

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 2017



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

5:30 P.M. Marie D'Avanzo
Intentions of Florence Grim
Intentions of Tom Norton
Flor Reynes
Tess LaLap
Omar LaLap

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Margaret & Carl Hivish
10:00 A.M. John Nazzaretto
Virginia Taylor
Irene Sylsbury
12:00 P.M. Henryk Krawiec
Agnieszka & Bronislaw Bednarz

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

8:00 A.M. Walter Donnelly
7:30 P.M. Nunzio DiLaura

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

9:00 A.M. Maria Anna & Pietro Riotta
7:30 P.M. Eleanor Leppin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

8:00 A.M. Anne Morici

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

8:00 A.M. Theresa Casazza

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frances Pasquariello
Intentions of Sister Marie Louise
Alex Vandermey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Alice DiMeglio
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
12:00 P.M. Theresa Quatrone

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 Miranda Bohner Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenia Soto Ann Langley
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz John Carolan
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Robert Nebbia
Evelyn Means Barbara Kincaid Frank Sancllementi
Carmela Caropreso Bitondo

DECEASED: Dorothy Raykiewicz

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,851.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

Today's gospel relates about our Lord walking on the water. Some writers kidded that Jesus did this because, being a poor man, he could not afford the fixed fare imposed on travelers by sea by the profit-hungered owner of the boats. When Jesus was walking on the Sea of Galilee, His disciples thought that He was a ghost so they were afraid. Peter recognized Him. St. Peter was asking the Lord when he saw Jesus walking on the water that he could also walk and Jesus responded immediately by granting his request. Maybe Peter was too emotional or impulsive or he just wanted to show to his co-disciples that he can walk on water too and that he is the greatest among them. But Jesus interpreted the even in a different way. He wanted to test the faith of Peter, how big and how deep it is and Peter did not pass the test, he failed. But in spite of this, Jesus still accepted him and did not reject him.

As one priest said in his homily, that Peter was very human just like many of us. We too want to see signs and miracles. We take pains to travel to places where miracles reportedly happened. We flock to that place.

But while St. Peter was walking on the water, he felt that the wind is so strong and he is afraid. He asked the Lord to help him and the Lord did not hesitate to help and then the Lord said to him: "Oh, man of little faith."

This gospel has something to do with faith that focuses on Jesus. But Peter's faith in today's gospel is in crisis and our faith too. St. Peter's faith as well as ours may have been strong from the start; we are so very enthusiastic and eager to live it, but as doubts, difficulties in life, trials and troubles set it, we waver our faith.

How to make our faith focus on Jesus?

First, our attachment to Jesus must be unequalled. We must not love our fathers and mothers or brothers and sisters and children more than Him. Sometimes in our lives, those people who are closed to us could be our obstacles in serving God. I know of a wife when she was still single, she was so active in church activities. But when she got married, hoping that she became more active together with her husband, she was wronged. Her husband became an obstacle to her relationship with God. Sometimes, even going to Mass on Sundays can be the cause of their quarrel. Her husband was selfish I think. He wanted that the time of his wife should be devoted to him alone. I could say he was selfish. I am hoping that each one of us should not be an obstacle for others in serving the Lord. Rather, let us make ourselves instruments of others in serving Him.

Second, we must have a life of intimacy with Jesus. In other, words to be always close to Him at all times.

Are we acting also like that of Peter? Is it not true that when everything is going well for us, we forget God? We don't go to Mass anymore and pray? But when some problems arise: a grave illness that strikes us, the sudden death of a love one or a calamity like earthquake, tornado, blizzard and others, then we get scared and we turn to God.

But my dear friends let us remember, as long as we make Christ as our vision, our point of arrival and the center of our lives – we can survive, everything is in normal. We believe that when big storms come on our way, God is always there to help and rescue us. We have to trust Him.

Lectio Divina



For many Catholics, the Bible can seem daunting. My New Testament professor in graduate studies, the late Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, used to tell the true story of a Bible salesman coming to his family's house in Boston

when Dan was seven. "Sorry", said his mother to the salesman. "We're Catholics. We don't read the Bible."

But since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been encouraged not only to read the Bible but pray with it. And the ancient practice of lectio divina (sacred reading) is a marvelous way to engage the text. I'll use Father Harrington's four easy steps for lectio, which take the form of prayerful questions: First ask, "What does the text say?" In other words, what is going on? Second, "What does the text say to me?" In this part of the prayer, we ask what relevance the passage has for our daily lives. Third, "What do I want to say to God about this text?" Here, we begin an honest conversation with God. Fourth, "What difference will this text make in my life?" Encountering the Bible always means some conversion and transformation, if we are open to it.

The Bible is the Living Word of God. The Holy Spirit breathes through it. That's one reason you can return to even the most familiar of passages and find surprises there. Remember, too, as you read the Old and New Testaments, that God will be helping you with your prayer. God wants to be found. It is God, in fact, who is opening up the text for you.

From Give Us This Day by Fr. James Mart

St. Lawrence

Feast Day: August 10

Lawrence was born in December of 225 in Aragon, part of a Roman province in Spain. He once met the future Pope St. Sixtus II, who was a famous and highly respected teacher. Lawrence was greatly impressed and decided to dedicate his life to the church. Eventually, he went to Rome. When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained Lawrence as a deacon. Even though he was still very young he was made the first among the seven deacons of the church of Rome. This was a position of great trust; it included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the poor.

At the beginning of August 258, the Emperor Valerian, who hated Christians, issued an edict that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope St. Sixtus II was captured on August 6, 258 while celebrating Mass and was quickly executed. After the death of Sixtus, the prefect of Rome demanded that St Lawrence turn over the riches of the Church to him. Lawrence asked for three days to gather this wealth. He quickly distributed as much Church property to the poor as possible so the prefect would not be able to take it. On the third day, Lawrence presented himself to the prefect, and when he was ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church, pointed to the many poor, the crippled, blind, and the suffering people who had come along to support him. He said to the prefect of Rome, "These are the true riches of the church".

This bold statement by Lawrence, which was the truth, but not what the Roman prefect wanted to hear, cost him his life. Think about what Lawrence was really saying; He was telling the prefect that gold and silver have no real meaning to

God, but that, instead, God considers each one of us, as imperfect as we are, to be priceless.

Tradition tells us that the Prefect was so angry he had a great gridiron prepared with hot coals beneath it, and on August 10, had Lawrence placed on it; he was roasted alive. That is why, when you see an image or statue of St. Lawrence, he is holding a gridiron or grill. Tradition also says that, after the martyr had suffered great pain for a long time he cheerfully said, "I'm well done. Turn me over!" St. Lawrence is the patron of cooks and chefs.

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. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless.

Thank you and God bless you.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 21, 2017

Seeking a spiritual awakening or journey? Consider attending the two-day spiritual trip to Baltimore and Washington. The Pilgrimage leaves the Diocese of Paterson on Friday, October 20th and makes stops at the Basilica of Assumption, our nation's first Cathedral and St. Jude Shrine. On Saturday, spiritual activities will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Both days include daily Mass, spiritual visits and on Saturday reconciliation and devotional prayers. For further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at 973-827-8030.

LADIES GUILD

Save the dates:

Bus Trip to: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. Sept. 7, 2017 – Included tour and lunch.

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.

AUGUST 2017 EMMAUS MEETING

The Emmaus group will meet Monday, August 21st at 7:00pm in the church hall. We will discuss possible programs for the fall. The purpose of the Emmaus group is to promote the spiritual and communal growth of our parish through retreats, bible study, pilgrimages, book discussions. We welcome suggestions. Please join us on Monday, August 21st.



**Do you have TRASH to SELL or
are you LOOKING For a treasure?**

The Ladies Guild is holding a
JUNK- IN-THE-TRUNK Sale on

September 16th (Rain Date, 9/23) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00 . To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / ladydi240@yahoo.com or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Boonton, New Jersey

For more than 150 years, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has been educating children to be lifelong learners and leaders in their communities -- the *scholars, athletes, artists, citizens, and saints* of tomorrow. We take great pride in the hallmarks of an OLMC education: **academic excellence, faithful Catholic formation, and a culture that strengthens character.** Everything we do inside and outside of the classroom is designed to help our students realize their God-given potential, to prepare them to live well, and to excel in any field of human aspiration. Sound like something you'd want for your children? OLMC is only twelve miles from St. Francis of Assisi! We invite you to check us out. Find out more at our website: olmc.academy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education classed for September 2017 is now in progress.

ATTENTION...Religious Education Parents...
Registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year have been distributed to all families presently registered in the program. Please return forms as soon as possible.

NEW REGISTRATIONS...Children who are new to the parish or who are entering First (1st) Grade in public schools in September, should also register at this time. Registration forms are at the rectory or by calling the CCD office 973-835-1946.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM requires two (2) years of religious education classes starting with 1st Grade.

Zumba Classes (BURN up to 1,000 calories)

Held in St. Francis School Gym
Regular Zumba is Tuesday and Thursday – 7pm to 8pm
Zumba Toning Wednesday, - 7pm to 8pm – Bring light weights no more than 2 pounds or so. Classes are \$7.00 per class or 10 classes for \$60.00
Please call or email Theresa Reilly for more information – No class registration needed. theresaloveszumba@yahoo.com or call 973-248-0013 or 973-868-4206.



Car Wash
Saturday, August 19, 2017
St. Francis parking lot
(rain date August 26th)
9AM – 2PM

Skate It Forward, Inc. was started by Coach Allen Magie of Haskell, NJ in 2015 when he coached youth hockey and wanted to inspire his players to give back to the community. Since its formation, money has been raised by youth hockey athletes for Childhood Cancer, Breast Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Liver Cancer, Kidney Disease, Pediatric Neurology, and our troops overseas. In 2017, Coach Allen Magie made Skate It Forward, Inc. into an official registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to join together as a hockey community encompassing coaches, players, parents, and organizations, to give back to the community and individuals in need while incorporating the values of leadership, respect, community service, generosity, and sportsmanship in youth athletes while continuing to foster a love of the game. Visit our website at www.skateitforwardinc.com

FAITH RENEWAL & HOLY HOUR
Holy hour scheduled for Saturday, August 19th, has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 26th.

GOD KNOWS

God knows the trial you face today,
He is Compassion and the Way;
He understands your fear...the threat
That looms in circumstance you've met.

He is your shelter in the storm;
Rely on Him and faith is born
To lift you up and set your sail
To see you safely through the gale.

Fear not - for God is at your side,
Beneath His wings you shall abide;
Recall His love and tender care,
Whisper His name and He is there.

Anna Lee Edwards McAlphin

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Maria Invernon & Jolene Colsant
LECTORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren

12 NOON Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

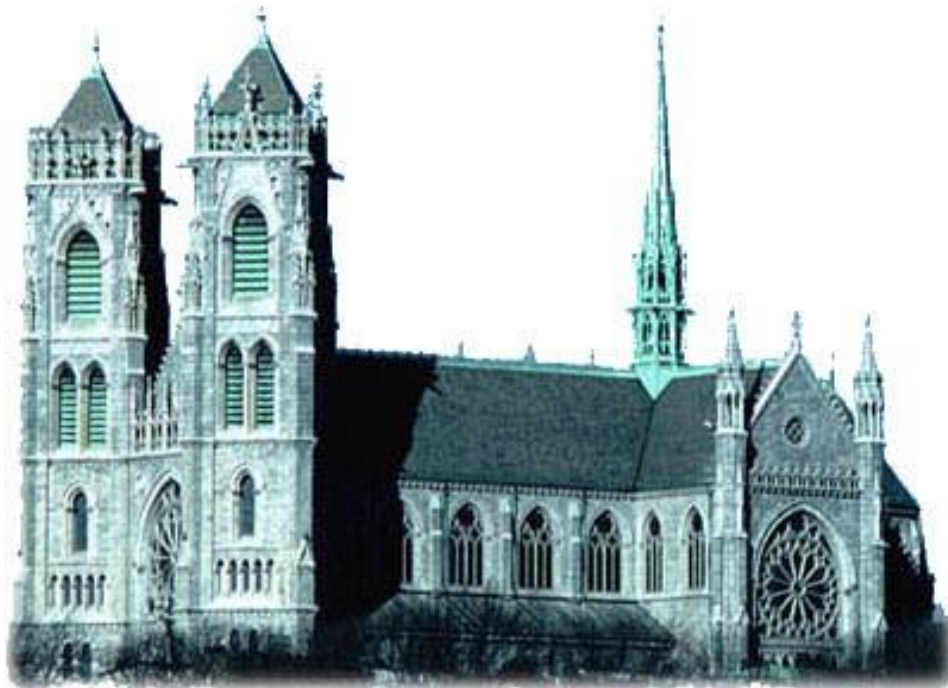
10:00 A.M. Jackie & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Matt Kampff & Jolene Colsant

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017



"This magnificent building stands in the heart of Newark as a powerful reminder of God's steadfast love for his People
and as a sign of faith in Christ, our 'hope of glory.'"

-- **Pope John Paul II**

Address given at Evening Prayer

[Papal Visit, October 1995](#)

Round Bus Trip \$35/person... includes tour, tips and snacks on bus.

*Upon returning, lunch will be served at St. Francis Church Hall.

*Bus leaves at 10 am from St. Francis Church Parking Lot... return approximately at 1 pm.

**For reservations contact (first come first serve):

- Mary Trentacosta 973-835-8648 or
- Claire Kressaty 973-835-9344

