

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

5:30 P.M. Sarah Destito
Dorothy Raykiewicz
Tom Norton, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Danny Romeo

10:00 A.M. Victor Pierantozzi
Salvatore Stellato

12:00 P.M. Susan Mawdsley
Tomas Mora
Frank & Bella Oriole
Helen & Anthony Merle
Walter Brown

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

8:00 A.M. Julie & Alfred Demarest

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

8:00 A.M. Lucia Algarotti
Brittany Brouillard

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

8:00 A.M. Carmela Canali

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Ella Rodriguez
Maria Anna & Pietro Riotta

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:30 P.M. Joel Hummel
Tom Norton, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Anthony Callamari
Mikalena & John Bullett

10:00 A.M. Benjamin Glorioso
Christine Burke

12:00 P.M. Peter & Angela Caporale
Dorothy Raykiewicz
Carmelita Growcott
Eleanor Gurneak

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 Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Ann Langley
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz John Carolan
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Stella Solensky
Evelyn Means Barbara Kincaid Frank Sanclementi
Carmela Caropreso Bitondo Sandra Pacifico

DECEASED: Tom Norton, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,685.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

Our gospel today can be divided into three parts.

The first part is about fraternal correction. Why we should correct our brothers or sisters? We correct them not because they are bad and we are good. But because we are going to bring them back into our fold, save them and let them be united with us and not to bring them far away. That is why fraternal correction must be dictated by love.

There are three steps in fraternal correction according to theologians:

The first step is man-to-man approach – only between the two of you. Talk to him personally about his wrongdoings and faults. This is a private affair, in order to avoid embarrassment. This is very easy to say but very difficult to do because there are some people who do not have the courage to talk in man to man.

The second step is to take one or two witnesses along. This step should be done in a prayerful manner. Never prompted by hate and not by revenge because our purpose is to bring him or her back.

The third one is, the case should be referred to the Church. But we should not forget that our main purpose is to save them, to help them grow, to make them bear as much fruits of goodness as possible and never to oppose, never to suppress, never to harass and never to kill them. And remember, love should be the basis of our fraternal correction and not anger.

The second part is about forgiveness. Forgiveness is very much a part of fraternal correction. It is possible to forget and forgive? Why should we forgive? Why can't we forgive?

Forgiveness is a decision and not a feeling. It is an act of the will. It is a decision made and based by our intellect and not by our heart. It is because our minds are very smart and bright but our hearts are very slow. Our minds could not catch your intention immediately. You have to explain it thoroughly.

Why we should forgive? To forgive is very difficult because there is a disagreement between our minds and our hearts. Our mind says: "I have forgiven," but our hearts say: "No, not yet. I have not yet forgiven." But let us remember that we refuse to forgive, the first victim of unforgiveness is not the one seeking forgiveness, but we who deny forgiveness.

We should forgive in the sense that forgiveness is beautiful. Ugly people become beautiful. Beautiful people are becoming more beautiful. But it does not mean that if we forgive our acne and pimples will be wiped out, but in the eyes of God we become beautiful and handsome because we forgive. We should forgive because the unforgiving heart is poisoned. The person who continues blaming or holding resentment against someone feels guilty, insecure, vindictive, unhappy, bitter, hateful, jealous and angry. These feelings literally poison the person if he or she does not resolve them. Another one is unforgiving heart result into high blood pressure, development of ulcer and ill health. Who would like to have ulcers or strokes or suffer from high blood pressure? Nobody, but nobody is also ready to forgive. When we refuse to forgive, we punish ourselves.

The third part is about prayer. If we see something wrong in person, the first thing that we do is to get angry with him or her and if not, to tell another person about our angry. It is wrong. The first person that we should inform first is not the person who committed the mistakes, but it is God in prayer. It is seldom we do this.

If somebody had hurt us, talk to God first about that person. If somebody needs correction, talk to God first. If somebody needs to be criticized, consult first God about the criticism you want to say.

The most effective way of correcting other people is by prayer. We must realize that it is not our good words that change the hearts of others. It is not our beautiful words that make people change their ways. It is only by the grace of God. Only God can change people, not us. It seems that this is our belief. It is only God who can correct hearts, not us.

So we will pray during this Mass for those people we want to correct and we want to criticize. Let us also pray that our minds and hearts be one in forgiveness.

St. Peter Claver

Feast Day: September 9

Peter was born in Spain in 1580. He felt the call to religious life, decided to enter the Jesuit Order, and volunteered to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He left Spain in 1610 and sailed to Cartagena, Columbia. He was ordained there in 1615 and never returned to Spain.

By this time the slave trade had been in business for over 100 years in the Americas. Ten thousand slaves were sent through the port of Cartagena each year after they had been taken from their homes in West Africa. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in slave ships under such inhuman conditions that approximately one-third of the slaves on board died in transit. Pope Paul III and later Pope Pius IX both clearly condemned this practice in strongest terms, but it continued to flourish.

Peter declared himself “the slave of the Negroes forever.” As soon as a slave ship entered the port, he would go into the hold, which was filthy and infested with rats and lice, to minister to the sick, exhausted passengers. After the slaves were taken off the ship, they were chained together and shut up in nearby yards where people stood and stared at them for amusement. Peter went in among the slaves with medicine food, and drink. With the help of interpreters, he gave them some basic instructions for their physical health. For their spiritual health, he assured them of God’s love. During the 40 years of his ministry, he instructed around 300,000 slaves in the faith and baptized them. Peter did not limit his efforts to assisting the slaves. He became a voice of morality in Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders and also went out into the countryside to the landowners’ slave quarters. He became ill, and for four years was not able to be very active in his ministry. He died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously who had ignored him, and shown contempt for his ministry, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great ceremony as though he has been a person of importance to them.

St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. He is the patron saint of slaves and of the Republic of Columbia.

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.



**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)

2.5 pound bags of onion rings: \$4 per bag (11 left)

5 pound bags of mozzarella cheese: \$9 per bag (6 left)

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.

FREE EYE SCREENING

Vision
Glaucoma
Eye Screening

The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Passaic County Department of Health with the support of the West Milford Health Department are holding a free eye screening on **Tuesday September 26, 2017** from 10am until 2pm at West Milford Town Hall 1480 Union Valley Rd., West Milford. This is open to **all New Jersey Residents**.

To make an appointment, please contact the Passaic County Department of Health at [973-881-4396](tel:973-881-4396). Test results will be provided with referral. Referrals made as needed on results of diagnosis.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.

Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Jolene Colsant & Maria Invernon

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. John McMurray

12 NOON Linda O’Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Peg Carolan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Judy Moran

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & Jolene Colsant

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Tim Kenny & Divine Crilly

