

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 9, 2017**



SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

5:30 P.M. Lawrence & Frances Koslowski
Jared Fisher
Jeremy Dymowski
Donna Bates
Mary Lee Cooper
Marie & Edward Kulak
Regina Sullivan

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Charles Thielitz
Cecelia Sagan
10:00 A.M. Jose Veneracion
Marianne Steiner
Virginia Taylor
12:00 P.M. Catherine Anthony
John Joseph Pagana
Randall Barksdale

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

8:00 A.M. Bob Daniels

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

8:00 A.M. Janet Rushforth

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

8:00 A.M. Thomas F. Butler

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:30 P.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
Leonard Roehrig

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Cecelia Sagan
10:00 A.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
12:00 P.M. Elizabeth Wood

**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 Silverio Conte Alex Haines
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
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz
Sister Marie Louise Barbara Kincaid Rosemary Pannone

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$5,456.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

Our God is meek and humble of heart! Far too often our ideas of God are as a powerful force and as a force that is not very friendly to us. Yet the

first reading today, from the Book of Zechariah, is clear that the king who will come to us, a just savior, is meek, riding on a donkey.

This image is taken up on Palm Sunday when Jesus-Messiah enters Jerusalem on a donkey. Everyone is exuberant and full of joy, but still thinking that this is a worldly kind of savior. Perhaps we also today want a savior who will come and free the world from wars, from murders, from injustices and from ISSIS.

Actually, Jesus can do all of that: free the world from wars, from murders and from injustices. Yet Jesus only does it insofar as He changes the hearts of people. We still prefer magic where we don't have to do the work. The salvation that Jesus brings is a salvation that insists on conversion of heart leading to conversion of action.

So Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, from Saint Matthew: Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for yourselves.

Truly the only rest we have in this life is in giving ourselves over completely to Jesus and to trying to follow Him, to walk in His ways. When we follow Jesus, we invite His Spirit to possess our souls. If we do not want the Spirit of Jesus, then we are not following Jesus at all. Honestly, if we want to follow the Lord, it is a difficult path and yet gives us rest because we know that we are on the right path. It is accepting sufferings that we know that we are sharing in the salvation of the world with Jesus. From the outside, we cannot always tell who is a follower of Jesus. Once we begin to speak to others, we hear from them the motivations of their lives and it becomes clear to us: this person has spent his or her life striving to follow the Lord!

Jesus Himself invites us today to come to Him, especially if we are laboring and burdened. Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

**St. Maria Goretti
Feast Day: July 6**

When we think of saints, we often think of people who have lived a long life in the service of God. Did you know that Maria Goretti died before she was 12 years old? What could she have done in so few years to become a saint? She was a martyr; she upheld the faith, and she died for it.

Maria was born in Italy in 1890. She was the daughter of sharecroppers. They were poor and they worked hard. The Goretti's lived in the same building with another family, the Serenilli's. Maria's father died of malaria when she was very young, but she grew in strength, grace and spiritual maturity. Maria's life was short, and so is her story. Alessandro, one of the young men in the Serenelli household began pursuing her and expressing impure suggestions. She avoided him as best she could, but on July 5, 1902, he would not take, "no" for an answer. Maria pushed him away, shouting, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!". Alessandra was furious. He stabbed Maria 14 times. After 20 hours of suffering, she died.

On June 24, 1950, Pope Pius XII announced her canonization at St. Peter's in Rome. Both Maria's mother and her murderer were present. St. Maria Goretti was a sweet child who, in her very short life, had learned to love God more than life itself. She is the patron saint of young women and victims of sexual assault.

White Martyrs

Those who suffer persecution and even death because of their faith are called "red martyrs" because their acts of faith involve the shedding of blood. This is the type of martyrdom we usually recognize, whether the martyrs died during the persecutions in the Roman Empire or in various parts of the world today. Classically though, the Church recognizes another kind martyrdom – white martyrs. These courageous faithful suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically for the faith, yet not to the point of shedding blood. In some ways, if we take our religion seriously, we will all become white martyrs at some time in our lives.

Let me just mention some white martyrs I've recently met who have inspired me profoundly: The mother who sits night and day at the bedside of her little son as he's hooked up to chemo at Children's Hospital.

The family with four children who have just adopted a special needs baby. The college student who gets snickered at every Sunday morning in the university dorm as he gets up early to go to Mass. The husband who is sticking by his wife for the long haul, even though she's "fallen off the wagon" again in her constant struggle with an addiction to alcohol. They are all white martyrs. They are suffering because of their faith. No one is after them with torches, machetes, or guns, but their trial is real, their faith enduring, their hope unflagging. Soon or later, we'll all be there. It's part of the dying and rising of Jesus and His people.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Doers of the Word

FAITH RENEWAL MASS AND HOLY HOUR

Please join us on July 15 for our monthly Faith Renewal Holy Hour filled with adoration, contemporary music, meditation and prayer at 4:30PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our Faith Renewal Mass is for those who prefer an upbeat, more lively worship experience, this Mass with Contemporary Music offers live music with guitars, keyboard, vocalists and family-oriented fellowship. Our Faith Renewal Mass will be held every third Saturday of the month. For young adults, teens, families with children, or Catholics of all ages who are young at heart, this Mass is a vibrant worship experience. We would like to invite you to become involved with our Faith Renewal Team and help us come up with new and wonderful, creative fellowship events. For more information or for ways to get involved in this ministry, please email us at stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com.



GET READY – GET SET - CARNIVAL!!!

Our annual parish carnival will be held July 18th – 23rd. 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!!

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**:

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| 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.

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.



Holy Spirit School, Pequannock - 60th 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.

LADIES GUILD

Save the date: Junk in the Trunk is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th with the rain date of Saturday, September 23rd. So you can get started on collecting the items you no longer need to turn them into cash. Applications are available at the rectory.

SUMMERTIME, 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 on the computer and you can find the schedule for places around the country and the world. Have a great summer and drive safely.

SUMMER SEMINARIAN

I am Joemin Kharlo C. Pariñas and I was born on the 14th of August, 1993, in Bangued, Abra, Philippines. I grew up in a typical Filipino family and they used to call me with my nickname "Jayke." My parents were very supportive and loving parents, who cultivated and raised me with values and principles in life such as becoming respectful, helpful, hospitable, family-oriented, and most of all, becoming God-fearing person. I started my seminary studies and seminary formation when I was in high school. Currently, I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Paterson, and an incoming 2nd year theology student at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Becoming a priest has been my dream since I was a child especially in the secondary stage of my studies. This vocation towards priesthood is a call and a magnificent gift from God. That is why I want to respond to His call and serve Him. I want to become a disciple of Christ in sharing and spreading his good news to others most especially to those who are thirsty for His word. But in order for me to achieve this dream of mine, I need to fully surrender myself and accept Christ wholeheartedly within my life. Aspiring to become a priest in the future, I have chosen the path of becoming a diocesan priest because I want to work and serve in a certain geographical area like the Diocese of Paterson. I want to preach the Gospel and share it to people most especially to those who are thirsty for the word and love of God. I want to be a man devoted to service. Thus, I want to preach, teach and share the Gospel of God to my parishioners. I want to inspire and guide them in their relationship with God and in their spiritual life.

As I continue my seminary formation in theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, I believe that I will be formed to become better and obedient servant. My formation in theology will help me further nurture my understanding of God and the Catholic faith. There will be new lessons to learn and new skills to develop that I can apply in the future. This formation will be the epitome of my priestly vocation for it will truly form and direct me to become God's steward in the future.

As of the moment, I was assigned to serve at St. Francis of Assisi Church for my pastoral Assignment. As a seminarian and as a future fisherman of Christ, God acted in me in my pastoral assignment through His mission in this world. That mission is to share His love and good news to others. Just like Jesus where He sent Him to preach the good news to others, my pastoral assignment enables me to show the love of the Lord and preach His word to everyone especially to the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Currently, there are several pastoral skills I learned in my pastoral assignment. One was public speaking. Some have a gift in this area, especially in teaching and speaking. On my part, I learned a lot to improve this skill because as an international student with English as my second language, it is hard for me to project my voice or discuss topics with the parishioners. Because of my pastoral assignment I have developed this skill. But most of all, I learned to develop my preaching and social skills through sharing the word of God to the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and bringing Christ to them.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 21, 2017

This September will be the final sign-up for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. The full-day trip includes Mass, devotional prayers, Catechetical Presentations, and the opportunity for reconciliation.

Please mark your calendars now for the important spiritual day on October 21st. Cost is \$49.00.

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell
10:00 A.M. Judy Moran
12 NOON Mike Durkin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon
10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Maria Invernion
12 NOON Matt Kampff & Barbara Garruto

