

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 26 (3500) June 25th, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the joy of the Gospel." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

In your great love, answer me, O God.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Rudolph Monis	(C.Monis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Povilas Venskaitis	(Z.Venskaitis)
	†Regina and Antanas Leonavicius	(L.Tumpa)
	†Jonas Norkus	(L.Tumpa)
	†Rita Radziunas	(D.L.Radziunas)
	†Benjaminas Kalinauskas	(Prakapas family)
	†Mykolas Slapsys, sr. (10th anniv.)	(family)
	†Leonidas and Algirdas Strumila	(A.Tallo)
	†Julius Nevulis	(O.Dirmantas)
	†Eugenijus Bersenas	(Cuplinskas)
	for Gataveckas' deceased family members	(R.J.Karasiejus)
	†Birute Cepaitis	(family)



2023

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Parish office
hours

June - October

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday
9 a.m. - 1 pm.

July 3rd - **closed**

August 6th - **closed**

September 4th - **closed**

Cantors of the Masses:
Congregational singing
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses
June 26 - July 2

MONDAY (June 26): 7 p.m. †Anele and Petras Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); †Petronele Agurkas (Z.R.Kruzikas);

TUESDAY (June 27): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Ruta Cepulis (V.Zaleckaite);

WEDNESDAY (June 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

THURSDAY (June 29): 7 p.m. †Ieva and Jonas Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); †Lukas Verselis (Jaglowitz family); †Margarita Paplauskas (V.Zaleckaite); special intention (Daiva); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY (June 30): 7 p.m. †Birute and Jonas Prakapas (Prakapas family);

SATURDAY (July 1): 9 a.m. †Bronius Gencius (J.S.Kareckas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (July 2): 9 a.m. blessings of the Lord for camp "Kretinga" counsellors and campers; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stasys Prakapas (family); †Antanina and Jonas Prakapas (Prakapas family); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (family); †Ona Kuliesis (R.J.Kuliesis); †Julija and Julius Degutis (B.B.Degutis).

Capital Fund - \$ 345,810

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor "
and June 18th

49 envelopes - \$ 1,650

No envelopes - \$ 99.60

Direct deposit - \$ 1,195

THANK you for your generosity

All the best to all who are going to Lithuania,
cottages or taking vacations at home.

Have a safe, memorable and enjoyable summer.

Starting next Sunday, July 2nd to September 11th, our parish
bulletins will be published once every two weeks.

Blessings of the Lord...

This Sunday is the last one before summer when we will enjoy coffee.

Thanks to the Sunday coffee makers for the coffee and sweets
and we wish you a pleasant summer.

We will come back for a cup of coffee in September.



A symbol of service, forever over our hearts

"This is not *just* a camp," he once said. "It is so much more than that."

The loss of Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas, earlier this year, put a hole in all of our hearts. A man of faith and service, he left an indelible mark on the lives of Lithuanians around the world, but especially on the Camp Kretinga family, where he served as camp priest for four decades. Father Ed made a life serving others, including helping young Lithuanians see the beauty of coming together as a community and nurturing our shared Lithuanian values. As the camp song goes, he was 'the rock of our faith'. And this summer, when we welcome campers back to Camp, a piece of that rock will be missing.

We will miss seeing Father Ed's smiling face on the steps of the chapel, hearing his voice call us to prayer, and listening to the passion with which he spoke of our dear homeland, brangi Lietuva. But though he won't be with us, his spirit will always live on: in our reflections, our actions, and now, a new Camp Kretinga logo.

The new logo preserves the iconic Franciscan Father's Kretinga community circle with its symbols of faith, nature and the beachside, and will now feature two 'giving' hands embracing the camp. These helping hands represent the strength of our faith, the generosity of our Lithuanian community, and the power of service to others - the embodiment of what Father Ed taught us, over all of these years. In his memory, a new mural and camper award will also be introduced at Camp this summer.

In 1 Corinthians 13:13, we read, "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Father Ed blessed each of us with his love, and a love of giving back. But, perhaps, his most profound legacy is that he helped us truly understand that Kretinga isn't "just" a place to love each summer; it is a way of living that we carry, forever.

Father Ed, your symbol of service has a safe, resting place in our hearts. We'll think of you, often, when we see it, and remember that, always and forever - **Mūsų Šūkis Lietuva.**



Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome
Lyja Victoria Lalande ir Meya Sofia Zanevskij -
into our community of faith.

We rejoice with their parents, asking God's abundant blessings to their families.

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ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023

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November 18th
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Parish Dinner
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11 AM
"FAMILY MASS"

More information
in September.

We invite
everyone
to attend! ...

Pope at Angelus: God is with you in your most difficult times

Pope Francis gives thanks for the closeness of the Lord, who like a father, takes us by the hand when we fall and struggle, and he encourages the faithful to trust in him and perform works of love and hope. He expresses his profound gratitude to all for the prayerful support when he was in hospital.

Pope Francis opened his Sunday Angelus address by expressing his profound gratitude to all for their affection, care, friendship, and prayerful support during his time at Rome's Gemelli Hospital. The Pope returned to the Vatican on Friday after release from the hospital.

"This human closeness and spiritual closeness were of great help and comfort to me.

Thank you all! Thank you! Thank you from my heart!"

Last Sunday the weekly rendez-vous with believers and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square could not go ahead as the Holy Father recovered from abdominal surgery performed in Rome's Gemelli Hospital on 7 June. But his speedy recovery led to his dismissal from the hospital on Friday morning, and on Sunday, at noon, he appeared at the window of the Apostolic Palace to pray the Angelus and greet his flock.

The Lord is in our midst - Taking his cue from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 10:7), in which Jesus sends the Apostles forth to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, he noted that the fact that "His lordship of love, has come near" and is in our midst is "the fundamental reality of life."

"Indeed, if the God of heaven is close, we are not alone on earth, and even in difficulty we do not lose faith," he said. Explaining that God is a father who knows his children and loves them, the Pope assured the faithful that "even when you travel on steep and rugged paths, even when you fall and struggle to get up again and get back on track," the Lord is close.

"In the moments when you are at your weakest, you can feel his presence all the more strongly.

He knows the path, he is with you, he is your Father!"

With God everything becomes familiar and secure - Inviting believers to stay with the image of a loving father who takes his child by the hand making the world, that appears "large and mysterious," familiar and secure, the Pope invited them to go out and proclaim God's vicinity.

"God's vicinity is the first proclamation: by staying close to God, we conquer fear, we open ourselves to love, we grow in goodness and we feel the need and the joy to proclaim."

"If we want to be good apostles, we must be like children," the Holy Father said, allowing the Father to transform our hearts and give us that joy and that peace that we ourselves cannot attain.

Perform deeds of love and hope - The way to proclaim that God is near, the Pope continued, is not "by saying many words, but performing many deeds of love and hope in the name of the Lord."

"Here is the heart of proclamation: witness freely given, service."

Pope Francis concluded inviting the faithful to ask themselves whether they believe and confide in God, whether they listen to the Word and partake of the Sacraments; whether they know how to instil courage in others and be close to those who suffer and are alone.



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