

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

11:00 A.M. Ronald Weigand – 1st Anniversary
5:30 P.M. Mary & Joseph Purcella
Intentions of Lynn & Joe Skorubski
Ted & Mary Luciani

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Danny Romeo
10:00 A.M. Benjamin Glorioso
Ted Luciani
12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas
Vincent “Jim” Spina
Rita & Frank Destito
Tom Norton – 2nd Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

8:00 A.M. Anthony Callamari

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

8:00 A.M. Frank & Anne Morici

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

8:00 A.M. Julia & Alfred Demarest

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

8:00 A.M. Agnes & William A. Cori

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Frank Polglaze
Keith Rietema

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Mikalina & John Bullett
Intentions of Anthony Colacurto
10:00 A.M. Benjamin Glorioso
George Breyer – 2nd Anniversary
Enrico Comparetto
12:00 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Caporale
Stanislaw Urban

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto Ray Nyhuis
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone
Gary Ragusa Herman Koenig 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 Jojie Agular
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Christine Rock Bernie Shushan Jean’na Wojik Post
Jason Skorubski Patrick Keegan Frank Bianchino
Kenny Sequeira Bridget Shirazi

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, September 1, 2019 – \$5,022.00

Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” Luke 14:26

However, Christ also commanded us to love even our enemies, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As the Bible does not contradict itself, it is therefore obvious that Jesus’ sayings in Luke 14:26 cannot mean that we actually are to HATE our fellow man. But what DO they mean?

The word for “hate” is “misei” in the Greek. But According to Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, the Greek word “misei” can also convey the meaning of “to love less”.

In Matthew gospel, the word ‘hate’ is defined as ‘love less by comparison.’ We read, ‘He who loves his father or mother MORE than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter MORE than Me is not worthy of Me.’ In other words, we must love them LESS, by comparison, than Jesus Christ. We are to love the Father and the Son with all our heart and our strength and our mind. God must always come first in our lives. At the same time, we are to LOVE — not hate — our neighbor AS ourselves. We are not to hate our neighbor, including our own family. We are to love them LESS than God, though, by comparison.

Dear friends nothing must be more important for us than our love for God and our willing and loving obedience of His Word and Law. Those who teach that they are not duty-bound to keep His Law do NOT have within them the LOVE of God. It is God’s GREATEST commandment to love HIM with all our heart and soul and mind –much more–in comparison–than anyone and anything else. And we ONLY love God truly if we keep His Word



VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD

– Each year His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli presents the VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD (Christ is Life) to members of the diocese who perform extraordinary service on behalf of the Church. This year's award from St. Francis of Assisi Church is going to Frank La Sala. Frank has been an active Parishioner for many years serving in our Parish. He fulfills his duties with the greatest of devotion and dedication.

The last year, at the end of VIVERE CHRISTUS EST AWARD ceremony, Bishop Serratelli said, "With gratitude, I thank the recipients of the Vivere Christus awards. It's recognition by your parish, but also by the Diocese as to how truly important you are to the Church of Paterson. We are so grateful for the service that you generously, unselfishly give in so many ways — unseen by us, but certainly seen and appreciated by God himself."

The awards will be given this weekend, at the celebration of Vespers on Sunday, September 8th at 3:30 p.m. in Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson, with Bishop Serratelli presiding. Our congratulations and best wishes to this year's recipient.

Frank thank you so much for your ministry. Fr. Greg

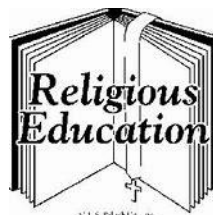
Congratulations to Frank La Sala,

our 2019 Recipient of the

Vivere Christus East Award!

PARISH HAPPENINGS September & October

- 9/21 Ministry Mingle – following 5:30pm Mass
- 10/12 Coast to Coast Rosary Across America
12 Noon – meet at 11:40 in front of church
- 10/18 Carnival Appreciation Dinner – details to follow
- 10/26 Ladies Guild Soup & Sandwich – details to follow



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Grades 1st to 10th

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

Lk. 12:15

Please remember vacation from school is Not vacation from God & Church
Religious Education Classes resume in September.

Registered families received the calendar by mail in August. Hope to see you at Mass.

Registration is Now Open for NEW STUDENTS FOR THE FALL

All children attending public school from grades 1-9 should register.

Classes are Mondays: 4:15-5:15 (grades 1-5);

Classes are Sundays: 6:45-7:45 (grades 6-8)

Classes are Sundays – once a month: 6:45-7:45 (grades 9-10)

Please Call the Religious Education Office at 973-835-1946.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

**AN INVITATION TO ALL LAY MINISTRY MEMBERS – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

We are happy to announce that on Saturday evening, September 21, after 5:30pm Mass, St. Francis will host a gathering of all ministry members to give thanks, share a wonderful dinner, enjoy each other's company ...and maybe even have a few laughs. We're calling this event the *Ministry Mingle*.

While our joy is found in serving the parish and the Lord, no thanks necessary, the parish has decided to host this event as an outward acknowledgment of its deep appreciation for all that you do. All Choir Members, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Lazarus team members, Catechists, Ladies' Guild members and Parish Council/Trustees are welcome. Please expect to hear more about this from your ministry coordinator soon and please do respond, "Yes" to the invitation. Dinner will be a variety of hot foods and side dishes, served buffet style. We've already received a donation of a few bottles of red wine; feel free to BYOB. We look forward to seeing you there, and the more the merrier.



THE TABERNACLE

Along with the altar, the most important object in a Catholic church is the tabernacle. The tabernacle is the repository where the Eucharist is kept – Jesus truly present in the consecrated hosts. Some of these consecrated hosts are for Communion to the sick. As God made himself present to the Israelites in the desert in a tent, the word tabernacle literally means "tent."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1379 says that the tabernacle "should be located in an especially worthy place in the church." In most Catholic churches, the tabernacle is located just behind or near the altar. Some churches have a small chapel reserved for the tabernacle.

A tabernacle must be made of non-transparent material. It must also be immovable, and be kept locked so that the Blessed Sacrament cannot be stolen or desecrated.

The Catechism number 1183 tells us that "The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." Because we believe that Jesus is truly present, Catholics should genuflect or bow before the tabernacle, as a sign of reverence.

TOWN PICNIC

The Borough of Wanaque will be holding their Annual Town Picnic on September 21st at 2pm until dusk with Fireworks, at the Wanaque School grounds, rain date is September 22nd. Delicious food will be available all day long. There will be games for children and face painting. A fire truck will be there on display. There will be lots to do and lots to eat, so bring the family out for a fun day topped off with fireworks!

*Great is our Lord, vast
in power, with wisdom
beyond measure.
Psalm 147:5*

ST. CATHERINE OF BOLOGNA CHURCH

The **Polish School** located at St. Catherine of Bologna Parish (Ringwood, NJ) has ongoing registration for the upcoming school year.

Classes take place on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm from September to June.

For more information, please call Iwona Kaczynski at 201-452-6777.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 P.M. Dom Cortellessa & Joan Ruffino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer & Mary Letterese

12 NOON Mary Avella & Joe Darlington

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Anne Springstead & Agnieszka Zak

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Brenda McWeeney

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

7:30 P.M. Danielle Reid & Collin O'Keefe

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Mackenzie King

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

