



# PRAY FOR PEACE

Our Holy Redeemer's III Summer Concerts on the Mile Series got underway this past Wednesday with a little help from Buddah: *Buddah Big Band* that is! From what I've been told, Grover's Dock at 175 Woodcleft Avenue was really swinging and a good time was had by people of all generations!



The Spirit of Gratitude moves me to give thanks to God for anyone and everyone who helped to get this year's Concert Series off to such a roaring start: those of you who made financial donations, as well as those of you who donated the time and talent that prepared the dock, turned on the lights, monitored the sound, fired up the fans (we did not use any fans), and offered a warm welcome to everyone who came home and encountered what makes coming home what it's all about: Our Holy Redeemer! All of you literally helped to "set the stage" for the night and the five more nights to follow.

Special mention in "A Message from the Pastor" must be given to Mr. Michael Crouse, Our Holy Redeemer's Director of Music, who coordinated the production while grieving the death of his mother Margaret, who died on 10 July 2016. Just as Michael used the gift of song to help his mother take her last breath, so too did the gift of music help Michael to catch his breath in her memory. May Margaret rest in Peace and may the family she leaves behind find a share in that Peace as well.

Peace is something that *everyone is looking for*. Peace in the world. Peace in our nation. Peace in our families. Peace in relationships. If However, Peace is to be found "outside" of oneself, it must first be found "inside" oneself. That is where we will find the rest from our labours that Jesus promised when he said, "Come to Me all you who labour and find life burdensome and I will give you rest" (Saint Matthew XI: 28).

Mary, the sister of Martha found that rest, that Peace at the feet of Jesus and so can we. We, like Mary, must choose the better part and listen to Jesus. We must be not afraid of the Martha-like criticism that will be levied against us because we have chosen to "waste time". Jesus will come to our defense (cf. Saint Luke X: 42).

How difficult it has become for us to stop, look, and listen to Jesus. Even when we are afforded the time to "rest from our labours" on Sunday and Summer vacation we choose to busy ourselves about many things. We choose to "occupy time" rather than to "waste time."

Please, with about six weeks left of Summer vacation, why not treat yourself to some time at the feet of Jesus? Our 'absolutely beautiful' church opens her doors daily at 6:00 A.M., offers Mass daily at 7:30 A.M. and 12:10 P.M., and then shuts her doors daily (except Saturday and Sunday) at 4:00 P.M. There in His real Presence, discover the Peace that everyone is looking for and let it lead you to discover that peace even when you are in a place other than 37 South Ocean Avenue; other than 175 Woodcleft Avenue. Discover that Peace that Jesus promised would *be with you always even until the end of the age* (Saint Matthew XXVIII: 20).