

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2017



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

8:00 A.M. Mary Gruber

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

8:00 A.M. Fred Kressaty – 3rd Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

8:00 A.M. Nora & John Reilly

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Mary & Joseph Purcella
Alexandra Goebel
Intentions of Tom Norton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Mary Aileo Gazella

10:00 A.M. Winnie Bonelli
Jerry & Ann Marino

12:00 P.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

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

DECEASED: Lawrence Middleton

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,123.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

In the gospel of today, it seems that Jesus too was worried about His public image. Many have different answers when they asked who Jesus is to them. That is why He made His own survey and the respondents were His disciples. There were only two questions to be answered by His disciples: The first is: “Who do people say that I am?” and the second question was: Who do you say that I am?”

In response to the first question, they had listened to the people and talked with the people who had listened to Jesus’ preaching, with those who had been cured by Jesus or had seen Him healing. The apostles were up to date as regards the latest news. It is like movie personalities, we know their lives, in and out, more than Jesus. They gave the various opinions of the people. In that sense they followed what the other people said about Him during this time: that He is John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

But as we read further, we know that Jesus was not satisfied or interested in what other people said about Him. He was interested in a more profound question about His essential identity by asking them: “Who do you say that I am?” St. Peter answered the question profoundly too.

“Jesus wanted His apostles, as one priest said, “to think for themselves, to form their personal convictions. This process, of course, would be helped by grace. Peter, as the spokesman of the group, professed his faith in Jesus. ‘You are the Christ the Son of the living God,’ in other words, ‘you are the Messiah, the promised Redeemer, the One sent by God to redeem us.’”

Peter’s discovery was that: human categories alone were inadequate to identify Jesus. His public image as carpenter, teacher, faith healer, prophet and leader all failed to measure up to the true meaning of who He was.

All this is history now and yet the question Jesus asked His disciples continue to exist even up to the present life and is not an isolated question.

We are also asked by the same question: “Who is Jesus for you and for me? It is a personal question that demands from us a personal response. It is a critical question that calls us to commitment. Your image of Jesus will identify you on how you relate and deal with other people.

For me if I am asked by the same question: My answer would not only be that He is the “Messiah, the Son of the living God,” but also that He is a friend of mine. He knows about me but still like me; He is the person in a hundred who I can trust all the times.

So who is Jesus for you?

St. Stephen of Hungary

Feast Day: August 16

Stephen (977-1038) was the first King of Hungary. Two years before his birth, his mother had a vision. In her vision, Saint Stephen, first martyr of the Church, spoke to her. He told her she would have a son who would bring the Gospel to Hungary and become an evangelizer. She did have a son, and named him Stephen.

As it was foretold, young Stephen was devoted to promoting the Catholic faith in his country. He supported Church leaders, built many churches, and defended the rights of the Holy See. He opposed the pagans who were trying to destroy Christianity, and he converted many of them to the Catholic faith. Stephen loved the Blessed Virgin Mary. He built many churches in Her honor both in and outside of Hungary. In recognition of his efforts, Pope Silvester II named him King of Hungary in the year 1000.

When Stephen obtained his royal crown from the Pope, and was anointed King, he offered his kingdom to the Apostolic See. He showed great competence as a leader of his country, and also spent much of his time fulfilling religious duties. These included charitable works, worship of God, and care of his family. Gisela, Stephen's wife, was the sister of the ruler later canonized as the Holy Roman Emperor Saint Henry II. King Stephen's zeal for spreading the Faith was so great that he was called the Apostle of his nation. His love for the poor showed in the way he cared for them. It was his custom to wash the feet of the poor with his own hands, and to visit the hospitals at night, alone and unknown, serving with charity and humility.

Stephen died on August 15, 1038, the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady. It seems right that he should have died on that holy day, for he had consecrated his kingdom to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was canonized by Pope Gregory VII in 1083. St. Stephen of Hungary is the patron saint of his country and also the patron saint of bricklayers.

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.



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.

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.

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 (6 left)

2 pound bags of mozzarella sticks: \$3.50 per bag (1 left)

2.5 pound bags of onion rings: \$4 per bag (17 left)

5 pound bags of mozzarella cheese: \$9 per bag (8 left)

LETTER FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

For a number of years, people have been gathering at a shrine erected in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Hope and Madison Avenues in the City of Passaic, New Jersey. The belief of some individuals in an alleged apparition of Mary in a tree stump has led them to turn the site into a place of popular piety. This is not a place of devotion officially recognized or sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson.

Furthermore, the alleged apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe at this site has never been confirmed by any Church investigation or approved by the bishop of the diocese. Also, the collection of monies at this site has been done without the involvement of the diocese.

In order to avoid all confusion and misunderstanding of authentic Marian piety, I hereby encourage all the faithful to participate in the devotions and pious practices in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe within any one of our parishes and not at the site of an alleged apparition of Our Blessed Mother nor in conjunction with the a tree stump in which Mary is said to have appeared. Please know that this alleged apparition has none of the consistent characteristics of Marian apparitions approved by the Church.

Since this is not an approved apparition, in order not to add further confusion, no priest is to accept the tree stump into his parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Fall clothing drive date is set for Saturday, October 21st 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.

Please Join the

WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD

~ In Memory of Those We Have Lost ~

You are invited to join the members of the Wanaque First Aid Squad, Fire Dep’t. & Police Officers as we come together in a remembrance ceremony for those taken from us on September 11, 2001.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2017 ~ 7:30 pm

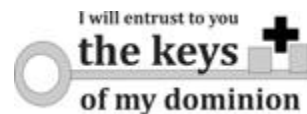
5 Melrose Avenue, Wanaque, NJ

Rain or Shine ~ For more information:
Facebook/Wanaque FAS



INVITATION

Save the Date - Monday, September 25th from 7 - 9 PM at Pope John XXIII High School - the first "Pizza Night for Women" with Bishop Serratelli. This event will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. For details, please contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Jolene Colsant & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

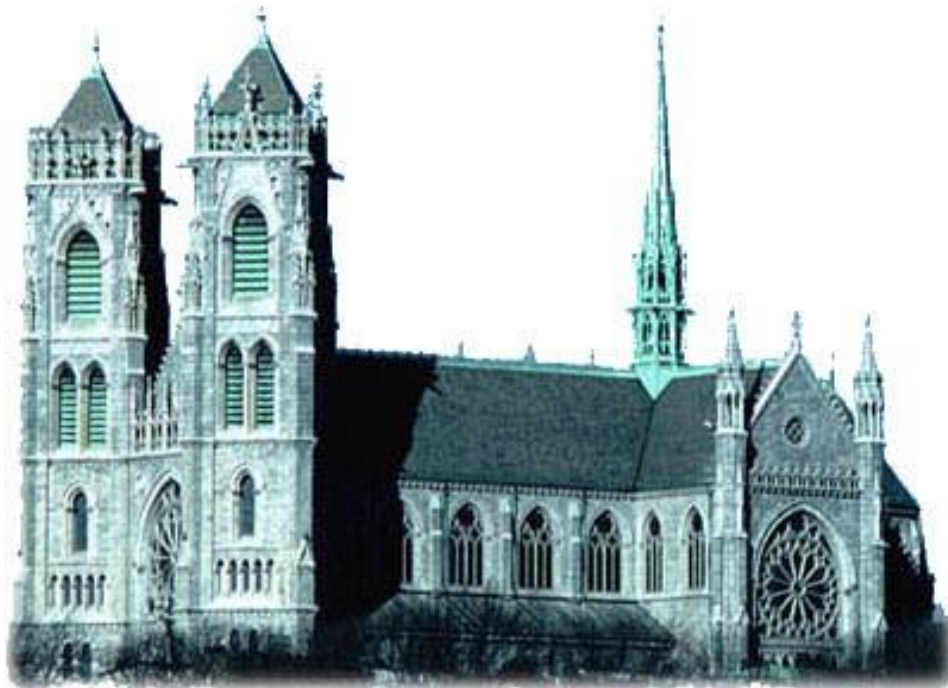
10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & 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.

(Make checks payable to St. Francis Ladies Guild)

*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