



July 23rd, 2023
16th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –July 22nd – 30th 2023

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anette Maillet
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Paul Moore
Tues. 6:30 pm Special Intentions
Wed. 6:30 pm Richard Bradshaw
Thurs: 9 am Special Intentions
Fri. 9 am Victor Boudreau
Sat. 4 pm Lou Lesser
Sun. 9 am Terry Doucette
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am July 23 John Donald Surette
Sat. 6 pm July 29 Dennis Fitzgerald

REFLECTION: Vigilance with the Truth Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.” This parable would have made much sense to the people of Jesus’ time. It was



common practice for an enemy to get revenge upon another by sowing a weed named “cockle” in with the wheat. As the cockle began to grow, it looked much like wheat until the grain was formed. And if it were mixed with the wheat and eaten, it would cause severe nausea. Due to this, it was also common practice for farmers with enemies to have servants stand watch over their fields after they were planted. Therefore, this parable reveals that the servants who were to keep watch failed in their duty. In explaining this parable, Jesus says, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels” One common tactic of the evil one is to subtly mix his lies with the truth. He knows that if he were to propose some grave and obvious lie that many would reject it outright. Therefore, he attempts to create division and confusion by slowly and slightly suggesting his errors in such a way that they are more easily believed. Therefore, “the children of the evil one” can be understood as those in this world who are under the influence of the devil, as well as the legions of demons who attempt to sow confusion in our lives and within the Church. One helpful way to prayerfully ponder this parable is to see yourself as one of those servants who is entrusted with the task of guarding the field. Since the field is the world, we all have a duty to keep the lies of the evil one from flourishing. To do that, we certainly must confront the most serious errors we encounter. For example, the dignity of the unborn child must be protected and the diabolical practice of abortion must cease. Additionally, we must work to protect the Church, our communities, friends and families from not only the grave errors of our times but also those most subtle ones. For example, within the Church, conflicts and confusions often arise. These divisions are part of the subtle lies sown by the evil one. We must also see our own souls as the fertile soil. Certainly, God’s Word has been planted, but oftentimes we allow ourselves to believe subtle errors. This leads to internal conflict, sin and confusion. Thus, we must regularly guard our souls from these lies by relying upon the authentic teachings of our Church and the teachings of the

saints. Reflect, today, upon your sacred duty to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the seed of error sown within our world, the Church and your own soul. Vigilance is key. The evil one is always on the prowl. If we are to learn one of the central messages of this parable, then we must learn to guard and protect all that God has revealed and hold firmly to the Truth alone. *Glorious Word of God, You have sown Your seed of truth in our world, within Your Church and in my life. May I always listen to Your Word and respond to it wholeheartedly. Please also reveal to me the many lies of the evil one so that I can reject them with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life*

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Are you a non-



Catholic interested in the Catholic faith? Are you thinking you might want to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who never celebrated your 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Then RCIA is for you. RCIA will be starting this fall at St. Ambrose. If you are interested then please contact the office for a form you can fill out to sign up. Come and join us this fall!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Consult not your fears but



your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. -St. John XXIII

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held August 3rd 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

PARISH PICNIC: A parish picnic is happening next



Sunday, July 30th at Ellenwood Park from 11 AM to 2 PM, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The food will be provided for by the Knights and the Parish. There is no cost. Bring your families and children, there will be games for all ages. Because we need to be able to plan for how much food to have on hand, we need to have a sign-up sheet. Kindly sign in the sheet at the entrance of the church and indicate the number of people per

family that will be attending the picnic. We look forward to seeing you for the BBQ.

MUSIC CONCERT: Two concerts coming up on July



29 and 31. Hear! Here! Society will host Randy and musical friends on Saturday, July 29 at 3 p.m. at the Argyle Historic Church at Frost Corner on Route 3 in Argyle, just off Highway 103. Tickets are a minimum \$25 and all donations are welcomed. Music Royale will be presenting Best of Boxwood, celebrating Celtic music, Monday July 31 at 7 pm - St. Peter’s Church, 1152 Route 335, Middle West Pubnico. Admission: \$25 at the door • \$20 advance • \$10 students (some exceptions)

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PARISH LIBRARY: Did you know we have a parish



library in the Parish Center? We have many good books to choose from. Books on saints, spirituality, biographies and many other topics. Come and check out what we have and borrow one!

FROM THE ARCHIVES: St. Ambrose a 100 Years

ago, An update on the liquidation of the church debt was announced at the Masses on May 20, 1923 In 1920 the tax of \$4 on each head of family and on each working person was imposed and that the sum of \$2500 was paid toward the church debt There was still \$400 owing and Father William E. Young made this announcement “so that person who wish may be able to pay to myself the portion even before they are called upon by the collectors”. {\$4 in 1923 would be approximately \$70 today}

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone who



attended my Mass of Candidacy last Saturday in Amirault’s Hill, as well as those who organized it - what a beautiful celebration! Your support and prayers warm my heart. Be assured of my continued prayers for you! Once again, thank you! -Bruce Muise