

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**



**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Enrico Comparetto

12:00 Noon Mr. & Mrs. Peter Caporale  
Stanislaw Urban

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Patsy & Jeannette Vermont

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Mike & Marie Evangelista

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Sharon Fraunberger

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Julie Sullivan

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani  
Carmela Cordasco  
Intentions of Msgr Remigio Rocco  
Intentions of Frank Polglaze

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Anne & Carl Hivish  
Nancy McSweeney

10:00 A.M. Roy & Shirley Parian  
Frank & Dorothy Orofino  
Rocco Tarulli  
Edith & Nicholas Restaino

12 NOON Walter Donnelly

**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 Acquire 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

**Pray daily for our servicemen and women.**  
**DECEASED:** Our Deceased Loved Ones

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - \$4,531.00  
Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

Today we hear Jesus say, *“I tell you...there will be MORE JOY in heaven over ONE SINNER who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”*

So today our readings lead us to conclude: Whatever rejoicing there is in heaven and within God over all the saints and all the saints-to-be, what makes God happiest is when a sinner repents.

While a sinner is, of course, someone who sins, and that is all of us, for now, let's think of sinner in this context as someone outside the normal circles of religion. Think of someone who does not go to church, who believes things about God which are different from what we believe, who may not even believe in God. Then include people who break our moral codes: those who lie, steal, do forbidden sexual things, abuse spouse or children, choose drugs, etc.

How do you sit down with these sinners without becoming too much a part of their life and lifestyle? How can you be friendly and true friend—and yet remain true to your faith and its standards?

As Pope Francis said in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “To be evangelizers of souls, we need to develop a spiritual taste for being close to people's lives and to discover that this is itself a source of greater joy. Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people....we begin to realize that Jesus' gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people. We realize once more that he wants to make use of us to draw closer to his beloved people. He takes us from the midst of his people and he sends us to his people; without this sense of belonging we cannot understand our deepest identity.” (Paragraph 268)

Today, you can be a friend to the one who is different, whom you consider “outside, sinner.”

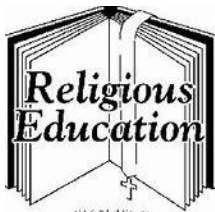
**Who is rich and who is poor?**

*One day the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing him just how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of*



what could be considered a very poor family.  
 On their return from the trip, the father asked his son,  
**“How was the trip?”**  
**“It was great, dad,”** the son replied.  
**“Did you see how poor people can be?”** asked the father  
 again.  
**“Oh yeah!”** said the son.  
**“So what did you learn from the trip?”** the father  
 inquired.  
 The son answered, **“I saw that we have one dog, and  
 they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the  
 middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has  
 no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and  
 they have stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front  
 yard, and they have the whole horizon. We have a  
 small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that  
 go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us,  
 but they serve others. We have walls around our  
 property to protect us, but they have friends to protect  
 them.”**  
 With this, the boy's father was speechless. Then his son  
 added, **“Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we  
 are!”**

A man who shows his wealth is like a beggar, who  
 actually shows his poverty; they are both looking for  
 alms – the rich man for the alms of others' envy, the poor  
 man for the alms of others' guilt.



**RELIGIOUS**  
**EDUCATION NEWS**  
**For September**

Welcome to all our students, those returning and to our  
 new students and their families!  
 Registration...is still in progress! Registration forms for  
 2019/2010 have been distributed to all presently  
 registered families. Please return promptly.

**NEW REGISTRATIONS:** Children who are new to  
 the parish or those entering first grade in the public  
 schools in September should also register at this time.  
 First Holy Communion program requires two (2) years  
 of religious education classes starting with 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**CLASSES BEGIN:**  
 Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Mon., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 4:15-5:15pm  
 Grades 6-7-8-9<sup>th</sup> – Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm  
 Mandatory meeting for – Parents **and** Students  
 Grade 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm. Mandatory  
 meeting for all Confirmation Candidates **and** Parents.

**Reminder: No registrations taken on First day of  
 classes!**

**SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The  
 Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or  
 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

All Choir Members, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers,  
 Lectors, Lazarus team members, Catechists, and  
 Ladies' Guild members are invited to the *“Ministry  
 Mingle”* held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the  
 church hall following 5:30pm Mass. If you haven't  
 signed up and would like to attend, please do so  
 soon, as a head count is needed. Thank you.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS -September**

- 9/21 Ministry Mingle – following 5:30pm Mass
- 10/12 Public Square Rosary Crusade  
 12 Noon – meet at 11:40 in front of church
- 10/14-16 Parish Mission – Fr. Terry Messer
- 10/18 Carnival Appreciation Dinner – details to  
 follow
- 10/26 Ladies Guild Soup & Sandwich – details to  
 follow

**RINGWOOD TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE**  
**AT ST. CATHERINES PARISH**

**SATURDAY ONLY !!!!! SEPT. 28TH FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM**  
**2 PARKING SPACES ( 18 ' X 18 ' )**  
**COST - \$ 10.00 PER SPACE**  
**ALL MERCHANDISE MUST BE REMOVED AT DAYS END.**  
**RESERVE YOUR SPACE - CALL 973-728-7494 OR 973-568-  
 1174**



## INSIDE THE CHURCH

Catholic churches come in many different styles and sizes. Some are centuries old with soaring ceilings and lots of stained glass. Some have a much more modern look and don't resemble at all the churches of old. As architectural styles have changed, so have church buildings. But all Catholic churches share some common elements.

Many churches have a narthex. This is the entry area, like a foyer. Often the priest will greet parishioners after Mass in the narthex. From the narthex you enter the main worship space, which consists of the nave and the sanctuary.

The nave is the main body of the church. This is where the people attending Mass sit, stand and kneel. The word nave comes from the Latin word for ship. Early church often resembled a ship, reminiscent of St. Peter's boat, from which Christ sometimes taught. The sanctuary is the other part of the church, where the altar is. The word itself means "holy place," and this is where most of the rites of the Mass take place. Some people prefer one style of the church over another. The important thing to remember is that, no matter what the building looks like, Jesus is present at every Mass.

## NEW ADDITION TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

In the Narthex you will find a new clean and smokeless votive candle burning system. It is totally smokeless and is safer and cleaner than conventional votive candle systems. The donation is \$1.00 per candle lit.

The electric candles are still available and have been put in the chapel.

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## Forgiveness – It's Up to You

The Lord promises that forgiveness is possible. Even when hurt seems too great to repair, God tells us "I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19). We experience a heart of stone when we are too angry, too selfish, or too frozen by the pain others have caused us. A human heart, while it may be vulnerable, is also capable of being compassionate. Our hearts see that while we are feeling pain, the other person may also be hurting for that pain they caused us. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we do not even notice another is struggling from the offense. It is true that people need to be held accountable for their actions. But these people also need patience from us. As it was said: "Be patient with me" (Matthew 18:26). Practicing patience with another, holding onto the hope and vision for our relationship with them, is a true act of compassion.

We need to invite Jesus into the journey and ask for the courage it takes for us to be patient with another and the understanding needed to see that they too are working through the pain that needs forgiveness. Do I believe that forgiving requires something of the other person first?

Has this wrongdoing and resentment become part of my identity?

What are the pleasures of this anger and resentment?

Is there a part of me that wants to entertain the anger?

Is withholding forgiveness about my ego?

What would forgiveness look like?

Is this where I want to stay?

*Courtesy of C. Blair*

## LEFT OVER FROZEN CARNIVAL FOOD

There are only a few extra items left from the carnival. They are still frozen and if you are interested in purchasing anything, please call the rectory:973-835-0480.

11 bags of Mozzarella sticks - \$5.00 each

Various flavors of 2 gallon Italian Ice - \$10.00 each.

## LAKELAND NURSING HOME

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

Pat Demarest & Barbara Garruto

## LECTORS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

5:30 P.M.      Giovanna Vollaro & Brenda McWeeney

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

7:30 A.M.      Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M.     John McMurray & Judy Moran

12 NOON        Fred & Debbie Ackerly

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

5:30 P.M.      Cesar Vasquez & Martha Bisaccio

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

7:30 A.M.      Sandy Weigand & Jason Velante

10:00 A.M.     Mary Avella & Joe Darlington

12 NOON        Matt Kampff & Diane Morano

## ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

5:30 P.M.      Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

7:30 A.M.      Elizabeth Reid

Hayden Whitaker-Currie

10:00 A.M.     Stephen Bracken

12 NOON        David Ackerly & Aaron Manalili

# ***YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

## ***VOLUNTEER'S MEETING***

Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00pm

St. Francis School Cafeteria

**Adults and High School Students** interested in serving as

Leaders and Buddies are invited!

Do you work with people with disabilities? We need your help!



### **YOUNG LIFE CAPERNUAM**

### **A SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH GROUP SERVING PASSAIC & BERGEN COUNTIES**

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Young Life Capernaum gives people ages 14-22 with intellectual and physical disabilities a chance to experience fun and adventure, to develop fulfilling friendships and to challenge their limits while building self-esteem through club, camp and other exciting activities.

Capernaum "Club" is a party with a purpose! Crazy Games, Singing, Skits, Celebrations and a message of God's love for our Friends!

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