

OUR LADY OF OSTRABRAMA


ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Weeds and the Wheat: “Let Both Grow Together Until the Harvest”



Collect the weeds and tie them
in bundles for burning; but
gather the wheat into my barn.
- Jesus (Matthew 13:30)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading— [Wisdom 12:13, 16-19](#): There is only one God who cares for all, exercising justice, and demonstrating might. God teaches us that power is accompanied by kindness and provides hope through the possibility of repentance.

Responsorial Psalm —[Psalm 86](#) R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. God is good, forgiving, and kind to those who call upon Him. All nations will worship Him for His wondrous deeds. He is merciful, patient, faithful, and gives strength to His servants.

Second Reading — [Romans 8:26-27](#): The Spirit assists us in our weaknesses, especially when we struggle with prayer. The Spirit communicates for us with deep emotions. God, who knows all hearts, understands the Spirit's intentions, who advocates for us in alignment with God's will.

Gospel — [Matthew 13:24-43](#): Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field, but an enemy also sowed weeds among them. When the weeds grew, the farmer chose to let them coexist with the wheat until the harvest. Jesus explains that the wheat represents the righteous, while the weeds symbolize the wicked, and they will be separated in the end. He also shares parables of the mustard seed and yeast, illustrating the small beginnings and transformative power of God's kingdom.



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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily: 8:30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Polish), 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm or any time by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Each Sunday during Mass at 11:00 am.
Call the Rectory to make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Marriages are to be scheduled at least six months in advance by interview with a parish priest. Pre-Cana conferences are required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to be brought to the home or hospital.

After 830am Mass on First Saturdays

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Last Thursday of the month 7pm; First Friday, 9:00 am;

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after 8:30 am Mass

Rosary 8am, Before daily Mass

PARISH REGISTRATION: Census cards are in the Rectory

Parish Outreach: Coordinator—Maria Fedele

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North Fork Thrift Shop 631-477-6607

Sacred Heart Cemetery 631-732-3460/email n@cclongisland.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, July 22nd

8:30am +Virginia Asip from Jennifer Mayall

5:30pm +Cynthia Stepnowsky

SUNDAY, July 23rd

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Joseph Swiatocha

9:30am (Polish) +

11am (Family Mass) +Parishioners & Benefactors

MONDAY, July 24th

8:30am +Virginia Asip from Mary Lou Bednosky

TUESDAY, July 25th

St James

8:30am +Wes Bednosky, Jr. from Family

WEDNESDAY, July 26th

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, July 27th

8:30am +Helen P Krupski from Stephen & Debi

FRIDAY, July 28th

8:30am +Parishioners & Benefactors

SATURDAY, July 29th

8:30am +for all priests & Deacons

5:30pm +Peter Victoria from wife

SUNDAY, July 30th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Joseph Swiatocha from family

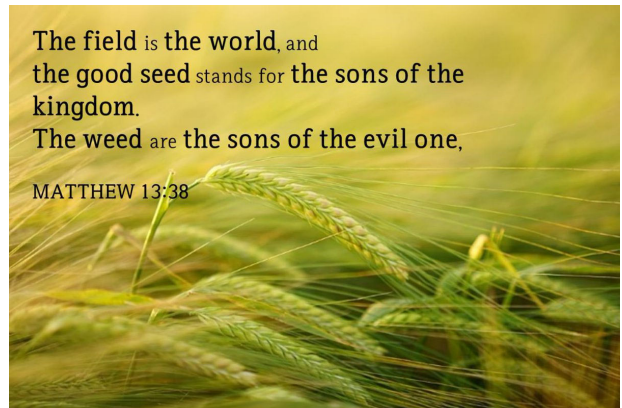
9:30am (Polish) +

11am (Family Mass) +Joseph M O'Hara from
Carolyn Lubanski

The field is the world, and
the good seed stands for the sons of the
kingdom.

The weed are the sons of the evil one,

MATTHEW 13:38





"THE RIGHTEOUS WILL
shine like the sun
 IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER."
 Matthew 13:43

Again this week's readings have us questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us—that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name. Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with injustice and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. The harvest draws near. Let's work that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

OF WHEAT & WEEDS—by Scott Hahn

God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden—like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS

We need help renovating the Gazebo and the surrounding area.

Please call Frank Apadula
 631-922-6918 or 631-734-7792

Thank you for sharing your talents!



Knights
 Of
 Columbus
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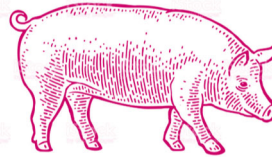
September 24 * 1-4pm * 1pm shotgun start

Cedars Golf Club \$50/Golfer

Please sign up in the back of the church

Contact MarianCouncil3852@gmail.com

**Annual Pig Roast
 & Raffle**



Sunday, September
 17
 3-7pm

\$40/ticket for BBQ (children under 12 are free)

\$100/ raffle ticket

Tickets available for sale after every Mass.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday July 9, 2023: \$4652; July 16: \$3490

AC: \$750; Poor Box/Candles: \$551

Peter's Pence: \$60; Renovations: \$1700

Thank you for your Generosity

Prayer Requests

Please Pray For:

Mary Lou Bednosky; Laurie Krom; Billy Hickox;
 Helen Puric; Our Country; the end of abortion;
 and all priests & deacons.

**July is dedicated to the
 Most Precious Blood of Jesus**

The Anima Christi

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within Your wounds hide me.
 Suffer me not to be separated from you.
 From the evil one defend me.
 In the hour of my death, call me.
 And bid me come to You,
 That with all Your saints,
 I may praise You forever and ever. Amen.*



"BLESSED ARE THOSE
 WHO MOURN,
 FOR THEY SHALL
 BE COMFORTED."
 MATTHEW 5:4

Our Lady of Ostrabrama
 CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Eternal Rest
 Grant Unto Them,
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