

**Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017**

*We come together seeking the reign of God, giving thanks
and praise for this great gift.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The 7th annual VBS will take place on **August 14th - 18th from 9:00 am until 12 pm**. It's a summer camp with fantastic and fun activities for children and youth entering into grades between SK and 7 (or conversely, coming out of grades between JK and 6. The cost of the camp \$70 for this first child and \$10 for each additional child not to exceed \$90 per family. Registration forms can be found on the book shelf in the gathering space.

MISSION APPEAL – Fr. Paschal Izengo., from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, Tanzania, East Africa will be in our parish the weekend of **July 29/30** to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Archdiocese of Tanzania

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SEEKING PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER: To start in August 2017. The parish will receive applications until July 7; please forward your resume to charityc564@gmail.com. No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 18, 2017, for 10 weeks, will study the Gospel According to Mark. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered twice a week - Monday evening or Wednesday morning. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 18, 2017. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

GUIDED TOURS OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2017: This year, there will be free guided tours of the cathedral during the summer months. Further info: (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/guided-tours-2017>).

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM: Basic Training course: **Mon. Sept. 18 – Mon. Nov. 27**. Advanced Course: **Tues. Oct. 3- Tues, Oct. 24**. Continuing Education: “Beneath the Cry for Help: Pastoral Care and Suicidality” **Tues. Nov. 7**. Info: Verna Nuttall (verna@storm.ca) or (www.ottawapastoralcare.com)

Offering for July 22, 2017

Totals to be reflected in August 6th bulletin

Sunday Envelopes:	\$
PAC/Visa/MC	\$
Loose:	\$
Total Collection:	\$

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Reflection from Deacon Dan — 1 Kings 3: 5-12

What gift would you ask God for today?

In today's first reading, we hear the account of Solomon asking God for an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. What a wonderful gift this would be in our own time - if only we would pray for it.

Think about things in your life that have left you confused. The special 'gift of understanding' from the Holy Spirit would certainly help you make sense of them. And you also need this gift to make sense of the many good things of God found in the Scriptures. It's a spiritual gift that can unlock the many mysteries of life for us.

Christians who follow Christ are invited over and over never to judge others, but to clearly see what is right and wrong. But if we look at the reality around us, often when there is a definite statement that something is right or wrong, there is also judgment from others who don't agree with our Christian assessment of that statement.

We want to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds to the profound ways of God. Without the gift of understanding, we are left on our own to try to make sense of life.

Let's pray this week for an understanding glimpse of God's will, and for the reality of God's infinite love for each of us.

Lenten Pilgrimage to Israel with Fr. Michael Scherrey, Companions of the Cross. March 15-26, 2018. 12 days/10 nights following in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles. Price includes all fares, fees, tips, stipends, taxes, & meals except lunches. \$3849 per person (double occ) **Limited space**. For information contact Laurie Courchesne-Dooley (613)732-5739 e-mail lafrcado@outlook.com

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN - OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa., **Sat., Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Isidore, 1135 March Rd., Kanata & **Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m.**, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. Info: Wanda (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com). **VOLUNTEER WITH THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Founded as a social service to provide items to the needy, the Thrift Stores also sell merchandise to the general public, with profits going to the community. Volunteer depending on availability. Contact: Jenny (613-722-7166 x13); (ssvp.jenny.martin@gmail.com).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 29– Seventeenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by the Kelleher family
†Cecile Grenier req by Deacon Wayne & Claire Lee
†Jacqueline Desjardins req by Denis & Claudia Cudahy

Sunday, July 30– Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Mary & Lawrence Lawlor & Raoul & Florida Tremblay
req by Philippe & Marian Tremblay
†Fred Azzi req by Widad Azzi & family
Mass of Special Intentions req by Betty Ouellet

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, July 31 – Memorial – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00 am Intention of Pam Aung Thin req by Mary Meuse

Tuesday, August 1 – Memorial – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor

9:00 am Intention of Ferdin John & family req by Cynthia
Francois

Thursday, August 3 – Seventeenth Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Alfred Absi req by the Baillot family

Friday, August 4 – Memorial – St. John Mary Vianney, Priest

9:00 am Elizabeth Kuruvilla, Kuruvilla Mathew & Joy James req
by Ann John

Saturday, August 5– The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by Peggy & Peter Houliston

Sunday, August 6 –The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Mae McNeely req by Jean Hall

Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Lorna Kennedy, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Dorothy Dillon and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF

FATIMA; For Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St.

Maurice Parish, **Thurs. Sept. 7 11:00 p.m.- Fri. Sept. 8 6:00 a.m.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 a.m. **Contact:** Shirley & George Nedoborski, 613-225-6529,

george@nedoborski.com

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that those who experience an unplanned pregnancy at an inconvenient time will choose life for their child by moving away from seeking earthly comforts and allow their faith to direct their daily actions. As Catholics we understand the importance of the last moments of life - At the end of life, one is faced with a weak and deteriorating body while at the same time the soul is experiencing a moment of great openness and strength.