

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:30 P.M. Joel Hummel
Tom Norton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. Benjamin Glorioso
Christine Burke

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

9:00 A.M. Una Coyne

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

8:00 A.M. Kathy Weckler

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

8:00 A.M. Catherine Gers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

8:00 A.M. William Brian Montague

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

5:30 P.M. Rita Destito
Kathleen Guerin
Tom Norton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Anne & Carl Hivish
Emilia Glorioso
Emilia & Michael Gorzelany

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian

12:00 P.M. Ralph Lavella
Michael Bilancia

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 Manuel Esguerra 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 Sancelementi
Carmela Caropreso Bitondo Sandra Pacifico

DECEASED: William Vogt

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle- Blessings for the Cathedral trip.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$5,559.50
Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Friends in Christ:



Forgiveness is a Christian virtue and is the hallmark of our Christian faith and practice. Forgiving the other in the full sense is a form of loving and caring. It is the miracle of a new beginning. It is to start where we are, not where we wish we were, or the other person was. It is to hold out a hand; to want to renew a friendship; to want a new relationship with husband, father, daughter, friend, or indeed enemy. It may not take away the hurt and it does not deny the past injury. It does not ignore the possibility and need for repentance and a change in the relationship. It means being willing to take the initiative in dealing with any barriers that I may be raising towards a restored relationship. It means that I am willing to have a relationship with the other person that is based on Christian love and not on what has happened in the past, if the response of the other person makes that possible.

Christ from the cross showed what forgiveness is and how far we can go. The first reading from the Book of Sirach tells us that if we forgive our neighbor, we ourselves will be forgiven. In the gospel of today Jesus tells us in response to Peter's limited generosity that there is no limit to forgiveness. We are a people in need of forgiveness and we are endlessly called upon to forgive. Jesus tells us that we must be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate.

Jesus taught his disciples how it is necessary for them ever to be ready to forgive their fellowmen who injured them. Today's Gospel opens with one of Peter's straight forward questions, asking the Lord how often he ought to forgive. If he forgives seven times was it sufficient. According to the rabbinical tradition forgiveness apparently extends to three offences and the fourth offence calls for punishment. Good hearted Peter doubles the forgiveness of the rabbis and adds one for good measure and considers himself very generous. To his surprise Jesus is not impressed and tells him that it is not seven but seventy- seven.

St. Luke makes it furthermore difficult to count saying seventy times seven. In other words, you may not attach a number, a limit, to the times you forgive. He then tells them a parable to bring out the lesson: unless we forgive our brother, God will not forgive us. If we take revenge on our offending brother, God will take revenge on us. We have the solemn word of Jesus that our heavenly Father will punish us if we do not forgive our brother from our heart.

In the Sermon on the Mount he tells us that if our brother has done something wrong, and you are offering the sacrifice, leave it there on the altar, go and reconcile and come to offer. . For God to forgive us means to change us and accept us into a new relationship with him. It is make our entire relationship alive with the life of God. It is an invitation to be one with God and become his new creation. Only God can forgive us and show us the new way in which we can live. When St. John Paul II forgave Mehmet Ali Agca, he did not change his heart, but God changed it. We as his followers only prepare the way for others to change.

There are two remarkable benefits that come from forgiving. First benefit touches us who forgive: If you forgive others their wrong doing, the heavenly Father will also forgive us. The second benefit accrues those we forgive: we can be an instrument of God's grace to others, help to make them better than they are.

Saint Cloud
Feast Day: September 7

Saint Cloud (sometimes known by his original name Clodoald) is the first and most famous Saint among the princes of the first royal family in France. He was born in 522. His father, Chlodomer, was the King of Orleans. His grandmother on his father's side was St. Clotilda. He had just turned 3 years old when his father was killed in Burgundy. He and his two brothers were raised by their grandmother Clotilda in Paris, and they all loved one another very much.

Cloud's two uncles were not the loving kind. They divided the kingdom of Orleans between them, and stabbed their nephews, Cloud's brothers, to death with their own hands. Cloud, by a special providence, was not present when the uncles came to murder the three boys. When Cloud saw what his uncles had done, he renounced the world; he vowed to devote himself to the service of God, and to live the life of a monk.

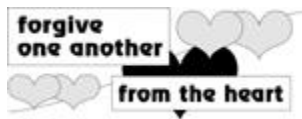
After a time, Cloud sought out St. Severinus, a hermit who lived near Paris. Eventually he placed himself under that holy man's direction, took his vows, and received the monastic habit. Cloud did not want to be known to the world. He went in secret to Provence, but a few people soon learned about this, and made it public. So, Cloud returned to Paris, and was received with the great joy. He had been well liked there and the people respected his devotion to God. At their request, he was ordained priest by Eusebius, Bishop of Paris, in 551. He served the Church well.

When the time for retirement came, the Bishop Cloud moved a town not far from Paris. In this town, he built a monastery, and the town is now known as St. Cloud. Many pious men who wanted to flee the secular world for fear of losing their souls in it gathered there. St. Cloud was regarded by them as their superior, and he encouraged them to live virtuous lives both by word and example. He was tireless in his efforts to instruct and guide the people of the neighboring country. He died quietly and piously around the year 560.

St. Cloud experienced the death of his father at a very early age. He also lived through the deaths of his two young brothers due to the greed of his uncles, and this happened in a most brutal way: murder committed by his own relatives. Cloud had every reason to be angry, and like many people who experience injustice and tragedy, he could have become angry with God. His grandmother, however, was a loving and holy woman and was she who raised him. So, Cloud knew what hatred was, and he knew what love was because he had deeply experienced both of these powerful emotions. He chose love. When you are treated unjustly or when you experience a great sense of loss, you can still choose to love as St. Cloud did. You can also teach others how to love by your own example.

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 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.

St. Catherine of Bologna School in Ringwood

will be holding its
18th Annual

Catholic High School Information Night
Wednesday, September 27th 2017 at 7 PM
at the school

112 Erskine Road, Ringwood NJ 07456

Parents and/or 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to meet with representatives of all Catholic High Schools within the area to learn more about their educational, religious, athletic and social programs.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned or call/email the school directly at:

973 962 7131 or office@stcbschool.org

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.

EMMAUS MEETING

The Emmaus Group will meet on Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm in the church hall. We will discuss the upcoming Healing Mission, the Basilica Trip, the Saturday Fatima rosary novena and future activities. The Emmaus mission is to contribute to the spiritual and communal growth of our parish. All are welcome to join us.

SAVE THESE DATES: October 9, 10, 11

On Oct. 9, 10, 11 (Mon-Wed.) at 7:00pm in the church, Paul Rymniak will bring his Healing Mission to St. Francis of Assisi. Each evening will include a presentation by Paul, a healing Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. The thrust of all these evenings will be FORGIVENESS and HEALING. There will be priest(s) available for CONFESSION also...Healing starts in the Confessional with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Healing is NOT just for the Physically impaired. Mental and Emotional stresses can take a heavier toll on our lives, sometimes more than the worst diseases. So if you or your family are in need of HEALING in these areas, come and experience the Lord, and what He can do for you.

Paul Rymniak sees it as an honor to be at our parish to conduct his HEALING MISSION. He will offer his healing efforts to all who seek his help.

There is no cost for this mission, a free will offering may be given.



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!

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED

We are aware of a family who lost everything they possessed due to a house fire. The grandfather awoke in time to save his family. They have two girls ages 13 and 14. With school approaching quickly the girls are in need of clothing sizes 9/10 pants & Medium shirt, and size Small pants & Small shirt. If you could kindly help this family out they would be very grateful. They are also in need of household items as everything they had has been destroyed.

There is a Tupperware tote in the Narthex for donated items for this family.

St. Francis church is blessed to have caring and compassionate parishioner that come to the aid of those in need.

Any questions or information, please call Kim at 973-951-3245. Thank you for all you can do.

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul

10:00 A.M. Melissa & Jackie Rivera

12 NOON John Arendas & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

Angelique Salcedo

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.

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JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

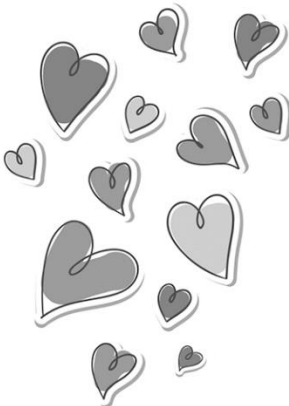
Think of someone you need to forgive.

What symbol would best show what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs & kisses or prayer; or are you just proud to be in America.

Design and color your own **FORGIVENESS FLAG**.

With the symbols below, or your own ideas, design a larger flag on a separate piece of paper and hang it in a window.



Forgive from the heart flag

SAMPLE FLAGS



American flag



Peace flag



Praying hands flag