

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 20, 2017**



**Dear Friends in Christ:**

An old but familiar saying goes this way: "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." This is what happened to the Canaanite women in today's gospel. She tried and tried

again, begging the Lord, pestering the Lord to cure her daughter to the point that the Lord Himself tried to ignore her, then rebuffed her and finally even insulted her by calling her like a hounddog by saying: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs," (v. 16). But she turned the table on Jesus by answering Him like this: "...but even the hounddogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."

Maybe it is good to include in this sharing of mine that commentary made by William Barclay on this passage. He said that there are certain things about this woman which we must note:

First and foremost, this woman had love. In this sense she made the misery of her child her own. She is a pagan but in her heart there was that love for her child which is always the reflection of God's love for His children. It was love that made her approach Jesus, accepted His silence and still appeal to Him. It was love that drove her to come near to Jesus.

Second, the woman had faith. She called Jesus as Son of David. It is a political title and yet full of meaning. A faith started to grow in her in which she looked at Jesus as a great and powerful wonder worker. Even though she came to Jesus like a magician but she ended up calling Him, 'Lord.'

Third, this woman had indomitable persistence. So many people, it has said, pray really because they do not wish to miss a chance. This woman came to Jesus because Jesus was not just a possible helper; He was her only hope. She came with a passionate hope, a clamant sense of need and a refusal to be discouraged. For her, prayer was no ritual form but an outpouring of the passionate desire of her soul which somehow felt that she could not and must not and need not take no for an answer.

Lastly, this woman had a gift of cheerfulness. She was in the midst of trouble; she was passionately in earnest and yet she could smile. You know God loves the cheerful faith, the faith in whose eyes there is always the light of hope, the faith with a smile which can light the gloom.

I hope that we own these things present in this woman so that we may continue to live in spite of the conflicts we encounter in the future. Let us make this woman as our inspiration.

**St. Rose of Lima**

**Feast Day: August 23**

Rose was born in Lima, Peru on April 20, 1586. She was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, and is the first person born in the Americas to be canonized as a saint.

As a young girl, she liked to imitate St. Catherine of Siena. She fasted three times a week and did penance in secret. When she was admired for her beauty, Rose cut off her hair and smeared pepper on her face; she did not like the idea that men were beginning to notice how pretty she was. She spent a lot of time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, which was an unusual devotion in her day. Her parents wanted her to marry, but she wanted to dedicate herself completely to God. She hoped to become a nun, but her father would not allow it.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Francis Pasquariello  
Intentions of Sr. Marie Louise  
Alex Vandermeij

**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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Mary Luciani

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Mary Luciani

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Hans Weidner

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Antoinette Lentini  
John Bisaccio – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Ann Buffalino  
David Woodward  
Intentions of Deborah Schaefer  
Irene Sylsbury  
John Bisaccio

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Noel Carragher  
Alana Carragher  
Catherine Carragher  
10:00 A.M. Anthony Cutro  
Mary Frehill  
Tomas Mora  
12:00 P.M. Susan Mawdsley

**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 Tom Guzowski Audrey Grace Higgins  
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 Cenelia Soto Ann Langley  
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz John Carolan  
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone  
Evelyn Means Barbara Kincaid Frank Sanclementi  
Carmela Caropreso Bitondo

**DECEASED:** Sarah Destito

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday - \$5,275.50

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So, she entered the Third Order of St. Dominic while living in her parents home. She was 20 years old when she became an official member; third order means she followed their way of life, and kept their vows but was a lay person, not a nun. She wore a crown with spikes inside it to remind her of Christ and his suffering.

All of her time was dedicated to caring for the poor and praying. When she was not doing those things, she kept to herself. Tradition says that Rose once cured a leper. It is also said, that from time to time, her home town of Lima has a scent of roses in the air. Many other miracles are attributed to her. Rose of Lima is a co-patroness of the Philippines. She is the patroness of Peru and the natives of Latin America. She was beatified by Pope Clement IX on May 10, 1667, and canonized on April 12, 1671 by Pope Clement X. She is also the patron saint of florists and gardeners.

*When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.*  
- St. Rose of Lima

### Why we should pray for our country?

Before we can answer, “why should we pray,” we must know to whom we pray. There is only one supreme Creator and sovereign God. There is only one way to Him and that is through His only- Son, Jesus Christ. God, our Heavenly Father, is the only one we can be assured of who hears and answers our prayers. He is the God of amazing love, mercy, and forgiveness. The following **are ten** reasons why we should pray:

1. Prayer reminds us that we are not the solution to the challenges that grip our world but we have access to the one who transcends those challenges.
2. A prayerless nation has no hope beyond the headlines.
3. Prayer aligns us with God’s heart, purposes and blessings.
4. Prayer is an act of humility that precedes honor.
5. Prayer enlarges the heart beyond selfish motive.
6. Prayer provokes the heart to consider not only what **is** but what can **be** with God’s help.
7. Prayer is best prioritized when one asks God to change one’s own heart first.
8. No matters of eternal value will be accomplished outside of prayer.
9. Prayer is properly prioritized vigilance in a spiritually passive world.
10. Prayer at its best is an offering of one’s self to be used by God as a part of the answer.

Daring times challenge us to pray daring prayers as bold as those prayed by the pilgrims when they entered the new land or Abraham Lincoln as he called upon God amidst the dangers of a Civil War.

As the threat of terrorism looms and the economy is uncertain we start our prayer to not only ask God to intervene in world affairs but to move upon our hearts and make change in our lives. The Bible reminds us: “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and **will heal their land.**”

Prayer is the key to the heart of God. Prayer is the only way to a real and personal relationship with God. Above all, pray with sincerity, honor, and humbleness before the Almighty God. Apostle James said “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results” ([James 5:16](#)).

### 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.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$49.00.

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### LADIES GUILD

#### Save the dates:

**Junk in the Trunk** is scheduled for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with the rain date of Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Applications are available at the rectory or call Diane at 973-839-1416.

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

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### EMMAUS MEETING

The August Emmaus meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Our original date (August 14) is the vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, and the Vigil Mass will be held that night. We hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



**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 16<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:ladydi240@yahoo.com) or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Grades 1 – 8 & 9 – 10 Confirmation**

**Don't put off enrolling your child for Religious Education**

All Catholic children in public school or preparing for Confirmation should be enrolled.

**The Religious Ed Office is open everyday from 11AM – 3PM**

**Attention to all parents of children attending Public School grades 1-8 or High School desiring to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation**

As apparent you want only the best for your child. We are created to **KNOW, LOVE & SERVE our GOD & Enjoy HAPPINESS FOREVER!**

Our Children need to be educated in the Faith in order to **KNOW the God who created & LOVES them.** If your child is in public school & not yet registered for Religious instruction – **Don't delay!**

We do not want to deprive our children of this precious gift. ALL children grades 1-10 should be enrolled in a Religious Ed Program. Spread the **Good News!**

Encourage grandchildren, relatives, neighbors & friends. Religious Ed office 973-835-1946.

**LOOKING TO LEARN A NEW SKILL?**

August 26<sup>th</sup>  
**CPR Certification**

9am – 5pm  
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August 27<sup>th</sup>  
**First Aid Certification**

9am – 2pm  
Training is free, \$15 per certification card if needed  
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**American Heart Association  
CPR & First Aid Certification**  
Adult, Child, Infant and AED

**Contact:**  
973-506-6575  
highlandsfsc@gmail.com

**Location:**  
Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
1905 Union Valley Road  
Hewitt, NJ 07421

**\*Registration required\***  
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**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AT MIDLIFE**  
4 Evening Sessions, Small Group Program for  
WOMEN in midlife years

- Boldly visiting the past through reflective questioning
  - Courageously healing long dismissed wounds
  - Creatively making space for future choices
- Material based on Joyce Rupp's work, "Dear Heart, Come Home"  
Facilitated by Sister Janice Jolin, Licensed Professional Counselor  
Pathways Counseling Center, 16 Pompton Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ  
7:30 to 9 PM, Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 24 and Nov. 7, 21, 2017  
Registration limited to 10 persons.  
Call Pathways: 973-835-6337  
Required: purchase of book \$16.95  
Workshop donation: \$40

**FROZEN CARNIVAL FOOD ITEMS AVAILABLE:**

The following is a list of foods from the carnival. They are frozen. If you would like to purchase any, please call the rectory – 973-835-0480

10 pound boxes of 4oz. hamburger patties: \$22 per box (8 left)

2 pound bags of mozzarella sticks: \$3.50 per bag (2 left)

2.5 pound bags of onion rings: \$4 per bag (18 left)

5 pound bags of mozzarella cheese: \$9 per bag (11 left)

**FOOD CERTIFICATES**

The total amount of food certificates purchased by parishioners from July 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> amounted to \$8,000 with St. Francis profiting \$400. Please help to keep this going and it could even improve by more parishioners purchasing food certificates. They make great gifts too.

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Fall clothing drive date is set for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:am – 2pm. It's time to clean out closets and drawers of the unused unwanted items you no longer need. Clothing must be in good condition please. Not ripped, torn or stained. Stuffed animals are also accepted along with bedding, pocketbooks, shoes and linens. Any questions please call the rectory – 973-835-0480.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**  
Pat Demarest & Hatima Omolon  
**LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**  
7:30 A.M. Jay Markot  
10:00 A.M. John McMurray  
12 NOON Armando Haro

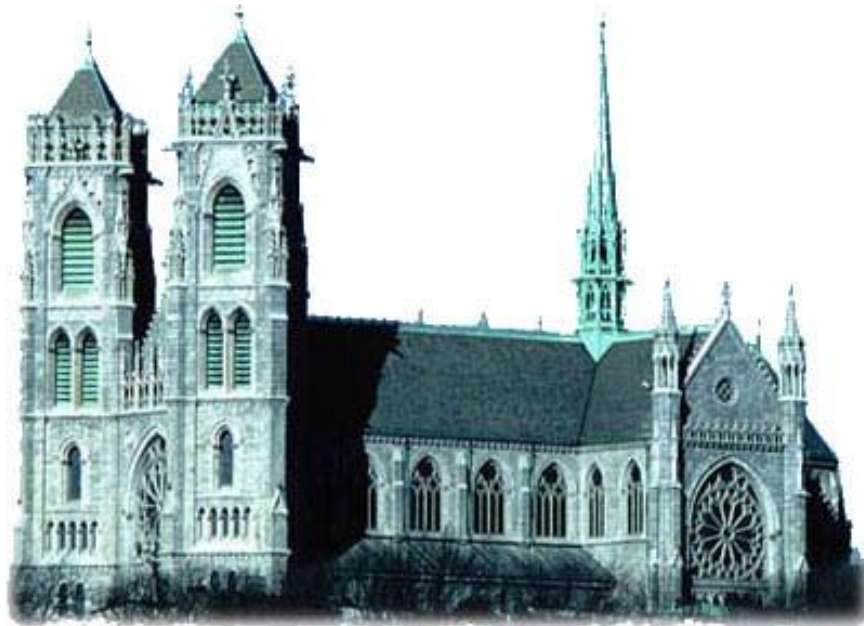
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**  
5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Peg Carolan  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**  
7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon  
10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Linda O'Connell  
12 NOON Linda O'Connell & John Arendas

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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