

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 2019**



SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

5:30 P.M. Eleanor Bolsman
Irene Sylsbury – 7th Anniversary
Dorothy Weir – 8th Anniversary
Thomas Karwacki
Rose DeStefano

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Basil Bavun
Joe Mastrogiacomo
Rocco Florio
Frances Romeo

10:00 A.M. Marcelino Glorioso

12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019

8:00 A.M. Josephine Hogan
Isabel Yu Cubillan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

8:00 A.M. Thomas Ratzin

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

5:30 P.M. Nancy Grassi

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Walter Donnelly

10:00 A.M. Marcelino Glorioso, Jr.

Enriquito Go

Nancy Ford

Hubert Bisnar

12:00 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. William Montgoris

Pray daily for our servicemen & women serving our country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto Ray Nyhuis
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Jordan Soroko
Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Jeffrey Barsness
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Jojie Agular
Christine Rock Bernie Shushan Jean'na Wojik Post
DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Elaine Arendas requested by William Morrison.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, July 21, 2019 – \$4,898.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

“ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Luke 11.9-10

What did Jesus mean when He told us to ask, seek, and knock? Jesus is *not* saying that believers always get what they ask for. However, the more time a Christian spends in communion with God, the more he or she will know what to ask for in accordance with God’s will.

“Seek, and you will find”. What is it believers ought to be seeking? It is God Himself! God is not hiding from His children. His heart’s desire is for us to persistently and passionately look for Him all around us, and when we do, He promises He will be found. Seeking is a matter of paying attention with an engaged mind and acute awareness.

“Knock and the door will be opened to you”. Here, the Lord uses a metaphor for the action a desire produces. If a person needs something from someone behind a door, the most natural thing to do is knock—and keep knocking until the door is opened and the desire is met. In the same way, a believer should pray in faith for God’s provision and be persistent in prayer.

Ask, seek, knock. Notice the three different senses being considered here. Asking is verbal; Christians are to use their mouths and petition God for their needs and desires. And believers are to seek with their minds—this is more than asking; it is a setting of priorities and a focusing of the heart. To knock involves physical movement, one in which the Christian takes action. Although asking and seeking are of great importance, they would be incomplete without knocking.

The commands are followed by promises: “Everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:8). God delights in the prayer of faith, and He promises to give us what we need.



What's the Difference?

The answer is quite simple; it's you. When you decide to notice, when you decide to act, when you decide to make a difference (even in a small way), you have taken the first step in changing the world.

Look around you—who do you see volunteering their time? Your parents or your friend's parents may be coaching you and your friends in soccer, baseball, football, cheerleading, skating, hockey, and so on. Have you noticed our parishioners who volunteer countless hours to help teach you about your faith, Confirmation Retreats a memorable time for you? Many people at St. Francis help in various ways: at the Carnival, during the Mass, decorating at times of celebration and keeping our grounds attractive. There are many more folks serving behind the scenes, neither wanting nor needing recognition. Yet, we all benefit from their work.

What's in it for you? Your actions will not only be appreciated, but chances are, they will touch the lives of both the people you meet and many people you may never even see. The greatest reward of serving others is how it makes you feel about yourself. That special feeling is God's way of telling you thank you! Thank you for caring! Thank you for making a difference in the world! What does the Bible say about service? Jesus tells us time and time again how important it is to serve others as a part of leading a Christian life. A genuine commitment to others is ultimately a commitment to Christ. It will make a difference in the choices you make and even the vocation that you are called to. In the book of Matthew, Jesus says to the people "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*" In other words, if you are feeding or clothing the poor, you are doing the same for Jesus.

Courtesy of St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop, MA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education Classes for September 2019 is now in progress.

ATTENTION: Religious education parents...

Registration forms for the 2019-2010 school year have been distributed to all families presently registered in the program. Please return forms as soon as possible.

NEW REGISTRATIONS... Children who are new to the parish or who are entering First (1st) Grade in the public schools in September should also register at this time. Registration forms are at the rectory or by calling the CCD office 973-835-1946.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION program requires two (2) years of religious education classes starting with 1st grade.

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God Bless you.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

The Ladies Guild is holding a Junk- in-the-Trunk sale on September 7th, 2019, (Rain Date, 9/14) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / ladydi240@yahoo.com or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details. Reservation forms are also at the rectory.

NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS LADIES' GUILD

St. Francis Ladies Guild would like to partner with St. Catherine of Bologna Church in selected joint charitable efforts, such as their July collection of new school supplies.

A tote has been placed in the Narthex in hopes that anyone who would like to donate some new back to school supplies will place them in there. Some suggested items are pencils, paper, notebooks, binders, crayons, & backpacks.

Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated by children whose parents cannot afford to buy new for the coming school year.

Thank you and God bless you for your kindness!



Eucharistic Adoration

As we speed through the summer months filled with much noise and activity, we should pause and try to spend some quiet time with Our Lord.

Due a lack of parking earlier in the evening and the distraction of the noise of the Carnival, our overnight Adoration will begin at **10:30 PM** on Friday August 2nd to 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 3rd at 10:30 AM. Adoration will be followed at 11 AM with a 1st Saturday Novena Mass to our Lady of Fatima and the Patriotic Rosary, praying for the needs of our country.

St. Faustina said, "Silence is so powerful that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet living and powerful."(888). Won't you spend an hour with Our Lord?

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. One or more adorers can be present at any given time. To be able to participate, it is important that you leave your name **AND phone number** so that we can contact you to confirm your time and give you the information about accessing the chapel.

For the safety of those participating, only those who have signed up will be permitted entry during the night hours. The doors to the Church will be opened at 9 AM for those who wish to drop in for an unscheduled visit.

Jesus is waiting for you

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*Always remember to  
 forget  
 The troubles that passed  
 away,  
 But never forget to  
 remember  
 The blessings that come  
 each day.*

### **Distractions in Prayer**

Everyone gets distracted during prayer – including the saints. St. Ignatius Loyola once wrote in his journal about being bothered by someone’s whistling. Even when we feel completely centered in prayer, a stray thought can pop up: “I forgot to take out the trash!”

There are two types of distractions: unimportant and important. Unimportant ones simply take you away from prayer. And there are many imaginative techniques to deal with them. You can think of them as clouds (or bubbles, birds, or balloons, as a friend once memorably suggested) that come into the horizon of your prayer and just float away. You notice them, but they don’t trouble you.

It’s important to at least try to let go of these distractions, as you would when talking to a friend. You want to give God your undivided attention. On the other hand, sometimes we need to admit that distractions are unavoidable. In these times, it helps to say, “I’m human and I’m distracted, God, but I’m with you anyway.”

Important distractions, on the other hand, may be invitations for reflection. A young Jesuit once said to me, “Every time I pray, I keep getting distracted by the memory of a person I had a fight with.” Maybe it’s not a distraction, I suggested. God may be asking you to look at that in prayer.

In time, you’ll get to know what to pay attention to, and what to let . . . float away.

*Fr. James Martin, SJ from “Give Us This Day”*



### **LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

#### **LECTORS**

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Dom Cortellesa

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Judy Moran

12 NOON Joe Darlington & Debbie Ackerly

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Sandy Weigand & Gina Martellacci

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Carmella Houry

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & John Arendas

