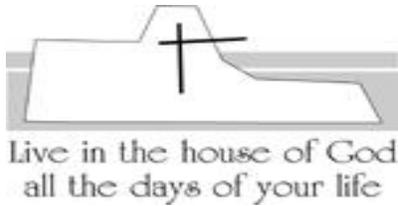


**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 12TH, 2014**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 AM	<b>October 12, 2014</b> Deceased Members of The Jacob Kunka Family
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 13, 2014</b> Bert Harden
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 14, 2014</b> Margaret & George Ledwith
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 15, 2014</b> Cindy Harkins
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 16, 2014</b> St. Gerard Day
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 17, 2014</b> Therese Giaccone
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>October 18, 2014</b> Lydia Storino
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 AM	<b>October 19, 2014</b> Maryann Rossignolo

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  
October 19, 2014  
What's It All About?**

Next weekend our Parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help missionaries working in local churches as well as the ones working at the most remote areas across the world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries and it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and suffering. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers and next Sunday give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith. Our support is vital to their work.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Religious Education Office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays 4PM – 5:30PM and Wednesdays from 3PM – 5:30 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM. If your child is currently enrolled in an academy, please call Terri Ann at 718-447-7686 during the office hours listed above if he/she needs to make the sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation this year.

**LITURGY BYTE**

**Prayer after Communion:**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Reflection:**

The source of the text comes from one of the daily prayers in the *Verona Sacramentary*. The prayer captures the balance of God's transcendence and immanence that we strive to express in every celebration of the Liturgy. Beginning with a humble address, we may envision God enthroned, our heads bowed down in reverence. Yet we are speaking to the one who feeds us and takes care of our every need – quite an intimate and personal relationship.

The prayer calls to mind elements of the Eucharistic Prayer where we express our faith in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We call on God to send God's Spirit to transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. And when we receive this sacred meal, we then are united in Christ, truly sharers in Christ's divine nature. Once more in this post-Communion prayer we voice this hope.

**Prayer:**

Good and gracious God, as we are refreshed and renewed at each celebration of the Eucharist by the gift of your Son's Body and Blood, guide us to a deeper realization of your presence and the awesome reality that we, the Body of Christ, celebrate each Liturgy with Christ our Head.



The choir has begun rehearsals this fall. Anyone interested in joining should call the rectory any weekday afternoon for information. 718-727-0671.

**BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

There is still time to register to play CYO basketball this season for the MIJ Hurricanes (St. Mary-Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph). You must call Bill at 718-815-2147. We can still use 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys, too.

**COLUMBUS DAY**  
**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**11AM – 5PM**

**Santander Bank Parking Lot**

The New Dorp Merchants Group is thrilled to announce the start of a new Columbus Day Tradition on New Dorp Lane. Rides, Face Painting, Caricature Artists, Balloon Artists and Sidewalk Sales!

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Saint Francis Catholic Singles' next meeting, for those in their 30's 40's and 50's, will be held at our new location which is Holy Family Parish located at 366 Watchogue Road on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. The topic will be **Do It Yourself Apartment/Home Repairs.**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come." God invites us to make our Sacrament of Matrimony worthy to come to the feast. Enrich your marriage to make it what God wants it to be. The next WWME Weekend is Nov.1 &2. For more information please call 1-877-NYS-WWME, ext. 3.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY**  
25 Landis Avenue  
Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
1PM – 4PM

**ST. JOSEPH by-the-SEA**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for Girls  
12 noon – 3PM  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for Boys  
12 noon – 3PM

**XAVERIAN**  
7100 Shore Road, Brooklyn  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
10AM – 2PM

**ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**  
200 Clinton Avenue  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
1PM – 4PM

**OUR BULLETINS ARE NOW ON LINE!**  
<http://eastshorcatholic.org>.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Next Sunday, begins a series of readings from First Thessalonians. The earliest of Saint Paul's writings, First Thessalonians was addressed to a community eagerly awaiting the triumphant return of the risen Christ but whose faith was wavering in the meantime. In today's second reading Saint Paul speaks of their "endurance"; 2000 years later we try to hang on as well, strengthened by the Eucharist, which offers us "participation in the heavenly things" (Prayer after Communion).

The rest of the lessons address an issue faced by Christians both modern and ancient: How do we live in the world? The question posed to Jesus is about paying a Roman tax, but it could easily be transposed to our times. Our own taxes are sometimes used for things Catholicism judges to be against our beliefs. How are we to respond?

Jesus' cryptic response, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," is amplified by the first reading, in which the God of Israel uses a pagan king, Cyrus, to restore Israel to its land. That for us means that we must serve God's reign, not Caesar's, with our whole selves.

Still, living in the world while belonging to God's reign is no easy thing; let today's liturgy challenge the assembly to both faithfulness and discernment.



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."