

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 2017**



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
Robyn Buffalino

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

8:00 A.M. Richard Frost

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

8:00 A.M. Ronald Newsum
Intentions of Harriet Pairo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

8:00 A.M. Marie Beggan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

8:00 A.M. Veronica Murphy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

5:30 P.M. Stephen Koslowski
Hank Wieszun
Bill Vogt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Emilia & Michael Gorzelany
Angela & Francis Bacigalupo
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Elizabeth Telep Bowie
12:00 P.M. Bill Vogt
Harold Sbrocco
Bob Smerklo
Tom Norton

**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 Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Evelyn Means
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
James Quinn George Link Harriet Pairo

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,243.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

Jesus invites us to become more aware of the workings of God in all of our life and the events of our life. We should never narrow our vision simply to that which is seen as holy and of God by our Church, by our society or by our friends. God transcends all. God is present in all. And in this openness, we are still invited to believe that Christ is present in His Church and in the teachings of His Church.

In the first reading today, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the role of Cyrus as part of God's plan. Most of the people in the time of Cyrus and Isaiah would not have been thinking that way. For the Chosen People, they were God's plan and the other peoples were only in the way. For other cultures, there was a completely different understanding of God or of gods. Yet Isaiah is able to see the hand of God in Cyrus and proclaim that Cyrus is an instrument of God.

The challenge for us today is to see everything that happens as part of God's design. God is God! All things happen according to His design and plan. Even when we rebel directly against Him, He is able creatively to include our rebellion in His plan and leave us with the possibility of a new good. Even the best of theologians of all traditions have not been able to explain completely how our human free will and God's will intersect and act on each other.

Faith in God and in Jesus Christ will allow us to see the action of the Holy Spirit in all that happens to us, whether it be, from our point of view, good or bad.

The second reading today, from the First Letter to the Thessalonians tells us that our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. This is a way of saying that it is not just in talking about God that we experience Him. Rather we want to become aware of God's power. We can do that by listening to His word and seeing that word in action in history and in others in our present age. Becoming convinced of God's presence and His action in the world is at the heart of our faith, no matter how weak it may be.

The Gospel of Matthew today speaks to us about the relationship of Jesus to secular laws. Clearly those questioning Jesus wanted Him to be against paying the temple tax because it was offensive to the Jewish people. Jesus makes a clear distinction about what pertains to religious belief and what is simply belonging to secular culture. This is always the challenge in every age. It is our challenge also.

The challenge of the readings today is to keep our eyes open to the presence of God, to be aware that we can make secular things into religious idols and that we are called to be free and loving, while we serve God in peace.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Feast Day: October 16

Margaret was born July 22, 1647 in Burgundy, France. Her father died when she was 8 years old, and so she was sent to the Poor Clares for schooling. She suffered from rheumatic fever until she was 15 years old, and was confined to bed for much of that time. While she was there, she did consider getting married, but eventually realized she was called to the religious life. She entered the Order of Visitation May 25, 1671 at Paray-le-Monial and was professed the next year.

A Visitation Sister was “not to be extra-ordinary except by being ordinary,” but Margaret Mary could not help being out of the ordinary: she was chosen by God for a special mission. From the time she was twenty, she experienced visions of Christ. The first was on December 27, 1674. Over the next 18 months, Christ appeared to her from time to time. He had chosen Margaret Mary to help the Church realize that the love of God is symbolized by the heart of Jesus. This symbol is now well known to us as the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The image of the Sacred Heart, includes a human heart, and is meant to symbolize the love of Jesus, which is both fully divine and fully human. Margaret Mary tried showed her own human love by frequent reception of the Eucharist, especially on the First Friday of each month. She also spent an hour in prayer every Thursday night in memory of His agony and isolation in Gethsemane. This was her way of trying to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world.

Margaret Mary’s gift of holiness also brought her suffering. Her superior, Mother de Saumaise, rebuked her for her practices. Other members of her community also gave her a hard time. Theologians who were called in to review her words and actions said her visions were just delusions, and suggested that she eat more. In 1683, opposition in the community ended when Mother Melin was elected Superior and named Margaret Mary her assistant. The convent at Paray-le-Monial began observing the feast of the Sacred Heart in 1686. A chapel was built to honor the Sacred Heart 2 years later. Soon observation of the feast spread to other Visitation convents. St. Margaret Mary died at the age of 43 on October 17, 1690 at Paray-le-Monial. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. Devotion to the Sacred Heart...First Friday...do these sound familiar to you? Our Catholic traditions inspired by God are beautiful.

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.

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
 Cathie 201-723-5935 or Florence 973-794-0063
 sacolumbiettes@yahoo.com

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

40 PLUS people took part in the Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14th at 12 Noon to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mary’s apparition in Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun, which occurred on October 13, 1917.



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.

2017 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. This is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org Thank you!

“THE HARVEST”

We all wish to help in some way when word of people in need reaches us. Well, there has been an increasing need for food supplements in our area. All of us can help by contributing any of the items listed below. And calling all children! When you go with Mom or Dad to the grocery store, instead of buying a little something for yourself, search for a food that a boy or girl of your age would welcome in their time of need.

Together we can make a tremendous difference in the lives that beg for that temporary boost. There will be containers in the Narthex to receive your weekly donations. From time to time we may ask for less of something and more of others.

GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

Food drive items:

- Supermarket gift cards
- Canned meats (spam, ham, corned beef, etc.)
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned soups
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- Pasta (all types)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Hot and cold cereals
- Powdered milk
- Parmalat milk
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned, naturally sweetened juices
- Crackers
- Boxed rice or bean products
- Hygiene products
- Healthy meal bars

**One item from a few can soon build a hill,
One item from many – a mountain!**



Open House at Don Bosco Prep for Prospective Students

RAMSEY, NJ, October 11 - Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J. is hosting Open House for prospective 7th and 8th grade students and their families on Sunday, October 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. It will be preceded by Mass at 12:00 p.m. All those interested, please register on Don Bosco Prep's website at www.donboscoprep.org.

For more information and additional questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Donnelly via email at cdonnelly@donboscoprep.org.

FOREVER FREE

When trials and temptations
Start to come your way,
Get down on your knees
To Jesus and start to pray.

He will never leave you,
He promises to stay.
So just remember, sinner,
Your sins are washed away.

Now that you have done this,
New joy comes every day,
Because you simply talk to God;
For He will show you the way.

Donna Knapp Walrath

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Peg Carolan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul

10:00 A.M. Jackie & Melissa Rivera

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Barbara Garruto

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

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

12 NOON Divine Crilly & Tim Kenny

“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