

**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 25, 2017**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Jean & Bob Richter  
Renick Family  
Wiz Milligan  
Robert Domenici

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Gertrudis Tindoc  
Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino  
Shirley & Roy Parian  
Marianne Steiner

12:00 P.M. Adam Vieira  
John Magee, Sr.  
Intentions of David & Mark Mailyly



**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Joseph Ayton

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Jean Czubakowski  
Carmela Polizzitto

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Katherine Pianettini

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Theresa Casazza

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Ruth Yulio

**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Theresa Callamari  
Janet Hawthorne

10:00 A.M. Redencion Glorioso  
Gertrudis Tindoc  
Kay Quinn Janosek

12:00 P.M. Elizabeth Wood  
Maria Bosco  
Intentions of Ann Codrich  
Intentions of Nathan Gainey's Family  
Marie & Edward Kulak

**Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**SICK:** Mary Carton      Jacob Hicks      Ron Moebius  
Nina Margossian      Veny Hongo      Tom Guzowski  
Gary Ragusa      Reva Zanetti      Silverio Conte  
Baby Michael Soojian      Jan Hongo      Susan Nichols-Boggio  
Baby Ryder Sasso      Carmela Fusco      Frank Morici  
Frances De Maria      Dorothea King      Jerome Foray  
Gabe Bellantoni      Millie Farina      Eileen McPartland  
Rosemary Liebman      Cenelia Soto      Ann Langley  
Stacey Caropreso      Sharon Acquire      Noah Lorencovitz  
Sister Marie Louise      Barbara Kincaid      Rosemary Pannone

**DECEASED:** Virginia Taylor      Mallory Grossman  
Janet Rushforth

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday - \$5,388.00

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dear Friends in Christ:**



This Sunday we celebrate a sense of Divine Mercy. Jesus tells us in the Gospel from Saint Matthew that we

should fear no one. Why? Because the Father watches over us all the time and in every situation of our lives. We need not fear.

Does that mean that bad things will not happen to us? No, of course not! God never promises us that everything will be wonderful. God promises us that He will be with us. That is why we get upset with God! Being upset with God makes us think at times that He is not with us. We have to rethink our image of God. Jeremiah, in the first reading today, thanks God. If we remember the story of Jeremiah, then we come to understand that God allowed Jeremiah to be persecuted, beaten, scorned, despised, cast into a pit, and so on. And yet Jeremiah praises God. Why? Because he recognizes that God is with him, that God has called him and that God is always faithful.

The Letter to the Romans talks about sin in our world. We don't have to look far to find sin. Usually we need only look in our own hearts. But if we doubt that, then look at the things happening in our world. There is sin and brokenness and evil on all sides. Even those who do not believe at all can see the brokenness and the darkness in our world.

St. Apostle reminds us that we have a Savior. We need not be discouraged and downcast because our world and our lives are broken. Instead, we are invited to turn to the Lord and trust in Him. This echoes once more the Gospel of today: fear no one because God is with you!

My sisters and brothers, we are invited to live with God and to trust that God is with us. God will not make our lives easy but God is with us. God will show us the way to deepen our trust in Him and our love for one another.

The challenge is to have a sense of Divine Mercy. We are always told by Jesus Christ that we are loved and that we need not fear. To believe that is a deep act of faith. The promises of Divine Mercy are simply that Jesus loves us and accepts us and desires us. This is the Gospel message. It is clear. We are not.

At some point in our lives we must change from a person of doubt to a person who believes completely, with all of our heart and soul and being. May this day bring that gift of faith to us.

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
**Feast Day June 21, 2017**

Aloysius was born into a royal family in Italy on March 9, 1568. He was only 7 years old when he began to feel a call to the spiritual life. When he was 9, he was sent to school in Florence, and by the time he was 11, he was already teaching catechism to poor children. He also started fasting, and chose to live a more simple life than children from other royal households. When he was 13 years old, his parents took him to Spain. Aloysius was supposed to serve as a page in the court of Philip II, but he did not like the way of life he saw in the King's Court. His way of dealing with this was to study the lives of saints.

When he read a book about the Jesuit missionaries in India, Aloysius decided to enter the Society of Jesus, but his father didn't like the idea. He wanted his son to succeed him in his royal title and live as a nobleman. After 4 years of Aloysius

insisting that he preferred the religious life, his father finally agreed and permitted his son to enter the seminary.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with many new and different ideas. He was required to stop fasting so much and to eat more. He was also instructed to spend more recreation time with the other students. He was not allowed to pray as much as he used to; only at certain times. He obeyed. He spent four years studying philosophy and was very fortunate to have Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, the plague came to Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general and many other Jesuits helped, but Aloysius chose to work directly with the patients, washing them and making their beds. Eventually Aloysius caught the plague himself. He never fully recovered, but he kept up his great discipline of prayer. He had a sense that he would die within the octave of Corpus Christi, and he was correct. He was only 23 when he died. His dedication to prayer, teaching the faith and serving others made him wonderful role model, especially for his own young colleagues.

It is no wonder that St. Aloysius Gonzaga is the patron saint of Catholic youth and teenagers. He understood from a very early age that he was called to live his faith, and he did it every day of his short but holy life. He taught other people, both young and old, by his own good example. You can do the same if you choose to.

### GET READY – GET SET - CARNIVAL!!!

Our annual parish carnival will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need parishioner support to make this fundraiser another success. That begins with willing volunteers who wish to do their part. Volunteer signup sheets are in the Narthex and at the church side door near the rectory. Please take one and fill it out with the days you will make yourself available for your parish. When complete, you can either place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank You!!

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Every year we reach out to the generosity of our parishioners to help with the cost of supplies needed for the carnival. This year we are in need of **only the following items**:

Bottled Water	Iced tea mix
Paper Towels	Lemonade mix
Powdered Sugar	Dish towels
Coffee (regular & decaf)	Chore boy scour pads

We thank everyone who is able to help with supplies. They may be dropped off at the rectory Monday – Friday 9am-4pm.

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Carnival Pre-sale ride tickets are available at the rectory. A sheet of 15 tickets cost \$10. Wristband (pay one price bands) will be available on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. (Weather permitting) They are available in a booth on the grounds on those nights.

### KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

### THANK YOU FROM FR. GREG

Fr. Greg would like to extend a great big “Thank You” to the Ladies Guild for the coffee & cake get-together after 5:30 Mass in celebration of his 20<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary. Thank you to all the parishioners who took the time to attend and show support to him on this special occasion. God Bless you all!

### JULY PATRIOTIC ROSARY

On Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will hold the seventh patriotic novena Mass and rosary in the chapel at 11:00am. As the following Tuesday is July 4<sup>th</sup>, attending the novena would be a perfect and most beneficial way to celebrate our freedom and to pray for our country. During the patriotic rosary we pray for ever soul in every one of our fifty states. It is awesome. This Mass and rosary will be led by the St. Francis Eucharistic ministers. Please come.



### Holy Spirit School, Pequannock - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Join us at The Legacy Castle in Pompton Plains on **October 14, 2017** for an Anniversary Gala to celebrate this special milestone.

To purchase Gala Tickets, Raffle Tickets, place an ad in the Souvenir Journal, or place a tribute to Principal, Sr. Marie Antonelli, M.P.F. email the committee at **HolySpirit60@hsspeq.org** or call the school office at 973-835-5680.

### Catholic Homeschool Conference – July 28 & 29, 2017

The IHM New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College – Student Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, in Mahwah, New Jersey, on Friday, July 28th (12:00pm – 6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 29th (9:30am – 3:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org).

## THANK YOU LETTER

FROM

FR. LANCE

Dear Father Greg, Deacon Jose and Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi,

Your multi-colored advertisement in the recent Beacon (6/15/17 issue) congratulating me on the occasion of my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination touched me very much, and brought a flood of warm and happy memories of my time with you. Thank You so very much!!!

St. Francis of Assisi in Haskell/Wanaque has been the first parish of my assignment as pastor. The short six years of this pastorate energized my vocation to the priesthood and gave me multiple opportunities to be creative in my ministry to you and the local community. I will always cherish St. Francis of Assisi as a peak moment in my priesthood – one of abundant graces, joyful experiences and shared ministries.

Thank you again for all you have been and are to me. You will be remembered at Mass and in my special prayers to Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, and St. Francis of Assisi. May each of you be blessed, increase in grace and the love of Our Lord.

Gratefully united in Christ,

*Rev. Lancelot J. Reis*



## WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD

5 Melrose Ave., Wanaque, NJ 07465

Check us out on Facebook: Wanaque FAS

“The Wanaque First Aid Squad wants to help you enjoy the summer with some extra found money! Tickets will be on sale for our 1<sup>st</sup> Calendar Raffle that will run throughout the summer and until September 28<sup>th</sup>. Each ticket has the potential to win over and over again, all for the single donation of \$10.00. Thanks to Saint Francis for running a sale of tickets in the winter months, the Squad is hoping you would join us for the fun and sun of our summer month ticket sale. Anyone wishing to enter 92 chances to win cash prizes can contact Patty Norton, [pattyn60@optonline.net](mailto:pattyn60@optonline.net) or Karen Cisco, [CiscoNJ@gmail.com](mailto:CiscoNJ@gmail.com), and we can make arrangements to get one or more tickets to you! Tickets make a fun and exciting gift to give at a summer barbeque or pool party!”

**Calendar raffle tickets are also available at the rectory for your convenience.**

### SUMMER GLORY

Poppies and roses grow by my door  
With lilacs and zinnias in colors galore.

Bee balm and foxglove are growing there, too,  
And every day I see something new.

Robins and bluebirds visit each day  
While cardinals and martins frolic and play.

Hummingbirds sup at my feeder each day.  
Their visits are brief, but sweet memories stay.

Sunflowers smile down from ten feet or more –  
Bright visions of Vincent decades before.

Soft, Summer breezes waltz with the trees,  
And rambling roses go where they please.

Each day brings a message fresh from the sod  
That we have been blessed by a wonderful God!

*Clay Harrison*

### LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

Pat Demarest & Hatima Omolon

#### LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. John McMurray

12 NOON Armando Haro

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

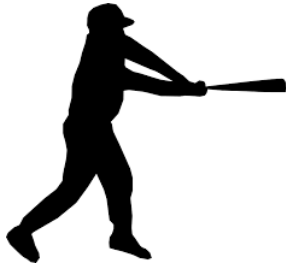
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Diane Drew

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Tony Mazza

**ALTAR SERVERS** are not scheduled for the summer months. Please help out when you can at the Mass you attend. Thank you! Have a wonderful and safe summer!!



St. Francis Presents:

## **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**

Saturday Night July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Please join us for this first ever parish family event. It's our way of saying a big, "Thank You!" to our Altar Servers.**

**All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend;** parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles. Bring the whole family. We're going to show a movie classic about...BASEBALL! Rated PG. The movie will be shown outside on the lawn beside the church. Admission is free. Please be there by 8:15 pm and bring a picnic blanket, lawn chair or anything else you would be comfortable sitting on. We'll be serving hot dogs, popcorn, chips and beverages. You can also bring your own favorite snacks if you'd like to.

**Come on out and help us make this night a home run!  
Children of all ages are welcome.**

**No alcohol please**