
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Father Young

I continue to share with you something I call the Mass Participation Primer. These are my reflections on the Mass, the importance and meaning of it and how it relates to each of us personally.



After the priest prepares the bread and the wine, and says the prayer of blessing over them, he bows and says an inaudible prayer, “*Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.*” It is very important that we humble ourselves when we pray, because “*to the humble he shows his favor.*” (Proverbs 3:34). Next the priest washes his hands and says quietly, “*Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me of my sin.*” What the priest is about to do, and what we are all going to do with him, is sacred beyond our ability to fully comprehend. We are doing it at the request of our Lord. We are about to pray the ancient and venerable Eucharistic prayer, the most powerful prayer on earth, and “*humility is the foundation of prayer.*” (Catechism 2559).

FINANCES

You may have noticed that the offertory basket is only being passed around once at Mass. In an effort to allow everyone to spend more quiet spiritual time with Our Lord after receiving Communion, we have eliminated passing the basket around the second time. We will still have a second envelope when there is a second offering. Please place both envelopes with your offering in the one offertory basket.

Last Week's Offertory	\$5341.50
87 Identifiable Contributions	\$4973.50
Average Contribution	\$57.17

Utility Offering	\$1148.00
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New Patio and Handicapped Ramp	\$30.00
Total to Date	\$37,548.81.00

There will be no second envelope next week.

Thank you for Your Generosity!

ALTAR SOCIETY

Week of July 16/17 Susan Copsey & Beverly Jackson

Thank you for your dedicated service.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16	4:00 pm	Jo Ellen Marek
Sunday, July 17	8:30 am	Karen Spalding
	11:00 am	Julie McAlister

Thank you for your dedicated service.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 16	4:00 pm	Johnson
Sunday, July 17	8:30 am	Biglin
	11:00 am	Guyther

Thank you for your dedicated service.

EMMAUS NIGHT

Beginning October 2011, we will explore the Book of Psalms and Wisdom readings.

SAINT of the DAY

Sunday, July 10	St. Veronica Giuliani
Monday, July 11	St. Benedict
Tuesday, July 12	Sts. John Jones & John Wall
Wednesday, July 13	St. Henry
Thursday, July 14	St. Francis Solano
Friday, July 15	St. Bonaventure
Saturday, July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel

To learn more go to www.americancatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Ex. 1:8-14, 22; Mt. 10:34-11:1 (389)
Tuesday – Ex. 2:1-15a (390)
Wednesday – Ex. 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt. 11:25-27 (391)
Thursday – Ex. 3:13-20; Mt. 11:28-30 (392)
Friday – Ex. 11:10-12; 14, Mt. 12:1-8 (393)
Saturday Ex. 12:37-42; Mt. 12:14-21 (394)
Sunday – Wis. 12:13-16, 19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106)

SUNDAY, July 10, 2011 & ITS VIGIL

For Church Visits: Remember 34125

Mass Intentions

Sat	Jul	9	4:00 pm	Betty Russell
Sun	Jul	10	8:30 am	Margaret Stevens Colvin
			11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Mon	Jul	11	8:00 am	Mary Pat Jameson
Tue	Jul	12	8:00 am	Mary Teresa Wilson
Wed	Jul	13	8:00 am	No Mass
Thur	Jul	14	8:00 am	Jack Duchesne.
Fri	Jul	15	8:00 am	Mary Patricia Cammack
Sat	Jul	16	4:00 pm	Edward Boruta
Sun	Jul	17	8:30 am	Ann Frere Ward

Pray for the Intentions of our Sick

Rayond Aloysius Harding, Madeline Badovinac, Lena C. Buckson, Sunny Wallace, Elsie Good, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Frances Rohland, Judy Conrad, Ronnie Hall, Margaret Morgan, Sara Hammett, Mary Wathen, Dominic Abell, Earl Thorne, Grace Webb, Landon Bucher, Ina Higgs, Jean Bowles Wathen, Dr. William Marek, Jody Van Ryswick, Joyce Thompson, Robert Perry, Sr., Bert Abell, Timothy Sauler, Curtis Parrigan, Jimmy Morrisette, Margaret Cheseldine, Elsie Stone, Pat Weber, Amelia Bean, J Merton Jarboe, Jacob Johnson, Shane Copsey, Mary Eva Abell, and Susan Fenwick

RECYCLE

Please continue to bring your old newspapers, magazines, envelopes, and/or unwanted junk mail and deposit them in one of the two red and green containers in the back of the church. The Parish receives money for the paper we collect. If you have shredded documents, please secure them in a plastic bag, as shredded paper must be pulled separately by the workers.

MASS INTENTIONS

There is a Mass Intention Book available in the area near the St. Joseph statue. If you would like to schedule a mass for a loved one or a special intention, you can select a date and write in the information. Your stipend may be placed in the envelope provided. Please put it in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass. If you need a Mass Card, they are available as well. If you have questions, please call the rectory at 301-475-8403.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for a Religious Education (CCD) teacher for the upcoming year (8th Grade). Please see Father or call the rectory. The requirements are that you are 18 years of age, a Catholic in good standing, and that you are willing to be fingerprinted.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

We say the Rosary after the First Saturday 8:00am Mass. Please join us.

A MESSAGE from the BOOKEEPER

While you and I may enjoy a vacation, it is sad to say that bills do not take a vacation. It sometimes gets very difficult in the summer months to meet the fiscal responsibilities of the parish due to the fact that participation may be down. Please remember to continue your financial support to the parish when you plan to be away.

PLANNING to TRAVEL this SUMMER?

Wherever you travel, you can find a Catholic Church near your destination. Just go to www.masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church.

LOCAL CATHOLIC GIFT STORE

Heavenly Presents, located at 22697 Washington Street in Leonardtown is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm. The store is operated by volunteers. You can contact us at 301-475-9770. Check us out for wedding gifts.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

The St. Mary's Council of the Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners and the general public to join them for bingo games each Friday night at Father Andrew White School. Games begin at 6:55 pm. This fundraising event supports charitable, athletic, and educational programs conducted by the Knights.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Advanced Altar Server Training, Saturday,
August 27th, 5:00pm.

Youth Group Bar-B-Q, Saturday, August
27th, 6:00pm

Lector's Workshop and Thank You Dinner,
Saturday, September 10th, 5:30pm

PARISH PICNIC

Join us on **Sunday, July 31**, from 12:30 –
4:00pm, at Camp Maria Retreat Center. The
parish will provide **fried chicken, rolls** and
beverages. Please plan to bring a **side dish**
or a **dessert** to share. The swimming pool
will be open, with a life guard attending.
We will have lawn games available.

Father Young is hoping to arrange a Corn
Hole Tournament with a first prize of a \$50
gas card and a second prize of a \$25 gas
card.

Please remember to drive slowly (5 mph).
Be sure to sign in at the welcome desk.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Sunday, September 4, 2011

We leave the church parking lot after the
11:00am Mass. (We will eat a boxed lunch;
sandwich, chips, pickle and beverage, from
Panera, in the parking lot before pulling
out.) The cost is \$30.00 per person, includes
transportation, ticket, and lunch.

We will arrive at Bay Sox Stadium in time
for the Bay Sox game followed by the DC
Padres vs. DeMatha High School.

We will be stopping, on the return trip, for
dinner at RIP'S restaurant. You will need to
bring your own money for dinner.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Some seed fell among thorns, and the
thorns grew up and choked it.” Sometimes,
as much as we love each other it seems like
the thorns of life are choking our marriage
and family. Take time to kill the thorns by
taking time for your Sacramental marriage.
The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekends are Sept 23-25, 2011 and Nov.
18-20, 2011. An early application is highly
recommended. For more information and to
apply online visit our website at:
wwmes4.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email
wwme@whalenfamily.com.

A LITTLE HUMOR

There's a little old Christian lady living
next door to an atheist. Every morning
the lady comes out onto her front porch
and shouts "Praise the Lord!". The
atheist yells back, "There is no God".
She does this every morning with the
same result. As time goes on the lady
runs into financial difficulties and has
trouble buying food. She goes out onto
the porch and asks God for help with
groceries, then says "Praise the Lord".
The next morning she goes out onto the
porch and there's the groceries she's
asked for, of course she says "Praise the
Lord". The atheist jumps out from
behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought
those groceries - there is no God". The
lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts
"Praise the Lord --- not only did you
provide for me Lord, you made Satan
pay for the groceries!"

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at the Valley Lee VFD and Rescue Squad Building on Monday, July 18th from 2pm until 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment or needing information may call 301-994-1038; however, walk-ins are welcome.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

WHERE: 2ND District VFD & RS
Valley Lee

WHEN: Sunday, July 10th

MENU: Scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, hot biscuits, cream chip beef, spiced applesauce, juices, milk and coffee.

COST: Adults - \$8; Children 6-12 - \$4; Children Under 5 are free.

EMMITSBURG BUS TRIP

On Sunday, October 2, 2011 St. Peter's Catholic Church in Waldorf will sponsor a bus to the Grotto of Lourdes at Mt. St. Mary's University and the Elizabeth Seton Shrine for the annual Sea Services Pilgrimage. Mass will be at 3:00pm. Breakfast stop in Frederick (on your own). Cost is \$60 and includes transportation. Gratuities, boxed lunch from Heavenly Ham, and sit down family style dinner at Cozy Inn. Bus departs Mattawoman Beantown Park & Ride at 7:00am and returns approximately 9:00pm. For more information and to register, please call Suzanne Carr at 301-645-52036.

NEWS ITEMS

(Vatican City) Pope Benedict XVI's first tweet has catapulted the Vatican's presence on Twitter to new heights. Thousands of Twitter users retweeted the Pope's June 28 announcement that launched the Vatican website News.va, and thousands more subscribed to the Vatican's English-language Twitter account. The English channel follower count stood at over 65,000 as of Friday evening, an increase of almost 54,000 from the period before the Pope's message.

(Vatican City) The Vatican City State ran up a surplus of \$30 million over the past year, after three years of deficit. The figure was revealed in financial results published July 2. "Both the excellent performance of the Vatican Museums – thanks especially to the increase in visitors, which runs against the current worldwide trend in the tourism industry – and the upswing in financial markets contributed to this positive result," the report noted.

(EWTN News) Restoration work in the St. Gennaro catacombs of Naples has uncovered an "extremely expressive" 1,500-year-old fresco of St. Paul which one Vatican cardinal called a "sensational discovery."

CALL THE RECTORY

Please keep us informed at the Rectory Office if someone is sick, hospitalized, or deceased. We can add their name to the sick list, they can have a visit from Fr. Young and receive the sacraments, or if someone in the community has died information can be shared about funeral arrangements.

CHOIR

Refresh your voice and memory by recalling the hymns listed for the upcoming weeks.

MUSIC for the UPCOMING WEEKS

17 July 2011

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

696	<i>Entrance</i>	God, Our God of Distant Ages	Verses 1 & 2
664	<i>Offertory</i>	As We Forgive	All verses
620	<i>Communion</i>	Wisdom's Feast	All verses
868	<i>Closing</i>	God's Blessing Sends Us Forth	Verses 1 & 2

24 July 2011

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

724	<i>Entrance</i>	Open Wide the Doors to Christ	Verses 1 & 2
928	<i>Offertory</i>	The Kingdom of God	All verses
627	<i>Communion</i>	Jesus Christ, Bread of Life	All verses
935	<i>Closing</i>	Let All Things Now Living	Verses 1 & 2

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THOSE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Please set aside one day each month to pray for vocations. You might attend Mass on the day of your choice, or recite the Rosary, or the Liturgy of the Hours. The following people have committed to pray for vocations on the noted days. If you would like to add your name to the list, please sign the book in front of the Blessed Mother Statue.

1. Clara Cammack	2. John Fox	3. M. Ashworth	4. Donna Granger
5. Sharon Hazel	6. Danny Hazel	7. Susan Ganzer	8. K. Durand
9. JoEllenMarek	10. Donna Granger	11. B. McWilliams	12. E. Ryce
13. K. Spalding	14. Jane Coyne	15. Irene Dixon	16. Marie Bailey
17. Donna Granger	18. David Dudzic	19. Barbara Dudzic	20. John Duvall
21. Sara Milburn	22. Peter Conrad	23. Olga Russell	24. Donna Granger
25. Van Ryswick	26. Van Ryswick	27. Van Ryswick	28. Z. Mattingly
29. M. Triantos	30. Fran Dowgiallo	31. Donna Granger	

