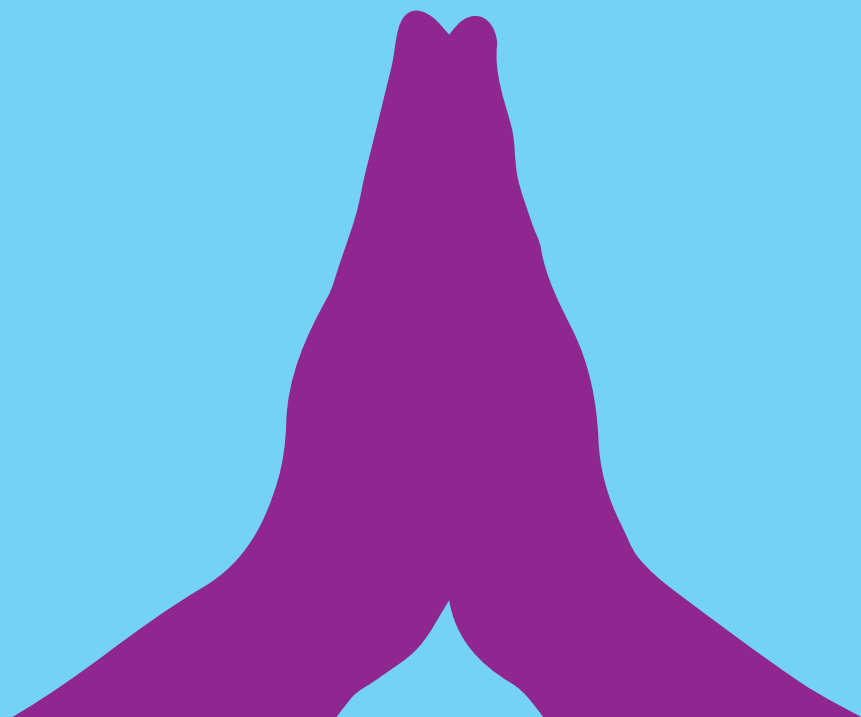


# **Ss PETER & PAUL • ST LAWRENCE**

AUGUST 20, 2017

**FOR**  
**MY HOUSE**  
**WILL BE CALLED**  
**A HOUSE OF PRAYER**  
**FOR ALL PEOPLES**

Isaiah 56:1, 7



**STANDARDS FOR  
EXCELLENCE**

# LESSON SIXTEENTH: ON ON THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST

Many who were born in the 1960s or before will remember the Baltimore Catechism, one of the most comprehensive teachings of the Catholic Church.

In order to "refresh" ourselves, we will reprint a section over the next months.

176. Q. Which are the effects of Confirmation?  
A. The effects of Confirmation are an increase of sanctifying grace, the strengthening of our faith, and the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

177. Q. Which are the gifts of the Holy Ghost?  
A. The gifts of the Holy Ghost are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

178. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Fear of the Lord?  
A. We receive the gift of Fear of the Lord to fill us with a dread of sin.

179. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Piety?  
A. We receive the gift of Piety to make us love God as a Father and obey Him because we love Him.

180. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Knowledge?  
A. We receive the gift of Knowledge to enable us to discover the will of God in all things.

181. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Fortitude?  
A. We receive the gift of Fortitude to strengthen us to do the will of God in all things.

182. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Counsel?  
A. We receive the gift of Counsel to warn us of the deceits of the devil, and of the dangers to salvation.

183. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Understanding?  
A. We receive the gift of Understanding to enable us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

184. Q. Why do we receive the gift of Wisdom?  
A. We receive the gift of Wisdom to give us a relish for the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory.



185. Q. Which are the Beatitudes?  
A. The Beatitudes are: (1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (2) Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land. (3) Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. (4) Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be filled. (5) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (6) Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. (7) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. (8) Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

186. Q. Which are the twelve fruits of the Holy Ghost?  
A. The twelve fruits of the Holy Ghost are Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity, Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Contineny, and Chastity.



## Do you feel called to serve the needs of the bereaved?



An eight-week Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. Two hour sessions begin in September and continue into November. Choose from Thursday or Saturday morning class time. Participants will be trained as Bereavement Support Group Facilitators.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 28**  
**OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16**  
**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

### For additional info, contact Fr Bob

*Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Newark.*

## Ss Peter & Paul intentions

### This Week's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, August 21

12:10 pm Church Closed

#### Tuesday, August 22

12:10 pm † Alice Growney

#### Wednesday, August 23

12:10 pm † Dr Arthur Lewis

#### Thursday, August 24

12:10 pm † Domenico Amato

#### Saturday, August 26

5:00 pm † Joseph Scaglione

#### Sunday, August 27

8:30 am † Josef Boescml

10:30 am † Deceased Members of the Farinola Family



Support Oktoberfest and our 50/50 Grand Raffle! 50/50 Grand Raffle! Proceeds benefit Buildings and Grounds Fund, Hoboken Catholic Academy, Hoboken Shelter, St Lucy's Shelter, Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corp and Hope House! Tickets are \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 10! Return your tickets today, stop by the parish office or purchase after Mass.

# What Does it Mean to be a Parishioner?

By Dan Loughman

In today's society, and within this growing secular culture, we find many Catholics who simply go through the motions. They attend Mass, receive the sacraments, become beneficiaries of the services provided by the parish, and seem to have certain expectations about what's in it for them, yet have minimal appreciation of how things such as the sacraments, education, formation, lights, heating, cooling, cleanliness, supplies, maintenance, support groups, and a variety of important ministries, are being provided.

Along with these expectations, there seems to be an emerging attitude that we/they are entitled to all these services and benefits without any generous, sacrificial, and proportionate commitment response in gratitude on our/their part. Is this growing sense of entitlement trumping our faith obligations, including that of being grateful, in committed action, for our God-given giftedness?

What is the root cause of this growing culture, this expectation of service, absent a commitment, support or obligation on the part of a growing percentage of parishioners? Research and experience within the United States and beyond suggests there is a serious lack of spiritual formation and understanding of what is expected of Christians in response to their Baptismal call to discipleship, where stewardship, that of discipleship in action, is understood, practiced and lived as being "The grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and received God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor." (Catholic Diocese of Wichita)

What does it mean to be a parishioner? What are the expectations?

A parishioner can be defined as: "One who is registered and actively participates in the liturgical/pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his or her God-given giftedness of time, talent and treasure."

**As a Catholic and registered parishioner of a parish, I am expected to:**

- ✓ **Regularly attend** and participate in Sunday Mass—preferably as a family
- ✓ **Regularly participate** in the sacramental life of the Church
- ✓ **Develop** and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life
- ✓ **Witness** to the teachings of the Church by one's manner of living life
- ✓ **Seek** to understand and practice what it means to be and live as an active and committed Christian steward in service to the parish and the wider universal Church
- ✓ **Commit** annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of one's time, talent and treasure in service to the broad mission of the parish and the wider universal Church without counting the cost or having any expectation of something in return
- ✓ **Recognize**, understand and accept my need to regularly give and share rather than giving and sharing only when there happens to be a need
- ✓ **Acknowledge**, as a registered parishioner, that I am to be a participant in serving the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator.
- ✓ **Realize** the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God's love that we receive his gift of life. In the course of that gift of life, we are then the recipients of God's varied grace and giftedness. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are called to serve as God's disciples, sharing, in gratitude, His giftedness and grace in love and service to God and neighbor.

Our expectations within this gift of life must not be allowed to take precedent over what is expected of us in gratitude thereof. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24)

## announcements

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER August 26-27, 2017

"But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." What name do you use when speaking of your spouse with others? Let Christ show you through His eyes who your spouse truly is by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. **For more information contact Janet and Mike Turco 973 427-7016 or 609 335-6880 (njwwwme@peoplepc.com) or go to nnjwwwme.org.**

### JOB OPENING for a Housekeeper and Food Service Worker at St John Vianney Residence.

Looking for a candidate that can perform food service and cleaning duties to maintain a clean facility. Qualifications/Skills include a general knowledge of food service and hygiene, ability to use cooking and cleaning equipment, and knowledge of sanitary/safety issues, including the use of household chemicals. Anyone interested in applying for this position should do so in writing. Please include resume and refer to position title. **Office of Human Resources: Fax (973) 497-4103 or E-mail: mendozch@rcan.org**

## St Lawrence intentions

### This Week's Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am † Sam Emanuele

#### Wednesday, August 23

9:30 am † Pat & Rita Devery

#### Thursday, August 24

9:30 am † Thomas John Devery

#### Sunday, August 27

8:00 am † Rita Owens

10:30 pm † Danilo Jimenez, Sr

**Reminder! Coffee social at Saint Lawrence will resume on September 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Support Fall Festival and our 50/50 Cash Raffle! Proceeds benefit Buildings and Grounds Fund and charitable outreach in our community! Tickets are \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 10! Return your tickets today, stop by the parish office or purchase after Mass.**