

LIFT YOUR SAILS

Driving around the parish and town each day, I get a few glimpses of the lake from the road. One of my favorite sights is that of the sailboat gliding along over the calm blue waters. This image has become a very meaningful one in my own spiritual journey. It reminds me that the challenge of being a follower of Christ today calls us to "lift our sails" meaning that each of us has something special to do with our lives. We are called to pull up the anchors that we have put in place and respond to Christ's invitation to "Follow Him."

Jesus invites us to set out on our journey aware that He will always be with us and we need to only keep "our sails up" so that the Holy Spirit can fill them. He continually reaches out to us and offers us numerous opportunities to respond. We just need to listen to His invitation – one which comes to us via the events, people and circumstances of our lives. We need only dare to give up our false security, controls and certitudes and once again embrace a life of faith, trust, love and prayer. It is indeed a risky task to follow and put all of our confidence in Him, but it is the only way.

When we lift our sails and pull up our anchors God will carry us through the storms we encounter in life and lead us to a safe harbor. The Spirit will fill our sails with a fresh breeze and enable us to behold the beauty of the lake, the skies, the stars and even life itself.

Let us remember that "the winds of God's grace are always blowing," but we must make the effort to raise the sails.

May your summer be filled with many moments of "happy sailing."



*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



Life Line Screening will hold their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Monday, 8/15/2016 at Star of the Sea**. There are 5 screenings that scan for potential problems related to heart disease and stroke, and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete and cost \$149. **To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount lease call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreenig.com/community-partners. Pre-registration is recommended.**



ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. birthday, wedding anniversary; please call the Rectory by Wednesday at 973/663-0211. Cost \$55-75.

NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call the rectory (973) 663-0211 & arrange to register to become a member of our active parish.



ON VACATION? To locate a church and time for Mass, go to www.Masstimes.org or call 734-794-2100, or get an iPhone app.

Mets vs. Twins Friday, September 16th, 7pm. (T-shirt night). \$70 per ticket. Sec 134- Field level left side. Call rectory 973-663-0211 to reserve tickets. Bus leaves Our Lady Star of the Sea parking lot 4pm (1 BUS.) Payments due by August 25th. Come join us at Citi Field for a fun family night out. Let's Go Mets!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SATURDAY, August 6th thru SUNDAY, August 14th

AUGUST 6th- 5:00pm – SATURDAY

Katelynn Peterson & Rebekkah Merolle - Altar Servers
Earl Kimble & Allen Bolcar– Eucharistic Ministers
Jim Beyel– Lector

AUGUST 7th - 8:30 AM – SUNDAY

Jacob & Nicholas Shatteman - Altar Servers
Veronica Hellner 7 Dora Sharpe- Eucharistic Ministers
Donna Kirby– Lector

10:30 AM – SUNDAY

Zachary Fuderanan & Prajith Stephen - Altar Servers
Rochelle Sullivan & Roit Leek - Eucharistic Ministers
Debbie De Feo– Lector

12:00 PM – SUNDAY

TEAM WILSUSEN

AUGUST 13th - 5:00pm – SATURDAY

Zachary Fuderanan & Francis Short - Altar Servers
Allen Bolcar & Anne Nichols– Eucharistic Ministers
Jim Beyel– Lector

AUGUST 14th - 8:30 AM – SUNDAY

Leah & Olivia Demko - Altar Servers
Kathy Grealy & Maria Ulianiello- Eucharistic Ministers
Tim Grealy – Lector

10:30 AM – SUNDAY

Rebekkah Merolle & Riley McGovern- Altar Servers
Veronica Hellner & Joan McGrady - Eucharistic Ministers
Donna Kirby – Lector

12:00 PM – SUNDAY

Edward & Matthew Del Rosario – Altar Servers
Carmelo Del Rosario– Eucharistic Minister
Kris Dour – Lector

Please remember YOU are to replace yourself if you cannot fulfill your ministry assignment. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM, 1:30-3:15PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Co-ordinator is Toni Tarighi. Items needed: **potato buds, stuffing, JELLY, JUICE, corn CANNED FRUITS, powdered drinks. REFRIGERATED Items: milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, frozen foods, and bread.** Thank you.

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted.



MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN: The Diocese of Paterson participates in this special plan to help Missionary Congregations especially in Africa and India. Each parish is asked to help a specific community through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. **The weekend of Aug. 20-21**, our parish will host **Fr. Isaac Honsan**, from the **Archdiocese of Imphal**, which is located in the extreme corner of Northeast **India**, an area that has villages lacking the basic needs like electricity, phones, schools and hospitals. Many villages are not connected to all season roads. The 1st Catholic baptism occurred here in 1952, and the current Catholic population is 100,000. The diocese has 48 parishes, & 160 priests including 67 indigenous tribal priests. Growth has presented challenges and persecution. Between 1990-2001, six young and dynamic missionaries were killed for witnessing the gospel. In spite of these challenges, missionary efforts are yielding an increase in vocation to the priesthood and Religious life. The proceeds of the 2016 Mission appeal will be used to build 30 Low Cost Houses for the widows and the elderly in 30 parishes of the archdiocese as part of the Year of Mercy. Your generous support and prayers will help the evangelization work in the diocese of Imphal that began 66 years ago. **The Second Collection on August 20-21 will be for this purpose.** Please welcome Fr. Honsan.



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