

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 4, 2015

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 3RD

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF PARISH

5:00 PM ROBERT WILLIAM SISCO

REQ. BY THE TOLAND FAMILY

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 4TH

8:00 AM KRISTEN MARIE CLARKE

9:30 AM AGNES MULLER

REQ. BY THE SIANO FAMILY

11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. HER FAMILY

MONDAY

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF THE COYTE'

TUESDAY

8:00 AM HOWARD STOBER

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM INTENIONS OF CHRIS QUINN

MR. & MRS. COTE'

THURSDAY

8:00 AM SISTER BARBARA GERWE

FRIDAY

8:00 AM THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 AM THE NACINOVICH FAMILY

5:00 PM DICK BURCHFIELD

REQ. BY THE FAMILY

REQ. BY ANNA MAE MASCIO

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 AM MARGARET TOMEHUK

9:30 AM PETER DIVINCENZO

11:00 AM GLORIA OPITZ

REQ. BY THE FERNANDEZ FAMILY

REQ. MR. & MRS. CATALANO

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and of our families.

SHOP-RITE, WEIS, STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

Cards in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations are available.

Please support this worthwhile fundraiser.

FLEA MARKETS

Last Saturdays of the month (Apr through Oct). For info & registration call Joe Zidek 973-948-5752.

Bake Sale: Sat, Oct. 17 at the flea market - baked goods may be dropped off in the hall on Fri., Oct. 16th between 9am & 2pm or Sat morning.

CAMP AUXILIUM SCHOOL

Now accepting registrations. School serves ages 6 weeks through Pre-K 4 (ages 4-5) Hours 6:30am – 6:30pm. Visit our website at

www.campauxilium.org or call 383-2621 x1 for info.

PARISH CRUISE

Panama Canal – March 4-14, 2016 – Reserve now and save!!! Contact Regina @ UNIGLOBE Travel Partners (973)810-8025

LECTORS

October 3rd and 4th

5:00 pm John Iacopelli

8:00 am Lori Optiz

9:30 am GERALYN BOYCE

11:00 am Debbi Carter

October 10th and 11th

5:00 pm Nancy Fernandez

8:00 am Ruth Tauriello

9:30 am Tom Lapinski

11:00 am Patricia Pfeil

ALTAR SERVERS

October 3rd and 4th

5:00 pm Matthew Corazza

8:00 am Andrew Optiz

9:30 am Nico Albanese

11:00 am John DiMieri

October 10th and 11th

5:00 pm Alex Albanese

8:00 am Paul Corazza

9:30 am Jon-Paul Devetori

11:00 am Maddie Kelleher

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

I was reflecting on our parish picnic that took place two weeks ago and the joy and fun that so many families experienced. The children especially enjoyed the four inflatable bounce rides and the numerous games and events that took place that day. Personally, I found it very relaxing to sit around and talk with so many people and to sample many of the foods and desserts that were prepared by our parishioners and semi-professional chefs in the Men's Club. It is easy to see the wisdom of God and his plan for creation at our picnic gathering, that is, God's plan is built upon the family, the fabric of society. We are his sons and daughters and we make up the family of God, his Church.

Our first reading from the book of Genesis, recalls the creation story of man and woman and how they complement one another and are made for each other. *"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."* God's plan for man and woman is perfect and clearly revealed to us in Sacred Scripture. God's plan for the family is between a man and woman and they become one through the sacred bond of marriage. The Church elevates this bond between a man and woman to a sacrament. The Sacrament of Marriage parallels the mystery of Christ's love for his Church. Jesus surrendered himself totally on the Cross for love of us his bride (the Church) so that we could be espoused to him now and forever in heaven. Those graces, to share his life and love with his bride, that Jesus won for us on the Cross are poured out to us in the seven sacraments of the Church.

Husbands and wives through the Sacrament of Marriage share in this mystery of Christ's love for his bride the Church. They too are called to surrender to one another in a life of love and service; laying down their lives for love of their spouse. It is in the countless moments of married life that spouses have the opportunity to grow in holiness by developing the virtues that form them into saints and thus helping their spouses gain heaven.

In our Gospel today Jesus answers the Pharisees question, *"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife"?* Jesus told them that Moses allowed it because of the hardness of their hearts but it was never part of God's plan for marriage. God's plan for marriage from the beginning is between a man and a woman and the bond is forever. We see in our families, parish, and culture how often we fail to achieve God's will for us. All families struggle with the reality of sin in their lives.

Today the Church celebrates Respect Life Sunday. It is a day for us to reflect on God's plan for his creation; that through the Sacrament of Marriage husband and wife in their greatest expression of love for one another in the marital act create with God the most precious gift – the gift of life. All life is precious from the moment of conception to natural death because life comes from God. In the Book of Genesis Man and Woman are told to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over the earth. God wants husbands and wives to be open to life, not preventing life or to destroy life. Our Father is a merciful and loving God who will forgive us of any sin if we turn to him with true sorrow and show ourselves to the Priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No sin is too great that God cannot forgive. Even *"though your sins be like scarlet they may become white as snow"*. Our God is always there to forgive us and lift us up once again.

What a joy for the Father to see his children having fun at the parish picnic. How much greater his joy when we cooperate with His plan for life; a husband and wife open to children, open to life, loving each other with a sacrificial love and imitating and reflecting the life and love of his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us,

Father Ed

Administrator

Parish Life:

Remember to bring your pets and animals for a blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis, this Sunday, Oct. 4th at 12:30 PM.

Calendar Events

Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals 12:30pm
Oct. 5 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Oct. 6 Women's Club meeting 7:30pm
Oct. 8 Knights of Columbus meeting 7:30pm
Oct. 9 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 8:30-9:30am
Oct. 12 No Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction
Oct. 16 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 8:30-9:30am
Oct. 17 CCD & Confirmation Classes 8:30-10:30am
Oct. 17 Flea Market
Oct. 19 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Oct. 23 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 8:30-9:30am
Oct. 26 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 7:30pm
Oct. 30 Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction 8:30-9:30am
Oct. 30 Parish Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat 6pm
Oct. 31 CCD & Confirmation Classes 8:30-10:30am
Oct. 31 Last Flea Market

National Life Chain

On the first Sunday in October, churches nationwide gather to take a public stand and pray to end abortion. Participants hold signs with life-affirming messages while they stand quietly and pray. When: October 4, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Where: Newton Green on Spring St., Newton, NJ Contact: Dian Koster - 973-579-6001 or adriandian96@gmail.com

Religious Education

Second Year (10th grade) Confirmation Candidates Only:
Please mark your calendars! Bishop Serratelli would like to meet with all the candidates in the diocese on Sunday, October 11th from 2:30 – 5:00 PM at Pope John High School. This mandatory event will be placed on your program calendars and distributed at the parent meeting on September 20th. Information will be sent in the mail. Any questions, contact Nancy in the Religious Ed. Office

4th Annual George Flynn Memorial Family Bowling Night

Saturday October 17 6:00 to 8:00 PM Sparta Lanes
\$15 per person includes shoe rentals
Sponsored by Don Bosco Knights of Columbus
All proceeds to benefit Prostate Cancer Research
Keep Dad in the Game
Space is limited Call Linda Flynn now to reserve your lanes
973 383 5203



Memorials:

Week of October 4th the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for:
Eleanor Lusick

Knights of Columbus

Oct 8th 7784 Council Meeting @ OLQP Hall 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration



7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday
and 8:30 am -9:30 am Friday
(after the 8:00 am Mass)
Come join us and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

Collections

Sept. 26 th & 27 th	\$4,304
Weekly Goal:	\$6,500
Envelopes Mailed:	219
Envelopes Received:	136

If you are not already doing so, please use your envelopes each week. Only contributions in your numbered envelope are recorded for documentation required by the IRS. Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes.



The Men's Club will be sponsoring a free Bus trip to Washington DC for the March for Life.

Come and experience the largest peaceful march on Capital Hill. Join hundreds of thousands of

Enthusiastic people who give witness to the great gift of life. For more information and to sign up Call the office. 973-948-3185

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson



Serving Christ Among Us

Our Catholic Charities agencies continue to serve tens of thousands of people in profound need each year. These people could be your neighbors, co-workers, friends or loved ones. As Catholics, we are committed to serving Christ among us, especially those who are hurting and lost. The largest percentage of Appeal funds each year is used to help our Catholic Charities agencies do their essential work. Please make a pledge to the 2015 Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2015appeal.org.



Altar Server Meeting

Sunday, October 4th
6pm- 7:30 pm

Please join us for pizza and a meeting.
For information please call Mike O'Connor (973)875-9455

OPEN HOUSE

Pope John XXIII Regional High School

Incoming 9th Grade

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Incoming 8th Grade

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Any questions please contact Mrs. Anne Kaiser at 973-729-6125 ext. 255 or

admissions@popejohn.org

Second Collection World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.



The Men's Club
Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

Saturday, October 10th
5pm to 8pm
\$10.00 per person



Save the Date!!!!

Friday, October 30th at 6 P.M.

Parish Halloween Party

&

Trunk or Treating

Fun for all ages!

Looking for parishioners to help make this a great event. We need trunks for the kids to go trunk or treating. Decorate your trunk, park it in the church parking lot and hand out treats to the kids!! **Prize for the best decorated car!!** If you are interested in helping or want more information please contact Linda @ 973 250-4272



Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Blessing of the animals
Sunday, October 4, 2015

The blessing of animals will take place at 12:30pm Come join a joyful celebration of the feast day of St. Francis, patron saints of animals. It is a tradition that our pets, who are such a special part of our lives, are blessed on this day. All families and their pets are welcome.