

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus took the loaves, and...he distributed them..."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter I -- Year B

MON. July 27

12:05 PM † **FRANCESCO DEPALMA**
--Don & Frances

TUES. July 28

12:05 PM † **BRAD BEAUDUOIN**
--Duane & Rick Hoffman

WED. July 29 *St. Martha*

12:05 PM † **HONORE PAVLOVITSCH**
--Colette & Fred Stegmayer

THURS. July 30

12:05 PM † **PAULINE HILL**
--Kaye Hamilton

FRI. July 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **SISTER MARY DRISCOL,SSJ** -50th Jubilee
--Hermi Zverina

Saturday, August 1

5:00 PM Special Intentions of **PAT FLEMING**
--Friends of St. Michael's

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM † **SHANNON LEES**
--Kathy Hart

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1st: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a++ 2nd: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24
Gospel John 6.24-35

Reflection

Jesus created a lot of excitement and enthusiasm among the people who came to hear his words. It is clear, however, that they did not completely understand the meaning of what he said. They looked for signs and believed that he performed miracles such as the one in today's gospel. This gospel tells of the fishes and loaves of bread multiplied to such an extent that they not only fed the large crowd, but there was plenty of food left over. The people simply saw the amount of bread increase in a way similar to God providing food for the ancient Israelites when he sent manna from heaven to fill their hunger. The people on the hillside with Jesus did not understand how bread could be spiritual nourishment or that Jesus was that bread.

Reflection for Families So much of our culture today is based on a what's in it for me attitude. We are reluctant to give our time, energy, or resources to an effort that doesn't yield a benefit directly for us or our families. Our simple acts of kindness toward others do not go unnoticed by our children. When they see us give of ourselves generously, they learn about the boy who shared his food with the crowd in today's gospel.

Collection Report

∞ A Summary of Your Generosity ∞

July 12 Sunday Offering \$4486.00

July 19 Sunday Offering \$ 4757.00

Diocesan Debit Collection \$5320.00

Restoration Offering for the past 2 weeks \$772.35

Thank you for your support!

Prayers for the Sick

Heather Maxwell, Doug Smith, Greg Heenan, Jim Connolly, Bernadette Forster, Jim Corkery, Jenna Jenkins, Joseph Slaven, Kathleen Tunney, Marie Solomon, Mary Meade, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Alice Heffernan, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett

May the Lord's healing hand touch them.

Events/Meetings This Week

Wed. 29—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 30—7:00 pm Prayer/Meditation Group in PC



Baptism

We have six families who have requested the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. These baptisms will take place during Mass next weekend, August 1/2, 2009.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping those less fortunate. With essential care and guidance, struggling families and individuals can build self-confidence and positive opportunity.

Next weekend, August 1/2, following all Masses members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting donations as you leave the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Villa St. Joseph Retreat Centre

"As we reflect on the retreat program that has just been completed, we are most grateful for the many expressions of encouragement and appreciation that we have received from those whom we have welcomed here. As we look forward to next September, we hope that our beautiful retreat Centre will continue to provide a sacred space for those who wish to come. We are pleased to have a new staff member on our Villa team, as Sister Pauline Shea joins us full time, and brings many gifts and talents that add much to our ministry here." –Sister of St. Joseph

Brochures for the Villa's 2009/10 Retreat Centre are now available for pick up at the entrance of the Church. These programmes will also be uploaded on their website in the next week or so www.villastjoseph.ca

Home Communion Visits

If you, or someone you know, are no longer able to attend Mass please notify our office and we will contact them to arrange for a monthly visit. We need your help in administering this wonderful sacrament to our shut-ins. Thank you for your assistance.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Germany, Switzerland & France
June 17 to 30, 2010

The Diocese of Peterborough, VEYO, (*Vocations, Evangelization and Youth Office*) are planning this pilgrimage. Highlights: Oberammergau Passion Play—which is only performed every tenth year—Shrines of St. John Vianney, Our Lady of La Salette, Our Lady of Einsiedeln. For more information or to register, contact the VEYO Centre at 705 749-0330 or visit their website: www.veyopeterboro.org and follow the links. Also, copies of the Itinerary and registration forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours. Note that a first deposit is due by August 15, 2009.

A Time To Celebrate

Best Wishes and Congratulations!!! Two long time Parishioners are each celebrating a new decade this month! Happy Birthday to Celestine Demattos entering her 80th year, and to Ray Lambie who is entering his 90th year. Wishing you both many blessings all through the year.

SONfest is fast approaching and we remind the youth that they can register online at the VEYO website, www.veyopeterboro.org, **Volunteers are needed**, especially in the areas of security, health and safety and set up. Anyone who would like to volunteer a few hours over the SONfest weekend is asked to attend the volunteer orientation meeting on August 5th at 7:30 pm at St. Therese Parish 3800 Courtice Road. For further information, please call the parish office at 905 436-2126.

"We Have Set Our Hope on the Living God: (1 Tim. 4:10)

Catholic Youth Festival of the Diocese of Peterborough August 14-16, 2009

At Holy Trinity Secondary School, Courtice
Hosted by St. Therese Parish, Courtice, ON
Camping~Food~Speakers~Music~Prayer
~Adoration~Fun~Games~

Who is SONfest for? Ages 15 to 30.

Cost: Early registration is only \$40.00 for the entire 3-day event. *After July 31, the fee is \$50.00* For more information and to register, visit the website at www.veyopeterboro.org and follow the link.

"Lord, you satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts and you feed us with the finest of wheat (Ps 81:16). Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me."