

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 John Dineen req. by Rita & John Scanlon
John P. DeLaura req. by Bette & Kate DeLaura

TUESDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Levien req. by Anna &
Geronimo Families
John Kinney req. by Lori Kelly

WEDNESDAY – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30 Jack Hingel req. by his daughter, Betty
Donnelly
Andre Rona & all the souls in Purgatory req. by
the Dirlle family

THURSDAY – Saint Vincent de Paul

8:30 Patricia Fecile req. by Anne McLaughlin
Charles Catalano req. by Gen Appel

FRIDAY – Saint Wencelaus, Martyr/ Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by Frank & Carol Matullo
Special Intention of Arline Sharpe req. by
Denise Aldana

SATURDAY – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 John Hofbauer req. by Anne McLaughlin
5:30 Barbara Baratta req. by Pat & Mike Valle
Wizslawa Niezgoda req. by sons, daughter and
granddaughter

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Nancy Volin req. by her children
9:00 Jerome Stehr req. by his children
10:30 Yusef Jacoby req. by Joan Flanagan & Family
Charles Catalano req. by Brian & Kelly Kerr
12:00 People of the Parish
Special Intention of Grace Atkinson req. by
Muriel Macksoud

PARISH FINANCES

September 16, 2018 \$ 11,743

Next week's second collection is for our
Diocesan Newspaper, The Beacon.



REFLECTION

Jesus: God's Gift to Us

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. (Mark 9:31)

What a remarkable statement! As he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – that he will be handed over. He will become passive, powerless in our hands. He will leave it up to us to decide what to do with hi. It's just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

This is a strong contrast to everything we have seen Jesus do so far. From the moment he burst onto the scene, Jesus was at the center of attention – healing people, contending with opponents, calming storms, and multiplying bread. He always took the lead. He always spoke with authority. He was the one shaping the story. But at the cross, where it matters most? Jesus remained quiet, humble, and vulnerable.

The truth is, that is what Jesus intended all along. He came as God's gift to us. A gift doesn't tell the recipient how to use it. He left it up to us to decide how we were going to receive him. We didn't have to reject him as many of his people did. We didn't have to deny him as Peter did. We didn't have to kill him as the Romans did. We could have embraced him and accepted his message of salvation. But we didn't.

And still God handed him over. He didn't take back his gift.

Even today, God continues to hand Jesus to us. At every Mass, on every altar, in every Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands as God's gift of salvation. None of us are worthy to receive him. None of us accept him as fully as we should. But that doesn't stop him. He still gives himself to sinful men and women. He still offers his salvation to s. Let's return his gesture and hand ourselves over to him.

"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. Please keep speaking your words to me so that I may be healed."

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 9/24/18 – 9/30/18

Mon.	7:00 PM RB Class Parent Meeting	McKenna
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	8:00 AM RB Volleyball	Gym
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	4:00 PM 9 th Grade Parent Meeting	McKenna

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First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

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

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the FIRST SUNDAY each month. Join us at the 12 pm mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church.

From 1 - 2:30 pm in youth group room.

Sunday, October 7

Sunday, November 4

Sunday, December 2

RSVP allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8 pm. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

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.

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 150th Anniversary

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, NJ have served at Our Lady of the Lake/ Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School from 1954 – 2006. You are an important part of our history, and we have been blessed by you. As we celebrate our 150th anniversary as a community, we invite you and all those who have been a part of our history to an Open House on October 7, 2018, from 2-5PM at St. Walburga Monastery, 851 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ. The afternoon includes tours, light refreshment, and concludes with Vespers at 4:30PM. If you plan to attend, please contact Sr. Ursula at 908-352-4278 ext. 614.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on October 4th, 2018. Our theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for October is: "Created in God's Image". The day begins at 9:00 AM with 'coffee and', and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 PM. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. For further information, kindly visit our website:

sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org or call: (973) 383-2620.

Is Your Loved One Struggling With Substance Abuse?

Please join us and spread the word about a group for anyone interested in family (or friends) support from addiction. This open support group meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday of the month to discuss the "Community Reinforcement and Family Training Approach" (C.R.A.F.T.) found in the books, "Beyond Addiction," and "Get Your Loved One Sober." Both of these books reference the "Community Reinforcement and Family Training Approach". Come and find support for yourself while increasing the opportunity to help your loved one. The FREE discussion group will meet every first and third Thursday night of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at The Center, 65 Newton-Sparta Rd., Newton. Contact Anmarie at (973)940-2966 or anmarie@centerforprevention.org. To receive text message updates about this and other recovery support meetings, text @recovery65 to 81010.

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey

VNANNJ offers community flu clinics every Thursday in October. Join us at VNANNJ Headquarters on one of the dates listed below to get your flu shot and stay protected. All clinics run from 4 to 5 PM, Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25. Cash, check, and Medicare Part B are accepted. Call (973) 451-4148 to register or for more information.

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Carmelite nun known as the Little Flower, on Monday, October 1, 2018. "Breakfast with Therese" will begin at 9:00 AM with prayer, a reflection talk given by Fr. Tim Ennis, O.Carm, followed by a "French" breakfast and rose activity. Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm, Prior Provincial will preside at the Feast Day Mass at 11:30 AM. To register or for further information, please call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at (845-343-1879). All are welcome.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE TICKET SALE - TODAY!

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.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? 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 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!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS RESPECT LIFE MASS

Celebrant, Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD, Bishop of Paterson; Concelebrant, Rev. Jody Baran – Federation Chaplain. Saturday, November 17, 2018, 10:00 Mass at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 381 Grand St., Paterson, NJ.

Sponsored by the Paterson Federation of Knights of Columbus Councils. This Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life.

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS MADISON, NJ

Go to www.insidethewalls.org to access the most current information and calendar as well as the ability to view, register, and pay for events quickly and easily online. Many of the events are special, one-time-only programs, whereas others such as "Being Single, Being Faithful," "Endow for Women," and our "One Way" programs are ongoing – continuing over the course of weeks, months, or even the full year.

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.



COME FOLLOW ME MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT OCTOBER 12-13, 2018

You may pick up a registration in Church or print it out from our website.

www.ourladyofthelake.org

Contact: Bill Bosworth: (973) 729-4629

O God,
hear
my prayer.

A stylized illustration of a hand holding a prayer candle, with smoke or light rising from the flame.

BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 4TH – 4:00 PM



Our Lady of the Lake Church invites you to a "Blessing of the Animals" on October 4th 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!

For your convenience, we can now accept credit cards for your donations for Mass cards and Religious Education payments.



VISA



Congratulations

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD

Recently, two of our parishioners – Robert and Susan Loyas – received the Vivere Christus Award from Bishop Serratelli at a special Prayer Service in St. John's Cathedral in Paterson. Every year, each parish is requested to nominate an individual, family or couple who lives the Gospel by sharing their gifts with others. It was impressive to see so many people receive this honor.

Rob and Susan have been very active in our parish family. Susan spearheaded the Pass It Along Program, which encourages our youth to be more involved in sharing their talents with others. She also helps her husband each year in beautifying our Church for the Christmas and Easter celebrations. Rob also generously gives of his time as Eucharistic Minister, Parish Trustee, Finance Committee, Carnival - to mention a few. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and generosity. They certainly deserve this award.