

20 July 2025
XVI Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
VI Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon.	21 July	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Religious, Doctor of the Church
8 AM		Ancient Rite Latin Mass For: Special Intention
Tue.	22 July	St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent
8 AM		For: Kathie Tierney+ (6 th Ann.) Req: Susanne Dunne Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn
Wed.	23 July	St. Bridget of Sweden, Wife, Foundress
7 PM		For: Timothy Secor+ Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof
Thu.	24 July	St. Sharbel Mahklouf, Priest, Hermit
8 AM		For: The Sweeney Family Req: The Anderson Family
Fri.	25 July	St. James the Great, Apostle, Martyr
8 AM		For: Luna Evans+ Req: Mr. & Mrs. Pete Bender
Sat.	26 July	STS. JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF OUR LADY (Grandparents' Day)
8 AM		For: Special Intention
4 PM		For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
Sun.	27 July	XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
8 AM		For: Katherine Mazar+ Req: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Judge
9:30 AM		For: Jeannette Heberle+ Req: Susanne Dunne
11 AM		For: Tammy McDaniels+ Req: Dona Fiedler

LOVELY BENCH DONATION FOR OUR OUTDOOR SHRINE OF OUR LADY

This week we received the gift of a very durable bench for our Shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the church lawn. This donation was made by parishioner Alice Amodeo, who lost her husband Crescent in May of 2023, and her devoted son Nicholas in March of this year. The bench has been donated in memory of the deceased of the Amodeo family. We are very grateful to Alice for this gesture of love for her family members and for our parish. God bless you and reward you, Alice.

WHAT A WEEK IT HAS BEEN!

It seems as if so much has been thrown at us who consider ourselves faithful Catholics and conservative citizens of our nation: We had the announcement that John Henry Weston has been removed from his position at LifeSiteNews by a slim majority vote of the board. Weston is the co-founder, CEO and public face of LifeSiteNews, and has been in that position for 28 years. LifeSiteNews, as all of us are aware, is a source of pro-life, pro-family and pro-Catholic Church news that is never covered by the mainstream media. To have him removed from his position, and thereby from the website, is a real blow to our ability to receive news and commentary that is based on a Catholic perspective.

Another major “hit” this week was the announcement by the Attorney General of the United States that there was, in fact, no client list of Jeffrey Epstein's visitors to his playboy island. This was a complete reversal of claims made by Donald Trump in his campaign, that he would see that the list is made public. Is there anyone who really believes that disclaimer? Again, we have been disappointed by the mendacity of the leaders of our nation, and now realize that they are either complicit in or completely muzzled by child-sex traffickers. God have mercy on us. “Put not your trust in princes, in man, in whom there is no salvation.”

Lastly, on Thursday, it was reported that the Israeli military forces fired a tank at the Holy Family Church in Gaza, killing three people and wounding nine, including Fr Romanelli, the Pastor. Holy Family Church is the only Latin-rite Catholic Church functioning in Gaza, and was serving a refuge for about 600 Palestinians who are being brutally persecuted by the Israelis. This was another incidence of targeting innocent civilians in this dreadful conflict. Pope Leo XIV condemned the attack, as did Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Now, there are many opinions about each of these affairs. How should a Catholic react to these events? Are there more than one possible viewpoints? I have found the analysis given by Michael Matt of the The Remnant very level-headed, very calm and rational and using our Catholic principles to sort out these issues. Perhaps you would like to hear what he has to say, and agree or disagree with him, he gives us a perspective that is worth considering. Go to Remnant-TV.com and click on the tab “LifeSiteNews, Epstein Files, MAGA Blues and Vatican lies”.

PARISH PICNIC COMING UP: SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 12 NOON RECTORY

Next weekend there will be sign-up lists for you to indicate your menu choices, the number in your family/party that will attend, and what dish (if you choose) you will bring. Start thinking about it now.

FR. JOHN PERRICONE ON THE PRIEST AS “CLOWN”

(Fr. John Perricone is a priest of the Diocese of Newark, N.J., ordained in 1976. He is currently an adjunct professor of philosophy at Iona College in New Rochelle. He has a long curriculum vitae of accomplishments, among which is the founding in Montfort Academy, a Catholic High School with a classical curriculum. His writings are full of food for thought. This piece was taken from his article, “The Priest as Clown” in Crisis Magazine, 11 July 2025).

In the article, Fr. Perricone uses an event to comment on a phenomenon in our Catholic Church that is quite prevalent: the priest as an entertainer or “clown”. He begins the article referring to a recent occasion, when Cardinal Antonio Tagle, the Cardinal from the Philippines, took to the stage before a crowd of Filipinos, and in secular attire, crooned the John Lennon hit song, “Imagine”. Now the point that Fr. Perricone makes in the article, if I may be so bold as to encapsulate his trenchant thoughts, is that priests who conduct themselves in this way, are not doing any service to their exalted mission as “dispensers of the mysteries of God.”

Father writes, “Witness here the victory of Man over God. The Secular over the Sacred. The Clown over the Consecrated Priest. The Entertainer over the *Alter-Christus*. St. Paul describes priests as the “Dispensers of the mysteries of God” (I Cor. 4:1), an exalted title of transcendent proportions. The sacerdotal status embodies the whole man, body and soul. It would be truncated Catholicism that sees the indelible mark of Holy Orders as merely interior. This would be a denial of the metaphysical unity of the human person. This unity most surely manifests itself in a kind of resonance, where the soul manifests its highest purposes in the body....

The compelling power of symbols is just as critical to the life of the priest, if not more. He bears in his soul the mark of Holy Orders which demands notice by the world. The priest represents the power of the thrice-Holy God, with the symbols of his soaring Office all the more necessary, all the more communicative...

Even when he is not administering the surging graces of the Holy Mass or the Sacraments, he is still a priest. Whether he walks the environs of his parish or the streets of New York City, he must always be announcing the glories of the Savior who longs for the souls of men.

Nothing accomplishes this announcement more pointedly than the Roman cassock. Yes, many priests decide to wear the black suit, rabat and white cuffs on the avenues of the world. But our world has changed. Indeed, it has crumbled. It pleads for a dramatic message. Only the priest can supply it.

It is ever more necessary for him to bestride the byways of this fallen world in dress that conspicuously differs from the ordinary and pedestrian life of its citizens. Whether that be a Dominican habit or a Roman cassock, it shouts a divine mission far better than words. The Roman cassock makes him different so that men may not fear being different.

The cassock creates a firestorm in the denizens of our wizened culture and a cooling breeze in the hearts of Catholics. For secularized man, the Roman cassock is an irruption of the Supernatural in their desiccated world. It may disturb, it may seem odd, but it always creates a cyclonic appearance and demands a response.