** with Gayle Miraglia by calling 856-904-7256 or emailing gmirag@gmail.com. Please leave a message if there is no answer. All reservations must be received by September 1st.

The annual membership dues of \$20 will be due at the September meeting. Returning and new members will be asked to fill out a membership form, and payment can be made with cash or a check. Dues and the form can also be returned by mail to Carolyn Taylor, 15 Bellows Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

TRIPS

"Sweet Caroline" Tribute to Neil Diamond at the Tropicana in AC – Thursday October 26th. Trip includes \$25 slot play, show ticket, and bus transportation. Flyers are available.

"Escape to Margaritaville" – on Thursday November 9th, we are going to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater in Lancaster by bus for a buffet lunch and the show. This fun show was on Broadway in 2022 and is full of your favorite songs by Jimmy Buffett. "It'll knock your flip-flops off!" **This trip is now SOLD OUT.** But you can get on the waiting list by calling Jackie 856-779-0877 or Lil 856-854-8025.

Have a safe and blessed summer and we will see you in
September!

Margaret McGill, President of the COL Leisure Club

30's & 40's Bible Study & Dinner Group



Are you interested in diving into Scripture and sharing your reflections with others in their 30s & 40s? Once a month we'll review the most recent Sunday's readings and share our thoughts on what we think God is telling us. But it doesn't stop there! Let's pick a day each month to go out for dinner and spend time getting to know each other over a good meal. Single and married are welcome to join. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, August 7 at 7:45PM in the San Lorenzo Room. For more information, please contact Meg Sundell, megsundell@gmail.com

Christ Our Light Prayer Group



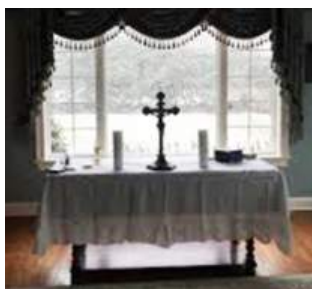
Summer in-person meetings

The COLPG meets in person every Saturday after the 9 AM Mass in the Parish Center or school cafeteria. Please join us for Breakfast, Rosary, Praise and Worship. We also discuss Sunday's Gospel and end with a time of clean stand-up comedy. All are welcome to be part of the COLPG family!!!



Mass in Your Home

As part of the Small Faith Groups Initiative of the **Pastoral Council**, Parishioners are invited to host a Mass to be celebrated at their home by Fr. Picnic or Fr. Myers. Invitees would include family, friends and nearby neighbors at a size to meet your accommodations.



Friday evenings or Saturday afternoon or evenings are available for August, September and October. Outdoor plans are acceptable if there is an indoor alternative for inclement weather. Mass is to be followed by light refreshments and continued Neighbor to Neighbor fellowship.

To schedule a date and time or to learn more, email PastoralCouncil@ChristOurLight.net or telephone George Sundell at 856-755-0174.

Elementary Faith Formation Registration



Faith Formation
Registration

ELEMENTARY & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION 2023-2024

The Faith Formation office is accepting registrations for Elementary Faith Formation (Gr. 1-6) and Youth Faith Formation (Gr. 7 & 8) classes beginning September 2023. For information, to download and print forms, and to register students electronically go to our website at www.christourlight.net.

NOTE: In accordance with sacramental guidelines of the Diocese of Camden, children are eligible to prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist after having completed a full year of religious instruction. Children should continue faith formation classes through 8th grade in order to be eligible to prepare for and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of 9th grade.

Eucharistic Revival



Five Key Points When Preparing to Receive the Eucharist

As we continue our parish phase of the National Eucharistic Revival, it is worthwhile to review the best ways to prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. The following tips can be found in an article by Leslie Rodriguez of Catholic CAST Media entitled, *"5 Tips on How to Receive the Eucharist."*

1. **Receive the Eucharist in a state of grace.** This first key point isn't only a good recommendation, but actually is a requirement of the Code of Canon Law. The author suggests if you have committed a mortal sin, go to confession, be reconciled with the Lord, and *then go receive Him in the Eucharist.*
2. **Observe the one-hour fast.** This is also a requirement that few are aware of these days. To fast is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.
3. **Arrive at Mass a few minutes early.** Why? The author suggests we take a few minutes before Mass to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, to pray, and to be intentional. Isn't it rude to show up to a wedding feast just as it is time to sit down for the meal? Mass is the eternal wedding banquet!
4. **Make an act of reverence before receiving the Eucharist.** We can probably never show the amount of respect that our Savior deserves, but we should try! We could genuflect or bow as a sign of humility before Jesus our King.
5. **Make a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass.** As the author of the article states, "After we receive Communion, we are the most united with Jesus we can be on this side of heaven. This is our chance to open our hearts to Him without reserve. To pour out our love, and ask for whatever grace we need. By staying a few minutes after Mass we are telling Jesus that He is important to us, that our relationship with Him matters and warrants our love and attention."

"In the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament we ought to be like the Blessed in heaven before the Divine Essence." - St. Teresa of Avila



Justice & Community Outreach

Guatemala Mission Trip



We have 7 parishioners who will be traveling to Guatemala from August 4- August 12. The team includes Cathy Johnson, Jean Lombardi, Tere Garibay Cortes, Glenna Harkins, Sr. Mary Kay Kelley, Gloria Giordano, and Pat Slater. We will be visiting our friends in LaPuerta. This is our first visit since 2019 and it may be our last. Please pray for our team as we bring the good wishes of our parish community to our friends in LaPuerta.

Because the sisters are no longer doing catechetical work in LaPuerta, we will not be taking donations of religious goods. However, we can use donations of individually wrapped cookies, crackers and other snacks to give to the children as part of the Vacation Bible school we do with them. We can also use donations of new boxed crayons. The 16 and 24 count crayon boxes are the best size. Please put all donations behind the desk in the gathering space with Pat Slater's name on them. Donations must be in by July 30. You can also make a monetary donation if you wish and we will use it to buy supplies for the school in LaPuerta. Make checks payable to Christ Our Light Mission. If you have other items you would like to donate, please contact Pat Slater in the parish office before donating items.

The Guatemala team could use help with transportation to and from the Philadelphia airport. Departure from Christ Our Light parking lot will be Friday, August 4 at 3:30 am. Return is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 pm. If you can help out with any of this transportation, please contact Pat Slater in the parish office. 856-667-2440 x. 327 or by email pslater@christourlight.net

Sandwich Making Ministry



Sandwich Making will take place on Sunday, July 30th from 8-11 in the Parish Center.

All are welcome to come. This month we will be requesting bread, turkey, beef bologna and cheese.

Fair Trade Holiday Fair



Recruiting for Holiday Fair Trade Festival Committee Members - Do you have an interest in helping our brothers and sisters around the world to sustain themselves by selling what they make with their own hands? My email address is jonas2741@aol.com. I will give you a better idea of how we shop for fair trade and prepare for this event on Nov. 18th and 19th.

Blood Drive

Christ Our Light American Red Cross Blood Drive



Wednesday, July 26th

2 pm – 7 pm

**Parish Center – Gym
402 N. Kings Highway
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034**

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **Christ Our Light** to make an appointment, Or Scan the QR Code below:



Come give July 17-31 for an exclusive Shark Week shirt from Discovery, while supplies last!



American Red Cross

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To Live Again Grief Support Group



To Live Again, a support group for widows and widowers, meets on Mondays at 6:00 pm. These are in-person meetings. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office and we will put you in touch with a group leader. 856-667-2440 or

parishoffice@christourlight.net.

Justice & Community Outreach

Environmental Justice - Trex Challenge

Starting on October 1 Christ Our Light will be on a mission to collect at least 500 lbs. of plastic within six months. If we reach this goal, we will receive a beautiful recycled plastic bench from Trex. Please consider starting to save the plastic now! More information can be found in the infographics below!

IMPORTANT: ALL PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN, DRY AND FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE.



NexTrex
GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

Our goal is to establish recycling outlets for consumer collection beyond traditional grocery store drop off by removing hurdles that prevent organic growth of local plastic bag/film recycling initiatives.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- ✓ Bread bags
- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Pallet wrap & stretch film
- ✓ Salt & ice bags
- ✓ Grocery bags
- ✓ Cereal bags
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Wood pellet bags
- ✓ Plastic shipping envelopes
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags

HOW DOES NEXTREX WORK?

- ✓ Become a centralized drop off location for recycling polyethylene films
- ✓ Trex provides a rebate for baled recyclable films
- ✓ Trex provides upfront financing for a baler or discussion of supplemental backing
 - All or a portion of the rebate pays for the financing of the baler
 - After the baler is paid for, your organization begins to receive full compensation for film
 - Standard bale weight is 750 - 1,000 lbs.
 - Material needs to be stored in a dry location
- ✓ Transportation is provided by Trex at no cost to you
 - 53' trailer that holds a minimum of 40 bales
 - Full or combo load pick-up available

WHAT CAN TREX PROVIDE?

- ✓ Collection bins provided by Trex at no cost
- ✓ Marketing and PR opportunities available for discussion

PARTNER'S COMPENSATION

- ✓ Trex provides a rebate for baled recyclable films

WHO QUALIFIES?

- ✓ Localities, counties, cities, municipalities via solid waste and recycling
- ✓ Universities/colleges
- ✓ Foodbanks
- ✓ Non-profits
- ✓ Businesses/warehouses that do not meet Trex's commercial criteria
- ✓ Beverage distribution
- ✓ Not sure if you qualify, email recycle@trex.com

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- ✗ Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
- ✗ Six-pack rings
- ✗ Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- ✗ Pre-washed salad mix bags
- ✗ PPE- Gloves, masks, or protective wear
- ✗ Bedding or linen packaging
- ✗ Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- ✗ Pool covers
- ✗ Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap
- ✗ Lamination film
- ✗ Silage and hay bags
- ✗ Backyard ice rinks

DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM ON THE LIST?

Try these tests to see if your plastic is acceptable or not.

See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin.

Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do NOT recycle in the NexTrex® bin.

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9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

1. Bring your own shopping bag
2. Carry a reusable water bottle
3. Bring your own cup
4. Pack your lunch in reusable containers
5. Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
6. Skip the plastic produce bags
7. Slow down and dine in
8. Store leftovers in glass jars
9. Share these tips with your friends

Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange

The parish Unity Rich in Diversity team is happy to provide this joyous update to the cause of conferring sainthood on Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, who was profiled in our parish bulletin in 2021. Pope Francis declared her to be Venerable on June 22.



Little is known about the early life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, whom Pope Francis declared “venerable” June 22. However, it is possible she may become one of the United States’ first Black Catholic saints.

Likely of what today is Haitian ethnicity, Mother Lange – born Elizabeth Clarisse Lange – emigrated from Cuba shortly after the War of 1812 and made her way to Baltimore, where she ran a school for African-American children in her home. Sulpician Father James Joubert had been instructing Sunday school for Black Catholic children and recognized that many of them, particularly girls, were unable to read or write.

Because of this, he sought to open a school for girls and asked Lange and another woman to not only operate the school, but also to start a religious order to staff the school. With that, the Oblate Sisters of Providence were born in 1829. Under the leadership of Mother Lange, their mission grew from simply running schools to offering career development classes for women

and to operating homes for widows and orphans.

At the time, Maryland was a state where legalized slavery of Black Americans had also infected the Catholic Church and compromised its witness. In 1838 – at the same time that Mother Lange was giving authentic witness to Jesus Christ’s Gospel by carrying out her educational ministry to Black young people – the Maryland Jesuits sold 272 Black Catholics, enslaved to them, to plantation owners in Louisiana in order to save Georgetown University from bankruptcy.

“She was determined to respond to that need in spite of being a black woman in a slave state long before the Emancipation Proclamation,” according to the official website of her sainthood cause. “She used her own money and home to educate children of color.”

Slavery would be abolished in Maryland officially only in 1864, during the U.S. Civil War, under a new state constitution. It would take another century of struggle, however, for Black Americans to achieve legal equality in the state.

Mother Lange died in her 90s on Feb. 3, 1882, at St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, which she founded. The school today is owned and operated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Deacon B. Curtis Turner, who teaches at the school, said, “She teaches us to love the Church even when the Church doesn’t seem like it loves us back. She is the ultimate model for us to learn about forgiveness.”

In 1991, Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore opened an investigation into Mother Lange’s life. In 2004, documents describing Mother Lange’s life were sent to the Holy See, and the then-Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved the cause for her sainthood. In 2013, the Oblate Sisters transferred her remains from New Cathedral Cemetery in Baltimore to Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent Chapel at their motherhouse nearby.

In February, the Oblate Sisters received news that the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints had approved the cause’s “positio” – the documentation on the life of Mother Lange, which includes both the theological and historical record of her life.

“Venerable” is a declaration of a sainthood candidate’s heroic virtues. Next would come beatification, after which Mother Lange would be called “Blessed.” The third step is canonization in which she would be recognized as a saint. In general, the last two steps each require a miracle attributed to the intercession of the sainthood candidate and verified by the church.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore said he was overjoyed by the news of Mother Lange being declared “venerable” and noted that Baltimore still draws on her grace.

“Her virtues and example still enliven and grace this local Church,” Archbishop Lori said in a June 22 statement. “I am especially happy for the Oblates of Providence, who have been praying and working fervently for the canonization of their beloved founder.” - *Credit to Catholic Star Herald*

Youth Ministry

Youth Reflections on Mustard Seed Mission Trip to Jamaica



This mission trip to Jamaica taught me that not everyone has the same privileges as we do in America. This was a life changing experience, and I cannot wait to come back next summer and many more summers to come! ♡ - Reese

You are only as strong as your weakest teammate. Use your strengths to encourage your peers and ensure everyone has the opportunity to share love. There is no greater feeling than to share love with those expecting nothing in return. One love! ♡

Sherine & Kate, thank you so much for this amazing opportunity and being amazing leaders. I'm so full of love and gratitude ♡ Christina (mom of Lizzie)

Coming into this mission trip I had no idea what to expect. Coming out of this mission trip I can honestly say that this whole experience has been life changing. My view on life as a whole is forever changed thanks to god. From dance parties with the kids to late night prayer with the mission team- these are lasting memories that I will never forget. I will continue to pray for the kids at Blessed Assurance for good health and hopefully for a loving family in the future. Praying for the children of the world ♡ - Maddy (16 years old)

You are stronger than you think - challenges lead to life changing opportunities. If you are able to push through the challenging times, the outcome is so rewarding.

- be grateful for everything you have, take advantage of nothing. Someone always has it worse than you, we are all so blessed. - Bess (21 years old)



I was never able to fully appreciate what I had until I got to see how the kids at Mustard Seed live. I am so blessed to have running water and air conditioning.

These kids get up and go to their chapel to pray everyday just for one more day. Then the ones that are physically able help the ones who are not, to eat. And the best part was that no matter how tired or upset they were, they always had a smile and always wanted to sing and dance. They are just trying to live the best life they can and nothing is going to stop that. The spirits the kids have was not to be sad every night but happy because miracles do happen.

It broke my heart to have to say goodbye to the kids that I only met a week ago. Its crazy how a couple of days can change the way you see your entire life. - Alexis

Youth Reflections on Mustard Seed Mission Trip to Jamaica



In retrospect, who would have guessed that I would miss bunk bed living, shared humid space; simple living with very little water flow; yet a space full of laughter and constant singing and dancing.

I spent a week with an amazing group of young people from COL who lived the charism of mercy wholeheartedly. A group that didn't resist the challenge of "falling in love" and getting to "know others by name...." (**Pedro Arrupe, Henri Nouwen**).

I am humbled and grateful for the experiences of faith from working with kids with multiple disabilities at the Mustard Seed Communities and kids who needed a new service learning lens. Many thanks for all your dona-

tions. Everyone was touched by your generosity!

The simple ministry of presence met the encounter experience which was Eucharistic and symbolic; a testimony that God can bring all people together in spite of who we are and where we come from: One Body, One Church! - **Sherine**



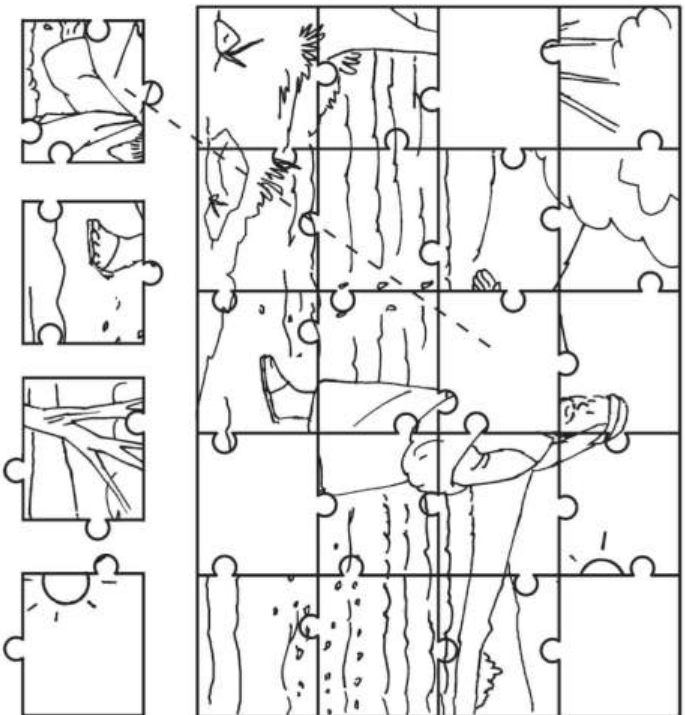
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July 23, 2023 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Weeds

A man planted good seed in his field.

Match the puzzle pieces.



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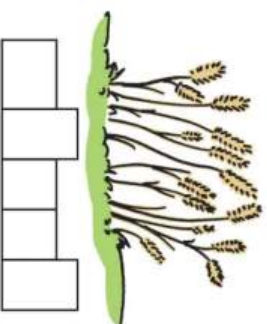
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At night his enemy planted
weeds among the wheat.

Write the letters inside the boxes.

enemy weeds
sleeping wheat





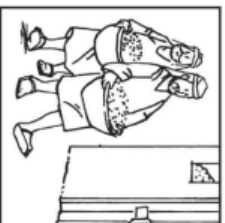
The harvesters collected the weeds.
They bundled and burned the weeds.
They put the wheat in the barn.

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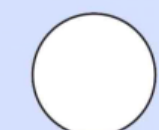


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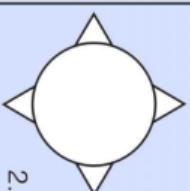


Jesus said, "The righteous
will shine like the sun."

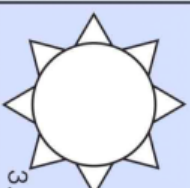
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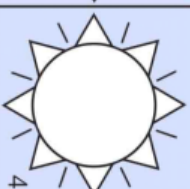
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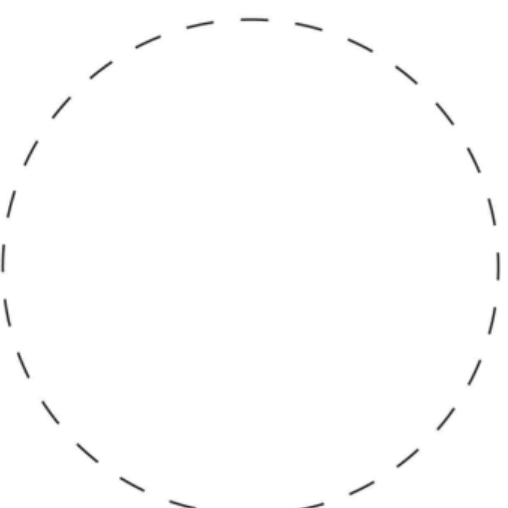
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Mass Intentions

Saturday

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

July 22

The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

Edison Valisno
R/B Shereal & Sophia Valisno
Mary Ann Iannuzzi
R/B Vince Pierce
Luciano Robert Reynolds
R/B Donita Nero

Sunday

8:30 AM

July 23

Evelyn Mangels

John Abiuso
R/B Wife & Family

10:30 AM

Amelia Severino
R/B Larry and Linda Lipinski
Tony Celhar
R/B Friends, Jim & Janet Conaty
Roberta Santos Crecencio
R/B Daughter, Imelda Gonzalez Santos
Joan Irene Seibert
R/B Suzanne Kadlic
William Coyle
R/B Verme Family
Dorothy Carletta
R/B Cathleen & Jack Sheridan
Monica Vo Thi Gin
R/B Lilly Phan
Madeleine T. Donnelly
R/B Cathy & Paul Johnson

6:30 PM

Monday

8:00 AM

July 24

Jill Bakaj
R/B Troost Family

Tuesday

8:00 AM

July 25

Edgardo Paulate
R/B Pamela Farrales
Father Stany J. Viagas
R/B Dunn Family

Wednesday

8:00 AM

July 26

Greg Magpantay
R/B Manny & Nellie Esguerra

Thursday

8:00 AM

July 27

Dustin Goebel
R/B Paul & Michelle Goebel

Friday

8:00 AM

July 28

Martin Paulate
R/B O'Leary Family

Saturday

9:00 AM

July 29

The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

4:00 PM

Emelda Simbulan
R/B Family
Dennis Lee
R/B Vicy, Shereal, and Sophia Lee
Mary Jane Mullen
R/B Nicholas & Mary Orphanos

Saturday

4:00 PM

July 29

Linda Beamesderfer
R/B Phil Gianfortune
Colette Hippolit
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carroll
Josephine Dimalaluan
R/B Roxas Family
Stephen Belfiore
R/B Theresa Belfiore

Sunday

8:30 AM

July 30

Evelyn Mangels

10:30 AM

Raymundo Benitez
R/B Wife, Eleanor
Anna Regetz
R/B Norrine Regetz
Paula Nicely
R/B Hrivnak Family
Sister Helenann (Barbara) Nelson SSND
R/B Cathleen & Jack Sheridan
Fred Fox
R/B COL Leisure Club
Patrick Graven
R/B Paul & Cathy Johnson
Silvina B. Cheong
R/B Dodo & Elena Apostol
Carol Wdzieczkowski
R/B Father

6:30 PM

Prayer List for our Service Men & Women



Please keep the following parishioners currently serving in our Armed Forces in your prayers:

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Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena



**Monday Miraculous Medal Novena
And**

Daily Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us after 8:00 AM morning Mass, Monday through Friday. All are welcome!

Prayers & Intentions

Prayer Requests

To everything there is a season and a time, for every purpose under heaven

"... A TIME TO BE BORN ..."
"... A TIME TO BE MARRIED ..."
"... A TIME TO BE HEALED ..."

Lamonda Adkins, Susan Anzano, Bill August, Terry August, Pat Azores, Augustus Baratta, Jeanette Baratta, Benniemae Lewis, Virginia Berckman, Jonathan Berr, Stephanie Berrios, William Blauvelt, Wanda Blotsky, Joann Bournousorezvis, Maureen Brown, Winnie Burdenski, Frank Callahan, Frances Cleary, Marie Conway, Jan Cote, Esperanza Curcio, Ian DeFabio, Patrick DeFabio, Tamme DeLoskey, Kathleen Denton, Marilyn Dietrich, Jim DiLolle, Myla Duffy, Mary Engel, Colleen Everly, Christopher Ferraro, Nikki Fiovanti, Travis Ford, David Fox, Robert Frett, Mary Gale, William Gale, Marie Gambino, Beatrice Geiger, Rich Gill, Joseph Gross, Jo D'Ambra Gulino, Matthew Ham, Rita Henderson, Thomas Hrivnak, Chris Kaelin, Charles Kelly, Rosley Keyko, Judy Kulyk, Anthony LaRosa, Manuel Leiva, Joan Leonetti, Tracey Leonetti, Wendy Leonetti, Helen Leonhardt, Shou Xian Li, Madison Luyber, Crystal Lynn, Margaret Maiese, Nicodemo Mastrogiacomio, Marilyn McAneney, Clare McDermott, Doris McDonnaugh, Rita McMullen, Bill Mitchell, William Mitchell Jr., Michelle Morrison, Steve Moskow, Corinne Muhlbach, Natalie Deal Mullen, Mary Muscat, Theresa Naccarelli, Elvira Notaro, Grace Ortiz, Ann Paul, Marie Pompeano, Rosemary Potere, Nick Potere, Daniel Pyle, Anthony Riccobono, Cynthia Rose, Randy Rose, Marilyn Rourke, Tim Rourke, Larry Sarreles, Howard Scharr, Sue Schirmer, Grace Marie Scullin, Alexandra Selfridge, Kathleen Settimi, Rita Settimi, Cathleen Sheridan, Jim Slater, Matthew Slater, Michael Sochanchak, Grace Solano, Dorothy Southwick, Carl Stech, Anne Stein, Connie Steinhagen, Bill Stophel Jr., Deanna Sweeten, Gloria Taddei, Kate Tambussi, Annette Valiante, Cherry Velasco, Connie Venuto, Jerry Vigna, Julie Wegryn, Scott Wood, Communicants of Spring Hills & Avista Healthcare

"... A TIME TO DIE ..."

Angela Dolcemaschio, Albert Cole

Prayer Requests Sick List



If you know someone who is in need of prayers, please contact the Parish Office by calling 856-667-2440 x322 or by emailing chrivnak@christourlight.net at any time. We will get them added to the next bulletin. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

The Weeks Ahead - July 24 - Aug 6

- 24th** Mon Grief Support Group, 6:00PM (St. Francis Room)
Boy Scout Troop 70 Meeting, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
- 25th** Tues Tuesday Morning Scripture Group, 9:00AM (St. John Room)
Youth Serve, 9:30AM (Cherry Hill Food Pantry)
Youth & Friends Meetup, 6:00PM (Parish Center/Gym)
AA, 6:30PM (Cafeteria)
- 26th** Wed Blood Drive, 2:00PM (Gym)
Ever Ancient, Ever New, 7:00PM (Zoom)
Al-a-non, 7:45PM (St. John Room)
- 27th** Thurs AA Promises Group, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
Christ Our Light Book Group, 7:00PM (St. John Room)
- 28th** Fri *Events Throughout Bulletin*
- 29th** Sat Christ Our Light Prayer Group, 8:30AM (St. Mary Room)
AA Promises Meeting, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
- 30th** Sun Sandwich Making Ministry, 8:00AM (Parish Center)
Alanon & Al-a-Teen, 8:00PM (Parish Center)
- 31st** Mon Boy Scout Troop 70 Meeting, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
- 1st** Tues Tuesday Morning Scripture Group, 9:00AM (St. John Room)
Youth Serve, 9:30AM (Cherry Hill Food Pantry)
AA, 6:30PM (Cafeteria)
Guatemala Packing Party, 7:00PM (Church)
- 2nd** Wed Mass for Healing, 8:00AM (Church)
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:30PM (MC Conference Room)
Ever Ancient, Ever New, 7:00PM (Zoom)
Al-a-non, 7:45PM (St. John Room)
- 3rd** Thurs Caregiver's Support Group, 11:00AM (Zoom)
Caregiver's Support Group, 2:00PM (San Lorenzo Room)
AA Promises Group, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
Pastoral Council Vital Structures, 7:00PM (St. John Room)
- 4th** Fri *Events Throughout Bulletin*
- 5th** Sat Christ Our Light Prayer Group, 8:30AM (St. Mary Room)
AA Promises Meeting, 7:00PM (Cafeteria)
- 6th** Sun Alanon & Al-a-Teen, 8:00PM (Parish Center)

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