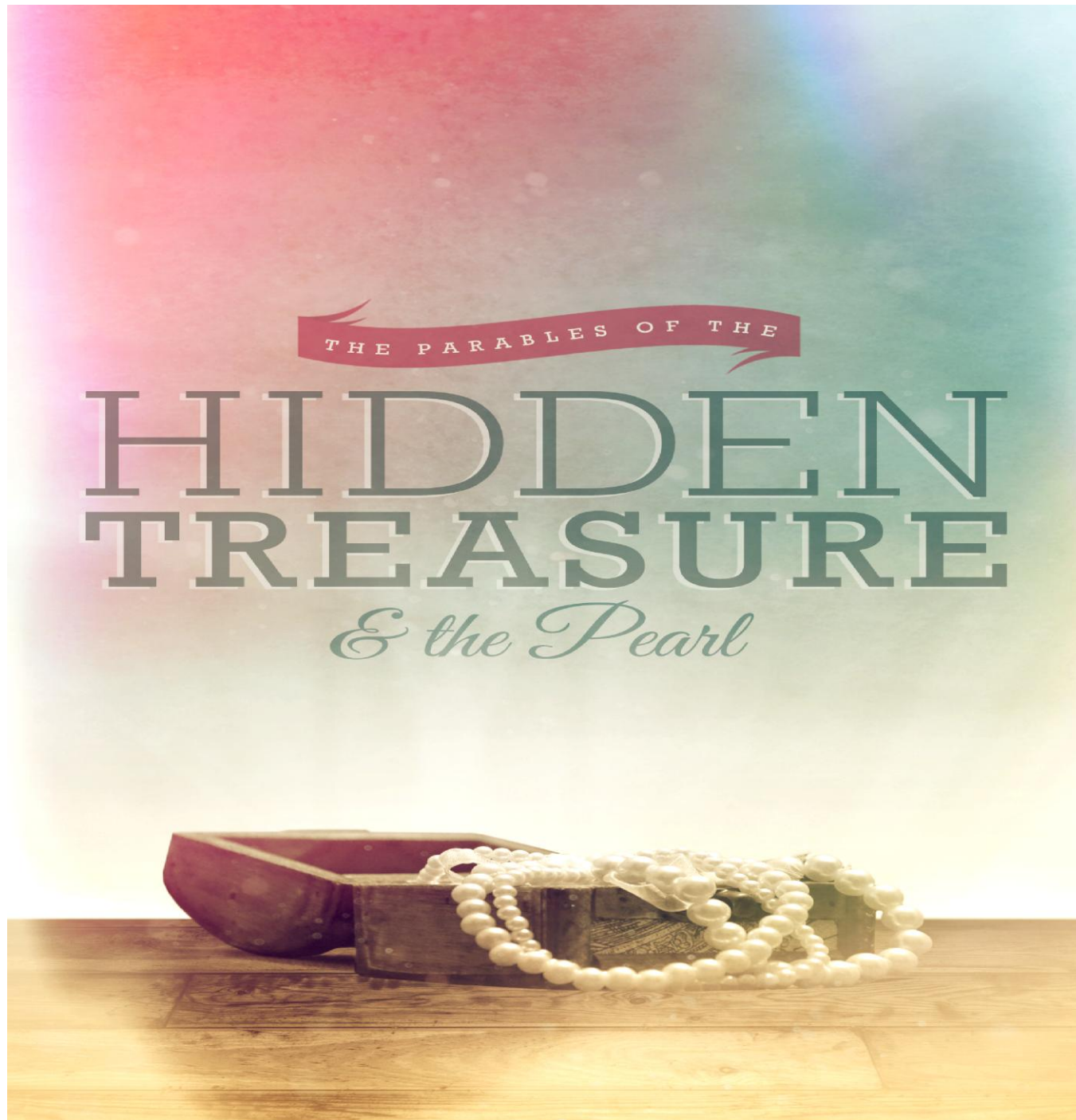


July 30, 2017
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



☪ 10:00 AM

- In Memory John Baynes
Req. Angela Lewis & Georgeann Campbell

☪ 12:00 Noon

- Blessings for Gabriel Zetrenne Palmer
Req. Guirlande Zetrenne

☪ 5:00 PM

- God's Healing for ~
Father Tony Boateng-Mensah

Weekday Mass

- Monday ~ All Suffering from Cancer
- Tuesday ~ In Memory of John Baynes
- Wednesday ~ People of the Parish
- Thursday ~ People of the Parish
- Friday ~ People of the Parish

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy.
Body of Christ, Save Me.
Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.
Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me.
Good Jesus, Hear Me.
Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.
Never Let Me Be Parted From You.
From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.
At the Hour of My Death, Call Me,
and tell Me to
Come to You, That with Your Saints
I May Praise You
Through All Eternity.
Amen

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday
St. Bonaventure**

**Tuesday – Thursday ~ St. Benedict the Moor
Weekly Readings & Observances**

Monday: *Joyful Mysteries*
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
**St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Wednesday: *Glorious Mysteries*
Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
**St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

Thursday: *Luminous Mysteries*
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday: *Joyful Mysteries*
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Next Sunday: *Glorious Mysteries*
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Transfiguration of the Lord

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia,
Anthony Davis, Cynthia Fairly, Hirnilda Grice,
Linda Hazel, Joyce Hunt, Will Holmes, Romaus Ikezi,
Troy Lima, Adrian Lewis, Maudrie Major, Mary Mitchell,
Doris Palmer, Gabriel Zetrenne Palmer
Marjorie St. John, Evelyn Washington

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

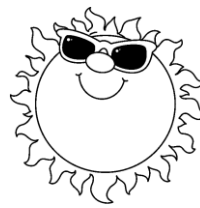
"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell *everything* else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is *finite*: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is *infinite*. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: *the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.*

*The Parish still needs
You during the summer months!*



Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM
- ✦ 12 Noon
- ✦ 5:00 PM

Please consider making your offering through Electronic Funds Transfer "Parish Pay"

ParishPay is the easiest and most effective way to give back to our community on a consistent and supportive basis weekly or monthly.

www.ParishPay.com ☞ Diocese: Brooklyn ☞

Our Parish on page 3 ☞ Enroll to give!

*Please see Malcolm or Angela
to assist in enrollment.*

Please make your *Generation of Faith* payments! Remember, over 50% of the funds collected will be returned to the parish!

To date **\$95,115.50** has been collected.

I will like to give my genuine and heartfelt thanks to all the families and individuals that helped make the campaign a success. You have the opportunity to submit your pledge in the "Blue Generation of Faith envelopes" or see Angela to enroll into Electronic Payment.

www.cfbq/generations/payments. Thank You!

Live in Faith Give in Love

Every little bit counts!!!!

Please donate to our

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

74 Donors Pledged- \$19,635.00

Collected to date - \$13,159.00

Mass Intentions

Donation \$15.00 refer to Blue envelopes

Please submit your Mass Intentions

**In a timely manner – one (1) week before
requested date of intention or**

Tuesday of the Sunday requested.

**For your love ones Health, Birthday's, Anniversary,
Blessings, Congratulations or**

**In memory of dearly departed, the more we pray,
the closer they get to the gate of heaven.**

*Also consider donating flowers \$30.00 or
Altar Bread \$60.00 or Altar Wine \$60.00*

Fitness Class

Thursday's ✦ 7:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

**Workout clothes, bring Yoga mat & towel
\$20.00 per month • Ages 12 & Above!**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 1st week of Lent of 2018

**February 15th – February 24th with
Father Gordon Kusi**

*Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Magdala, Tabor,
Nazareth, Cana, Bethlehem, Jericho, Dead Sea,
Mt. Zion, Wailing Wall, Bethany, Mt. of Olives!*

**Father Ted Abraham invites you to join
him if these dates are better for you.**

October 28th – November 9, 2017

Please see Angela

FINDING YOUR PURPOSE Job Training, Placement & Immigration Consultation

Available *with* Niven Harry

St. Bonaventure Rectory

Tuesday's 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

For info see Ms. Celia Lewis or
call Niven 917-518-8930

Cultural Unity Mass

Sunday, September 10th ✦ 11:00 AM

*This will be our Cultural Welcoming
for Father Ted.*

More details to follow!

St. Bonaventure Church

Fellowship to follow

Please bring cultural food to share!



Bridges to Peace

DEANERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 8, 2017

Sight & Sound

Jesus...The Heart of the Story

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Details forthcoming!



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