

## Sunday, June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Matthew 10:37-42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others - father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, "He who welcomes you, welcomes me."

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, June 27

8:30am Michael E. Silenzio  
r/b Anthony and Catherine Silenzio  
5:00pm James Daily r/b Christina McNasby  
Peg and Charles Delaney r/b Mary, Peggy and Susan  
Arman Paolo Delacruz r/b Zeny  
George Jenzano r/b Joe and Patricia Murphy  
Raphael Altmann  
r/b grandson, Raphael Altman  
Mark Gravinese r/b Betty Kehler

#### Sunday, June 28

7:30am Joseph Schiavo r/b Loretta Kusek  
Charles and Mary Marino r/b JoAnn Tomarchio  
Isadore Randazzo and Santina Bellace  
r/b Chris Bellace  
Charles Piechoski r/b sisters, Karen and Stella  
Harry Covely r/b Harry Bowers and family  
William Rahm r/b Reggie and Julie Santos  
9:30am Mary Hess r/b the Contemporary Ensemble  
11:30am Lee Marino (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b wife, Ellie

#### Monday, June 29 – Sts. Peter and Paul

8:30am Salvatore Aversa  
r/b Anthony and Catherine Silenzio

#### Tuesday, June 30 – The First Martyrs

8:30am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

#### Wednesday, July 1 – St. Junipero Serra

8:30am Antonio DiFabio r/b Elizabeth Iannelli

#### Thursday, July 2

8:30am Robert and Joan Wnek r/b Taylor Family

#### Friday, July 3 – St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30am For the Intentions of Ruben and Mae Estabillo  
r/b Ben, Kevin and Caitlin

#### Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day

8:30am Betty Bird r/b Ed and Pat  
5:00pm Ben and Mary Colletti r/b daughter, Rita

#### Sunday, July 5

##### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am John and Craig Forsman r/b wife and mother  
9:30am Fred and Alice Sweeney  
r/b Richard and Anna Sweeney  
11:30am Joseph Schiavo r/b Knights of Columbus 6364  
Elliott Kawczynski r/b Susan Mausolf  
Kathleen Farina r/b Siano Family  
David Paul Contarino r/b Mom, Dad and family  
Robert Wnek r/b Taylor and Gatti Families  
Oliver Nicholas Shepherd  
r/b Desiree and Bernard Shepherd

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### Readings for the Week

Monday, June 29	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday, June 30	Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 1	Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 2	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 3	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday, July 4	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

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### Prayer for Religious Vocations

**Priest:** Let us pray for vocations.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

**Glory to God** in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone, are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading – 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a**

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, “Can something be done for her?” His servant Gehazi answered, “Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.” Elisha said, “Call her.” When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading – Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel – Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

”Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

**Nicene Creed** – I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

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**To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

**“...a time to be born...”**

Rylee Marie Elfreth, Landon Charles Monaghan

**“...a time to welcome...”**

Hagan Family, Headman-McDowell Family,  
Jane Sistek

**“...a time to be married...”**

**...a time to be healed...”**

Ann Marie Agar, Sam Amaradio, George Austin, Kevon Baldwin, Verna Bisconte, Rita Bruno, Colleen, Krista Collings, Bobby Cooper, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D’Alessio, Robert Deegan, Ang DelGrande, Michael DiBernardo, Susan DiCicco, Alberta DiFabio, Barbara & Stephen DiTullio, Michael Donahue, Rich Donofrio, Rose Dougherty, Donna Dluoik, Bill Dunbar, Ellie & Les Edwards, Thomas Fenerty, Rachel Feudale, Francis Ferry, Agnes Flood, Helen Fowler, Marylou and Terry Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, John Gilmore, Margaret Giordano, Patricia Griggs, Michael Groody, Donovan & John Gura, John & Joseph Hart, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly, Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Patricia Manning, Anthony and Biago Marciante, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Maryellen McAteer, Dorothy McKeever, Barbara & Ira McManus, Anne McMenamin, Christina McNasby, Jack & Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Timothy Malloy, Jennifer Morgan, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Nicole P., William Pappernek, Giovanni Poloney, Rose Quigley, Barbara Ragonese, Janet Rainier, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Angie & Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Jason Russell, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina & Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Charlie Schmidheiser, Mark Serock, Linda Sesko, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Renee Steele, Dot Stronski, Jason Tallarida, Ernie Tolentino, Tom Tull, Rosemarie Villari, William Walsh, Justin Weaver, John Werner, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Francesco Zarzycki, Jacqueline Zellner, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

**“...a time to die...”**

Tilda Gerst  
Rose Novotny

## STEWARDSHIP LIFE

*“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”*  
-Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts in stewardship and living the life God intended for you!

### Stewardship Report

Will resume again next week.

### FORGOT YOUR ENVELOPES?

If you forgot your envelopes, are new to the parish or are visiting the parish and would like to make a donation. You can do so here. Be sure to select one-time gift – as recurring is default.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

#### Needing Someone to Talk To?

Ever felt this way? Caring communication with others is a basic human need. Stephen Ministers can help meet that need. For a listening ear, call 856-468-5536.



## FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, July 3, is First Friday. Come and spend an hour with Our Lord with Eucharistic Adoration from 7 to 8 p.m.

## FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Everybody loves a parade! Get up early on Saturday morning and celebrate America with the Wenonah Fourth of July Parade along Mantua Avenue. The parade kicks off at 8:30 a.m. – be on the lookout for our very own Knights of Columbus Council #6364! A patriotic ceremony will be held in Wenonah Park at 10 a.m.

## JOSEPH'S HOUSE: DATE CHANGE

Due to the July 4th holiday, the regularly scheduled delivery of casseroles to Joseph's House in Camden will be moved this month to July 13. June was a good month for us – thank you for your help and keep up the great work!.

## THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, completing the Sacraments of Initiation, or simply exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church in a welcoming and supportive environment. If interested, please scan the QR code below and complete the information on the form. Deacon Tom O'Brien will be in touch with you when he receives it. Come and explore the faith!



## SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOLARS

Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships appeal running now through June 30. In the 2025-26 school year, the fund provided scholarship assistance for 179 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school.

For more information or to contribute, visit [southjerseyscholarshipfund.org](http://southjerseyscholarshipfund.org). To donate offline, please send payment to: South Jersey Scholarship Fund, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102.

## BASKETBALL CAMP

Gloucester Catholic Rams are hosting a basketball camp for players going into Grades 4 to 9 this year.

Week 1: Monday 7/13 to Thursday 7/16 (Boys)

Week 2: Monday 7/20 to Thursday 7/23 (Boys & Girls)

Cost is \$150 per week (or \$265 for both). Space is limited, so early registration is highly encouraged. For registration information, contact coach Brandon Dougherty at [brandondougherty5@yahoo.com](mailto:brandondougherty5@yahoo.com).

## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program will be held the weekend of July 31 through August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2 - 4. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## HOMESCHOOL CO-OP THIS FALL

Enrollment is open now for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cooperative, a homeschool cooperative based out of Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish in Glassboro. Sessions for elementary-aged children will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8.

For information, send email to Megan Devose at [immaculateHMC@gmail.com](mailto:immaculateHMC@gmail.com).

## HELP FOR PREGNANT MOMS

If you are facing a difficult pregnancy or need supplies for your baby, you are not alone. First Way Pregnancy Resource Center located at 686 N. Broad St., Woodbury is here to help. They provide free and confidential counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, clothing in sizes newborn to 2T and other supplies. Call 856-848-1819 for an appointment. Donations and volunteers are also welcome – call the number above or send email to [ads@nationallifecenter.com](mailto:ads@nationallifecenter.com).

Donations of clothing, diapers, wipes, formula may also be dropped off at the parish office.

## SAVE THE DATE: MOTOWN MEMORIES

This fall, Incarnation is taking a trip down memory lane! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19 and get ready for some “Dancing in the Street!” Our “Motown Memories” night has everything you need for a great party: Dinner, dancing, prizes, and music from some of the greatest artists of our lifetime. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. BYOB. Tables can be reserved with the purchase of 8 or 10 tickets. No tickets sold at the door. For tickets, contact Sister Denise Ware at [dcwsfcc@gmail.com](mailto:dcwsfcc@gmail.com) or call 609-970-4371.

## WEDDING OF THE SEA

A tradition a thousand years in the making is coming to the heart of Atlantic City. Join the Parish of Saint Monica for the annual Wedding of the Sea on Saturday, August 15. Experience the solemn Mass of the Assumption at the Hard Rock Seminole Ballroom at 10 a.m., followed by the procession onto the beach and ceremonial blessing of the Atlantic Ocean. As we bless the ocean, we renew our trust in God’s providence and celebrate His presence in our lives and in the heart of Atlantic City. Join us as we honor Our Lady on her feast day! For more information, please visit [www.weddingofthesea.org](http://www.weddingofthesea.org) to sponsor a program ad, to purchase buffet tickets or to learn more.

## LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our Scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of Matthew 10:37-42. In this reading Jesus continues to instruct the Twelve about the obstacles they will inevitably encounter while on mission. Jesus ends His missionary instruction to the Twelve disciples by speaking about the incredible blessings people will experience through their ministry. Indeed, not everyone will respond positively to their message. However, some people will respond positively to the disciples’ message, and our Lord wants the last word of His instruction to remind the disciples of how much others will be blessed through them. The knowledge of these blessings and benefits is meant to encourage them to persevere through every moment of resistance and rejection. The ultimate reason for their missionary activity is the salvation of people. Those who positively receive the Apostles’ message will also receive Jesus and the Father. They will receive the reward of the Prophets and righteous ones as well.

The realization of how much others will benefit because of our ministry should motivate us to continue the mission of Jesus because we now have something wonderful to share with others that will bless their lives. How could we not want to do that? The sure and certain knowledge of how others will be blessed makes it worth the sacrifice (cross), resistance (family relationships), and hardships (fear) that may come our way. One thing is certain, though: people cannot be blessed unless we become the messengers of that blessing. Some people may resist the message of faith for years before finally receiving it. Disciples who are faithful will never lose hope in God’s gracious mercy and because they never want anything less for those who they love. Jesus never gave up on the people He encountered. Rather, He prayed for them and loved them to the end. Even as He was being crucified, He prayed for those who were driving the nails. He wanted them to experience the reward of the blessed rather than the condemnation of the cursed. The perseverance of discipleship, then, is motivated not by our determination or desire for success but by our love for others in the example of Jesus. It’s never too late for someone to receive the Lord, or to welcome the message of a prophet, or to become a righteous one. Inspired by that hope, disciples are willing to overcome every obstacle for the sake of others and in witness to their love of Jesus.

**Think about it:** Who do I think God wants to bless with His presence, and how can I be an instrument of that blessing?

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We pray for all in our armed forces, especially: Andrew Archer, Greg Giordano, Dane Kozlosky, James Tingle, Johnny McGowan, Vincent McManus, Vincent W. Abruzzese, John Robinson, Sean Owens, Matthew Cottrell, David Nahas, Colin Wexler, Liam Wahl, Ty Thuston, Brian Guzzetti, Leonard Puggi, Daniel Golden, Brett Govern, Ryan Lisle, Devin Kozlosky, Cory Carpenter, Christopher Hansen, Luke Wordelmann, Ryan Gilroy, Tyler L. Novak, Danielle Davis, Jesse Nester, Adam Stetser, Joseph Vaccarella, Matthew Murphy, Sara Huber, Robert Coughlan