

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Jesus has desired from all eternity to meet us here at this sacred meal. He invites us to sit down with Him and listen as He tells us about our Father's love for us and what our Father desires for us. He will also tell us how we can respond to our Father's loving care for us.

Jesus offers us the example of Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in the faith, in today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. He tells us that we have faith when we accept our God's word as the truth, confident that what God says will become a reality.

Both Abraham and Sarah did just that. They left their homeland for a new land that God promised. They accepted God's word that they would have a child, even though they were old. They were willing to sacrifice their son Isaac, who was the only evidence they had of God's promise of many descendants. And God gave Isaac back to them as a sign of the truth of God's word to them, and as a witness to their confident hope.

Jesus offers their example to us as a reminder. He tells us not to be afraid. Our Father is pleased to give us the kingdom. He invites us to place our trust in our Father's promise, to make our heart's only desire the treasure we have been promised and given.

The sign of our confident hope will be our willingness to be prepared each day: prepared to seek our Father's will for us each day and do it lovingly; prepared to live with Jesus at our side each day, talking with Him about our day and listening as He talks to us, often through the people and events of our day; prepared to care gently for each person we will meet.

Jesus tells us: much will be expected of the person entrusted with much. You and I have been given much by our God. Let us be worthy of the trust our God puts in us as His beloved children.

Let us take what Jesus tells us at this meal and live it out today, and every day. He is here to strengthen us to do just that, for He gives us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink.

Remember the Homebound



Please let Father Fred know when a parishioner or family member is homebound. He would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also, if you would like a

Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or when unable to attend Mass, please call **Father Fred** at **(252) 995-6613**.



Mass Intentions

The weekend Masses are for the living and deceased members of Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Community.

To request a Mass card or prayer intention for Masses, contact Emile, (240) 357-4257, olsparish.events@gmail.com.

The Reading for today's Mass is found in the

Glory & Praise at number **856**:

1st Reading ~ Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 12:32-48



Masses For The Week

- ❖ Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am
- ❖ **Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation**, Thursday 8:30am
- ❖ Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
- ❖ Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am
- ❖ Domingo 6:00pm (Lengua Española)

Pope's Intention for August

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



Cross Catholic Outreach

Father Patrick J. McCormick of *Cross Catholic Outreach* will be visiting Our Lady of the Seas the weekend of August 24-25 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Please join us for Father McCormick's homily, an uplifting and informative presentation that will energize our parish!

Congratulations, You're Getting Married



If you're interested in getting married at OLS, or would like to inquire about renting the Parish Hall for a special event, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Emile Garry at ols.events@gmail.com or (240) 357-4257. She will provide you the necessary information to start your planning.



DON'T MISS IT! All ladies are encouraged to attend the **Martha & Mary Ministry Meeting** at 10:00am on Saturday, August 24, in the Parish Hall.

At the meeting, plans will be finalized for Coffee Sundays, Soup Suppers, and Bake Sales, along with other fundraisers and church events.

Plan now to attend and lend your helping hands, creative ideas, enthusiasm and love to this vital church ministry!

Volunteer Appreciation



John Newbould is the “go-to” guy at Our Lady of the Seas Church for all maintenance and repair issues at each of our 3 buildings. His skills are numerous, as he’s worked on the Baptismal Font, plumbing problems, tile replacement, church lighting, and anything else requiring fixing! He’s also our main “Groundskeeper,” helping to keep our greenery watered, cut, trimmed and looking beautiful. **We salute John and thank God he continuously shares his vast knowledge and talents with us!**

Faith Formation

Children who have received First Communion Sacrament are cordially invited to class for the remainder of the summer:

- Sunday, August 11, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)
- Sunday, August 25, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)
- Sunday, September 1, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)

The focus will be on Mass and Mass prayers all Catholics use in their daily and weekly prayer life.

REMINDER: Registration will begin in August for Fall/Winter Faith Formation for:

- First Communion Classes
- Confirmation Classes
- Continuing Catechism

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Bulletin Announcements

If you have any church or community information, recognition or general items you would like to include in an upcoming bulletin, please email submissions to Riley Greider at olsparish365@gmail.com. Deadline for weekly submissions is Sunday @ 5:00pm.

Fund Raiser 2019

We have an amazing opportunity this summer to pay off the mortgage on our church. A major sponsor has agreed to match 11 weeks of the “second collection” over the summer. Their only request was that we find individual sponsors to cover each of the 11 weeks.

We have found the individual, weekend sponsors, but we still need your help with the “second collection.” Whatever you can donate will be tripled, i.e. \$20 becomes \$60, \$100 becomes \$300.

With your help we can make this happen! Thank you so much for your support!

Summer Raffle



Tickets are on sale after each Mass. One ticket for \$5 or five for \$20. Proceeds go toward funding new hurricane shutters. Drawing for \$500 will be held every time the sales total \$1,000. But that’s not all!

This year, we are saving every single one of the 50/50 ticket stubs. In the final drawing, all of the stubs will be entered to win the use of a beautiful Hatteras Island vacation home for one full week. Don’t miss your chance to win some bucks and the bonus prize, too. Get your tickets today!

1st Winner – Kathy McNamara, Woodbridge, VA

2nd Winner – Keith Palen, South Park, PA

3rd Winner – Mary Melville, PA

4th Winner – Michele Hughes, Manchester, CT

Dates to Remember:

- Sundays, August 11, 25 & September 1, 10:30am, Summer Faith Formation Class, Parish Hall.
- Saturday, August 24, 10:00am, M&M 2019-2020 Planning & Organizational Meeting at the Parish Hall.
- Sunday, September 8, the Mass celebrates our local feast, **Mary, Our Lady of the Seas**. Coffee and fellowship will follow at the Parish Hall.
- Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14, “**Day at the Docks.**” This yearly celebration began after Hurricane Isabel in 2003 as a way to celebrate the commercial and charter fishermen of Hatteras.

The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying, not “what a lovely sermon,” but, “I WILL DO SOMETHING!”

- St. Francis de Sales