

Twentieth – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Anthony C. Ekanem, MSP:

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Before we celebrate the last hurrah of summer, it is beautiful that we gather around the Altar of the Lord and give thanks to God for what He has done for us. No matter our race, gender, culture, background, class, identity, income, or any other unnecessary source of division we might have.

As we know, tomorrow is Labor Day that marks the end of summer vacation. Customarily, in September a day is set aside to celebrate a Mass of the Holy Spirit to mark the opening of a new academic year. It also marks the beginning of our regular parish activities. Here are making plans for our parish activities:

- This weekend we will offer blessing for our Students & Teachers as they are about to begin the School Year.
- There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 6, from 11:00 am - 12noon.
- Lest we forget, the victims of the series of senseless coordinated attacks by the Islamic terrorist group al – Qaeda against the United States on the morning of Tuesday September 11, 2001, we shall celebrate a memorial Mass at 12:05 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 11 here in our Chapel and also pray for the continuous strength for the family members left behind.
- On Saturday Sept, 14, at 9:30 am, we shall all gather with Religious Education Teachers and parents to celebrate a Special Mass for our children in Religious Program. Please, mark your calendar; we need all the blessings we can get as we begin our regular parish - school activities.
- NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEW UPPER COUNTIES CONFERENCE 2019
- The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team invites you to our Upper Counties Conference, Saturday, September 28, 2019, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries (CYFM), 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY. Doors open 9:00 am. The Fee is \$25 a person (includes Continental CFR, "Jesus' Victory;" Fr William Cosgrove, "The Light Dispels the Darkness;" Fr Christian Amah, Healing Service (Eucharistic Adoration and Laying of Hands). Please, visit the website for more detail, flyer, and registration: CatholicCharismaticNY.org/ny-arch-upper-counties-conference or call (845) 223 - 5653, no later than September 25, 2019.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. We congratulate ourselves for officially reaching our goal. We are proudly continuing our tradition of being faithful to the spirit of stewardship in our Archdiocese. Thank you again! But if you are still prayerfully considering how to support this appeal, please contact our Parish Office, or go online: cardinalsappeal.org, click on Donate, select an amount, and direct your gift to our Church.

GROUNDING IN HUMILITY

In the Gospel reading of today, (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus tells us a parable about the invitation to a banquet while He is a guest at a dinner. He teaches a couple of lessons, one for the guests and one for the host. In both cases, He brings something very pertinent to our social convention, which is still familiar to us today. Most guests like to think they are essential, and most hosts expect some reciprocity from their guests. Jesus takes time to teach us that as a guest, we should not presume to sit above anyone else. As a host, we should invite those who do not have the money to repay us. It all starts, as the writer of Sirach observes, with humility. For true humility requires that we acknowledge our weaknesses, our imperfections, our humanness. To grasp for honor or status or recompense from others is misguided. What is important is to "find favor with God" (Sirach 3:18). Jesus' last words today resemble His words in Matthew's account of the Last Judgment. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples that those who sit on His right in the Kingdom are those who gave food, drink, clothing, and love to the neediest on earth. Similarly, here in Luke, Jesus tells His companions that those who invite the poor, weak, and disabled "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:14)

Let us, then consider our hospitality towards others. We are not more important than our neighbors. Sirach offers this as a lesson to guide us. Jesus on the other taught the Pharisees this lesson in the Gospel reading we heard today. Humility begets generosity, as it recognizes the value in our neighbor, especially those who are marginalized. True charity becomes more powerful and meaningful when we give to those who cannot repay us. "For, will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:14).

How do you understand living with humility?
Do you conduct yourself with humility?

Stewardship

Tithing - God's Plan for Giving on Sunday For 08/25/19 our Offering was \$3009.00

In observance to Labor Day the Rectory will be closed on Monday September 2, 2019.

Last Sunday second collection for Church Property Insurance we collected \$ 1005.00

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal Update

Hello Father Anthony and members of the parish,

Congratulations!

The parish officially reached its goal! Here are your numbers:

Goal: \$39,500 Pledged: \$40,163 Paid: \$35,936 (60% of cash paid over goal comes back to the parish as a rebate)

Participants: 128 Ave. Gift: \$314

Percent of goal: 102% (You did it! The tradition continues...!)

Overall participation: 10% (It's probably a little higher since many gifts are anonymous...)

Parish still needs 43 more participants to reach your participation goal of 168

Thank you so much for your cooperation again this year!

Anthony Piscitiello, Campaign Manager

The 40th Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

To donate you can go to cardinalsappeal.org, click on Donate, select an amount, and direct your gift to our Church:

Immaculate Conception, Yonkers

Changing Station

Check out our newest addition, a Baby changing station, located in the Bathroom.

Security Camera

The security cameras are now in place inside and outside our Church.

24 Hour Surveillance Both Video & Audio

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20 28-29 p. 29

Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you are, and God will favor you. A wise person always take joy in listening to others.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11 p. 30 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a p. 30 *Our god draws near to our mountain and city. The judge of all comes close into our assembly. Jesus our mediator reaches to touch us and invites us to touch him. We join the festal gathering of our living God.*

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 p. 31 *The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite poor people or persons with disabilities. Have a reception for persons who cannot repay you, "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Church Family Directory

It is now time to make your arrangements with your family to take your photograph with **LIFE TOUCH** this week.

On Sunday, September 1, 2019

First Friday

Mark your calendar for our **September** First Friday devotion, which is on Friday, September 6, 2019.

11:00 - 11:45 am - Sacred Heart Devotion Prayer

11:45 - 12:00 noon - Confessions

12:05 pm - Mass

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

You are invited!

Religious Education Registration 2019-2020

~~If you have not registered your children you will be able to do so September 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm).~~

~~We are offering Adult classes for those who would like to become Catholics and those that still need a sacrament.~~

~~Adult classes start in October.~~

- Bible Sharing: Do you want to learn more about the Word of God during the week, in English and Spanish. Call and let us know whether Monday beginning in the month of October is convenient for you.
- St Paul the Apostle Church 602 McLean Avenue Yk, 10705 will have a Healing Mass on Tuesday night September 3rd at 7:30pm. Celebrant Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jose Puthenparambil, PH.D. Mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, Kerala, INDIA

***Mass Schedule for the week of
August 31, 2019 to September 7, 2019
Special Intentions for this week***

Saturday, August 31, 2019:

12:05pm— Pedro Marino + * Aurora Marino

5:00pm— Elizabeth & Joseph Anthony + * Mr. & Mrs. Anthony

7:30pm - Available/Disponibile

Sunday, September 1, 2019:

7:30 am – For the Parishioners

9:00 am – Almecinda Ramirez + * Adrian Ramirez

11:00 am - Betty Loria Prada + * Julius Rodriguez & Family

Monday, September 2, 2019:

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05pm Hector Rene Gabriel + * Jose Gabriel

Tuesday September 3, 2019

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05pm – Beatrice Zamborsky * William Zamborsky

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm – Rose Kunny * Anthony Kunny

Thursday, September 5, 2019:

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm– Available/Disponibile

7:00 pm - Mercedes Barahona + * Ivania Guillen

Friday, September 6, 2019:

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm – Available/Disponibile

7:00 pm - Sagrado Corazon De Jesus

Saturday, September 7, 2019:

12:05pm— Andrew Berwa + * Berwa Family

5:00pm— Anthony & Margaret Mary Felicissimo * Tony Felicissimo

7:30pm - Legion of Mary/ Legion De Maria

+Indicates deceased * Indicates the person (s) who requested the Mass.

Prayer For Families

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. **Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.