

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### MONDAY – Saint Robert Bellamine

8:30 Stella Maris Hardware req. by the Tabaranza family  
Philip Joseph Giampi req. by the Firreno Family

#### TUESDAY

8:30 Joseph Messineo req. by the Bizub family  
Peter Daderko req. by the Firreno Family

#### WEDNESDAY – Saint Januarius

8:30 Thomas Hennessey req. by Laura DeSena

#### THURSDAY – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Gertrude Place req. by the Cronin family

#### FRIDAY – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 Barbara Auché req. by Rita & John Scanlon

#### SATURDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Albert Henry Weibel & Children req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Robert P. Quinn (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by his wife & family

## SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Virginia Bodo req. by Maureen & Robert Rezny  
9:00 Janice Luby req. by family  
10:30 People of the Parish  
Leonor Rivera req. by her husband & children  
12:00 Helen Lockard req. by June and Patty

### PARISH FINANCES

September 9, 2018

\$ 9,991

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## REFLECTION

### God Meets Us First

*On Friday of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Matthew...*

The calling of Matthew has taken on a new significance during the pontificate of Pope Francis. On the feast of St. Matthew in 1953, whilst attending the sacrament of reconciliation and aged only seventeen, Jorge Bergoglio experienced a profound and life-changing sense of the mercy and presence of God in his life. It was in this moment that he decided to become a priest and enter the religious life.

It is helpful to know about his important event in his life when for the first time he felt the tender gaze of God's love and mercy and began to understand his vocation. In an interview, Pope Francis spoke of that event in these words: 'In that confession, something very rare happened to me. I don't know what it was, but it changed my life. I would say that I was caught with my guard down... It was a surprise, the astonishment of an encounter. I realized that God was waiting for me. From that moment, for me, God has been the one who precedes you... We want to meet him, but he meets us first.' Just as Jesus had summoned Matthew to become his apostle, Jesus called the teenage Jorge Bergoglio to be his emissary.

Pope Francis once said: 'I believe in my history – which was pierced by God's look of love, on September 21, the feast of Saint Mathew – he came to meet me and invite me to follow him.' That vocational encounter and piercing look of God's merciful love has influenced Pope Francis' life and ministry. That's why he chose the words of St. Bede as his motto: *Miserando atque eligendo*, which means 'having mercy (on him) and choosing (him)'. Clearly, major themes of his papacy have been his teaching on divine mercy, the joyful encounter with Jesus and the infinite tenderness of God. The Holy Father is calling us to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus and to proclaim, celebrate and live the gospel of mercy. The gaze of Jesus completely overtook the tax collector and sinner Matthew. It changed his life. It changed Jorge Bergoglio's life. It changes our lives.

*Jesus' gaze always lifts us up. It is a look that always lifts us up...never lets us down...It invites us to get up...to move forward. The gaze makes you feel that he loves you. This gives the courage to follow him.'* (Pope Francis)

From: *Bible Alive*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 9/16/18 – 9/23/18

Sun.	CCD & Confirmation Classes Begin	
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM New Cornerstone Mtg	St. Joseph Library
Fri.	9:15 AM Liturgy	Library
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	8:30 -12:30 K of C Breakfast	McKenna Hall

### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a**

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

#### **Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

James states that if someone is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

#### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

#### **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Adult Choir** practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

**Contemporary Choir** - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

**Children's Choir** practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

**Vocal- Instrumental Group** - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. ***New and existing members are invited.***



## **SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**



### **CATECHISTS NEEDED**

As the new school year is quickly approaching, we are in dire need of catechists to share and teach the faith for grades 9, and 10. Please contact the religious office to volunteer.

### **WELCOME CATECHISTS**

We'd like to welcome Sharon Schwarz, Jennifer Nowak, Thomas Alnor and Morgan Stenderowicz who are volunteering in our Religious Education program. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to share your faith with the young people of our parish.

### **SCRIPTURE CLASS**

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Come to the youth group on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm. Meet new friends, enjoy activities and strengthen your faith.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Confirmation Students & Parents**

Current registration may be found on the OLL website. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead! Should you have any questions, please contact Allison Ognibene at [Allisono@ourladyofhelake.org](mailto:Allisono@ourladyofhelake.org). First Sundays of the month will begin again in September. The calendar for the upcoming Confirmation session is also posted on our website.

### **RCIA**

#### **ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

#### **RCIA is for**

- Those who have never received Christian baptism,
- People baptized in a Christian tradition other than the Catholic Church, and
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. We encourage one another to put our faith into action by living as part of our Catholic community, serving others, and praying. Our RCIA sessions prepare our participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm starting September 12th. For information please contact Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, [jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life Committee will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 22-23 in order to raise funds for New Jersey Right to Life, "the state's largest and most active pro-life, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic value of our society – human life". Tickets cost \$10- for a chance to win a new car, with the raffle drawing to be held in November. Thank you for your financial support of this worthy organization.

### SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? 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 on

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30 PM.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Friday, October 12, 2018. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion*

### CYO BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>



Registration: \$225 non-refundable fee made out to Our Lady of the Lake and paid upon registration. Uniforms are included. New players must bring Baptismal certificate for parishioners, non-parishioners need to bring birth certificate. All

documentation must be turned in with payment at registration.

Boys Grades 4 through 8 – 12 to 1:00 PM

Girls Grades 4 through 8 – 1 to 2:00 PM

All parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake are guaranteed placement as long as we have numbers for a team. Non-parishioners will be placed or not, based on availability. If a player is not placed on a team, they will be refunded their money. Registration forms are available at the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Shepherd at (973) 670-2107 or Email [OLLSPARTACYO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLLSPARTACYO@GMAIL.COM). If you cannot make the evaluations, please mail or drop off full registration, along with check and documentation to Scott Shepherd, 12 Valley View Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871. All registrations & check must be received by Sat., Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

## WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

### Wine Tasting Dinner & Auction

The Ecumenical Food Pantry Wine Tasting Dinner and Auction will be held at the Lake Mohawk Country Club on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Tickets are \$60 each and are available at the Parish Office.

### Benedictine sisters 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, NJ served at our Lady of the Lake Parish, 1954 to 2006. You are an important part of our history, and we have been blessed by you. As we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a community, we invite you and all those who have been a part of or history to an open house on October 7, 2018, from 2 to 5 pm AT St. Walburga Monastery, 851 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ. The afternoon includes tours, light refreshment, and concludes with Vespers at 4:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact Sr. Ursula at (908) 352-4278 ext. 614. We hope you can join us as we express our gratitude to God for His blessings over the past 150 years!

# HERE I AM, LORD!

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Paterson



The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal kicked-off last weekend with the theme *Here I Am, Lord!* Please support this important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education' priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so you are invited to make a pledge.

Over the years, more and more parishioners have chosen to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org) and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2018 Appeal today!

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### *To All Our Parishioners*

This is to inform you that the driveways into our parking lot in front of the Parish Office will be blocked off with cones from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM on school days. This measure is being taken to prevent accidents and to protect our children as they are picked up from school. The school has become aware that others may need access to the Church and our office. They extend their apologies for the inconvenience and have resolved the problem. Our parishioners will be able to enter the parking lot from the driveway directly in front of the Church and there will be a sign identifying that driveway. The staff monitoring the pickup of the children will allow you to access the parking lot. We thank the administration of Rev. Brown School for the speedy solution.



## BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – 4:00 PM



Our Lady of the Lake Church invites you to a "Blessing of the Animals" on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM sharp in front of the church – Rain or Shine! Treats will be provided for your loving pets! Mark your calendar for this wonderful event.

St. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of animals and ecology. His devotion to God was expressed through his love for all God's creatures.

**ALL PETS ARE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US!**

## COME FOLLOW ME

### MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

OCTOBER 12-13, 2018



[www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org)

Contact: Bill Bosworth: (973) 729-4629

## VACATIONS AND MASS



If you are traveling to new territory and don't know the Mass schedule there, it is easy to find out. Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world.

## SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM.

For information about the public veneration please call (973) 334-2090 or send an email to

[stpeterpar@optonline.net](mailto:stpeterpar@optonline.net).

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration anniversary of his passing. A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, pictures of loved ones, etc.) which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. A Mass in honor of each saint will be celebrated at each parish each day.

## THE RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saint Anthony's Relics Visit Diocese of Paterson Thursday 10/4, Saturday 10/13, Sunday, 10/14 St. Anthony will be visiting five parishes in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte.

### **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Butler (10:00 AM to 1:30 PM & 6:00 to 8:00 PM)

### **Saturday, October 13**

St. Anthony Parish, Hawthorne (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Stirling (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

### **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Rockaway (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)