

July 24, 2016
17th Sunday of
Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
We will resume 5 p.m.
Mass on August 21.

At Masses today

we remember:

10 am:

Frank Matroiano

July 17th collection:

\$257.52

Thank you for
your support.

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- *Stateside World Youth Day celebrations are happening in Rochester this week: July 27, 28 and 29. For more info go to: www.dor.org*
- *Theology on Tap begins again August 1 at Beale Street on Gregory Street. You can find a poster hanging outside the CRL.*
- *Coffee Hour—August 14 after the 10 am Mass.*
- *It won't be long before our students return to campus. Move in day for first year students is Tuesday, August 17. Our annual welcome back brunch will be Sunday, August 28th after the 10 am Mass in the Skalny Room.*

RIT Nation

Thanks to all who offered support the last two weekends while I was on vacation. We spent a week in northern Michigan and had an absolutely delightful time. The days were filled with long walks and hikes, playing games and my favorite...everyone taking a night cooking dinner! Because my son was preparing for the GRE exam we also enjoyed cocktail hours each evening quizzing one another with the GRE vocabulary flashcards. No one ever accused the Nation Family of being party animals!

While I was away, our world continued to feel the effects of several instances of terrorism and violence. My fear is that we are becoming immune to the violence in our world. I returned back to campus to find an email from a staff member at RIT. She mentioned in the email she does not know what to make of #BlackLivesMatter, #AllLivesMatter, #BlueLivesMatter. She asked if I could meet with her to talk and pray.

We live in confusing and violent times. We often do nothing when we do not know what to do. Our faith tradition would suggest that all life is sacred and valued. I think many would agree the solutions to the division and violence in our country are complex. At times, one can be overwhelmed by the deep seated division and hatred. But don't stop there. Do something. Pray for peace daily. Be an example of compassion and kindness in the workplace or at the gym. Go out of your way to get to know someone very different from yourself. With a bit of creativity, the list is endless.

I am a firm believer that generosity inspires generosity, compassion inspires compassion, forgiveness inspires forgiveness and so on and so on. Be an agent of change in the circles you find yourself walking. Start by treating others with the compassion and mercy we hear about in today's first reading from Genesis. Our God has given us a model...may we imitate that which has already been shown to us. Peace and good, Alice MN