

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2017



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Intentions of Ray Beiner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Antonio, Loouise, Marh Casazza
Doris Lengyel

10:00 A.M. Bill Vogt
Dominic "Jazz" Farina
Ann Langley

12:00 P.M. Bill Sbrocco
Harold Sbrocco
Roger Sbrocco
George J. Tizzano
Anna Antonietta Cirelli

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

8:00 A.M. Lee Cooper

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

8:00 A.M. Henry Korker

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

8:00 A.M. Robin May

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Diane Drew

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Joseph Colella
Anna DeFrancesco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Louise & Joseph Sutor
John & Rosemarie Englehardt

10:00 A.M. Bill Vogt

12:00 P.M. Carmelita Growcott
Arthur Molinari

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 Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Frank Sanclementi
Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Evelyn Means
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
James Quinn George Link

DECEASED: Joseph C. Longo

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$4,699.50

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Friends in Christ:



Last Sunday and this Sunday, our Lord Jesus is trying to tell us what the Kingdom of God is like as we see it on earth. It is not anything that will

immediately make us want to join! Rather, it is a collection of the outcasts of our world. We should never think of the Kingdom as a place where only good are. Rather, it is us, who are sinners, who are invited to the Kingdom, if we want to be part of it.

The challenge last week was accepting God's call. This week, the challenge is to keep free of all entanglements so that we are free to come to feast whenever the Lord calls us. It seems strange that the people in the Gospel do not come to the feast, but they do not recognize what it is that they are turning down. This can happen also to us, so we need to be alert. So often in the Gospels, Jesus admonishes us to be alert, to be on the lookout, to keep vigil--because the Kingdom can come at any time.

Perhaps too often we think that Jesus is referring to the end of the world. Instead, quite likely, He is referring to the opportunities that we have each and every day to live the joy of the Kingdom in our love for others.

The first reading today, from the Prophet Isaiah, talks about how God Himself will prepare a banquet for us. The imagery is wonderful! God will wipe away all tears! This is surely a sign that those who are invited are those who are suffering. The suffering that counts in this life is the suffering that is inevitable as we try to love all others and try not to put our own interests first.

The second reading today, from the Letter to the Philippians, is also clear that Jesus is not telling us that life is only about suffering. Saint Paul tells us: In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

Thus we need to know how to live in abundance and love others. We need to know how to have nothing and love others. Life is about loving others and we must do whatever it takes to love others. Jesus tells us to love our enemies as ourselves. Jesus tells us that the commandment that counts is to love God and to love others.

When we return to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, we realize that Jesus really is calling everyone to come to the feast, to celebrate in the Kingdom. That call is happening right now, in your life and in my life. We respond to the call by loving others, no matter how difficult it is. Our wedding garment is love.

Pope St. John XXIII

Feast Day: October 11

Angelo Roncalli was the firstborn son of a farming family near Bergamo in northern Italy. He never forgot the humble circumstances he was born to.

While in seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. After he was ordained in 1904, Fr. Angelo returned to Rome and studied canon law. He soon became his bishop's secretary. He also taught Church history in the seminary. During World War I, Fr. Angelo served in the Italian army as a stretcher bearer. In 1921, he was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also taught at a seminary in the Eternal City. In 1925, he became a papal

diplomat. He was named Cardinal of Venice in 1953. Just before he turned 78, Cardinal Roncalli was elected Pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously, but he didn't take himself too seriously. He became well known for his great sense of humor.

Pope John XXIII enlarged the College of Cardinals and made it more international. He is the Pope who convened the Second Vatican Council, and he set the tone for that gathering when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead."

One of the goals of the Council was to engage the congregation more fully in the Mass. That is why you see some of your fellow parishioners actively involved in liturgy. They serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Eucharistic ministers), Lectors, Cantors/singers, and so on. The privilege of being an Altar boy was also expanded to include both boys and girls, now called Altar Servers. Have you ever considered serving in one of these ministries? Would you prayerfully consider it? Come and see what a joy it can be to serve the Lord and your parish family during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

"Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. Saint John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014. Our Diocese of Paterson has honored him by naming one of our fine Catholic Schools after him: Pope John High School in Sparta.

"See everything, overlook a great deal; correct a little".
Pope St. John XXIII

BISHOP'S APPEAL

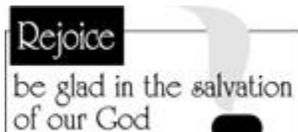
When you received your Bishop's Appeal pledge card from the Diocese a short while ago, an envelope was enclosed for your convenience. That envelope is to be used to mail your pledge back to the Diocese. Please do not put this envelope in the basket at Mass. Put a stamp on it and put it in the mail. Thank you.

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.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Non smoking 3 bedroom apartment for rent. Very close to St. Francis Church. Call 973-835-7746..



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!

St Francis Fall Clothing Drive!



Where: St. Francis School
When: October 21, 2017
What Time: 9 – 2:00

Please support St. Francis Parish by donating clothing, linens, stuffed animals and any other soft goods you no longer have a use for.



Clean those closets out! Bought new clothes, shoes, curtains, sheets, blankets, stuffed animals etc...?

Give us your old ones!

If you can't make it the day of the clothing drive, you can drop your bags off at the Rectory before 4 pm Monday – Friday.

Receipts available upon request.



Saint Peter the Apostle's Rosary Society

Presents

"Elvis...The Legend Lives"

on Saturday, October 28th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Tickets are \$25/each. BYOB and BYO Food.

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased on line at saintpetertheapostle.org or you may send a check to

Saint Peter's Rosary Society

P.O. Box 314, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034.

For more information, call Lorraine at 973-887-4538 or Florence at 973-263-7167.

OCTOBER HOLY HOUR

The date for October's Holy Hour has been changed to October 28th. November's Holy Hour will be scheduled back to the 3rd week of the month – November 18th.

Do 'Something Beautiful for God'

From now through Nov. 5, there will be "40 Days for Life" daily prayer vigils around the world outside of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Please join us as we pray the rosary at 196 Speedwell Ave. - Planned Parenthood of Morristown - where every day, three babies die from chemical abortions; i.e. over a thousand each year. Your gift of an hour or more of peaceful witness and prayer any time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday, will help to save God's children in danger of abortion. Do something beautiful for Him, and sign up for any hour(s) you can give at <https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns>, or contact the local campaign coordinator, Frances Spillman, at 44lifeus@gmail.com or 973-627-1654/973-627-1654"

ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2617

The St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus are selling New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Tickets this weekend. The prizes are as follows:

1st prize – 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV retail value \$43,500.00.

2nd prize – Shoprite Gift Card \$1000.00

3rd prize – Shoprite Gift Card \$750.00

4th prize – Shoprite gift Card \$500.00

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH

Drawing is on November 17, 2017

Proceeds benefit the New Jersey Right to Life

There will also be information available concerning membership and joining the Knights of Columbus.

PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Paramus Catholic High School cordially invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their parents to visit during the Open House on Wednesday, October 18th from 7 – 9 PM.

The school is located at 425 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

SIGN UP FOR CARNIVAL APPRECIATION DINNER

The carnival appreciation dinner will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7 PM in the church hall. All volunteers who worked at this year's carnival are invited. Please call the rectory @ 973-835-0480 to get your name on the list. The RSVP date is Monday, October 16th. **This is final.**

St. Anthony's Columbiettes

9th Annual Pocketbook Bingo

Friday, October 27th, 2017 at 7:00

Doors to open at 6:00

PVCC Banquet Hall

Formerly St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Hall

65 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler

\$20 per person

Price Includes: 1 packet Bingo Boards

(3 boards per each game)

Cash Bar will be Available

Feel Free to bring your own food No BYOB

For Tickets Please Contact

Cathe [201-723-5935](tel:201-723-5935) or Florence [973-794-0063](tel:973-794-0063)

sacolumbiettes@yahoo.com

AUTUMN'S MORE THAN JUST A STATE OF MIND

Autumn's golden days I treasure,
They bring beauty beyond measure;

Leaves of red, orange and gold

Are delightful to behold.

Mums and marigolds debut

Where Summer's lovely roses grew,

Though flitting butterflies depart

They still linger in my heart.

Fall and beauty go hand-in-hand

In this seasonal wonderland;

So when autumn comes I find –

She's more than just a state of mind.

Nora M. Bozeman

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Linda O'Connell

12 NOON John Arendas & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

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

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & Angelique Salcedo

“SOUP’S ON”

Saturday, November 4, 2017
following 5:30 P.M. Mass

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

(sponsored by St. Francis Ladies Guild)

Come join us for a bowl of steaming homemade soup
sandwich, dessert
and some “warm” hospitality!

Only\$10.00 – adults
\$5.00 – children under 12 years

For reservations call the rectory at 973-835-0480