

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.**

September 17, 2017



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

ANNOUNCED MASSES

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one(s), please see the Usher before Mass.

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 16

5:00 PM Charles and Mary Sauer

Sunday, September 17 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Patricia and Eugene Kelly

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Kenneth and Margaret Tomann

12:00 PM Salvatore Frisenda

Monday, September 18 – Weekday

8:15 AM George Filipich

Tuesday, September 19 – Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Joseph Giachinta and all the People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 20 – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM Joseph Giachinta

Thursday, September 21 – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:15 AM Richard Murphy

Friday, September 22 – Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Merante

Saturday, September 23 – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:15 AM Robert Mangan

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 23

5:00 PM Frederick J. Des Marais

Sunday, September 24 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dimon & Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Bill and Peg Freeman

12:00 PM Jeremiah and Charity Downey

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of the Daly and Deneher Families. The candle will burn from September 17th through September 23rd.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome at all weekend Masses. If you would like to sing, please come to a rehearsal or call Jeffrey V. Lutz at 228-5612.

GRAYMOOR PRAYER GROUP

Increase your time in prayer. The Graymoor Prayer Group, following the Medjugorje prayer format, meets Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. The prayer facilitator is Diana Roda: (845) 424-4175.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions • Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy)
Stockbridge • 800-804-3823

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Joseph Nowakowski
Lucas Boesch	Brian O'Keeffe
Electra Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Luis Padilla
Robert Broughal	Rosario Padilla
The Brusco Family	Neilan Pierce
Kathleen Clements	Vivian Pisanelli
Ned Flanagan	Joan Rosado
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Laura Schiele
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Connie Tuomey
Mary Marion	Chris Ventura
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud
Todd Morris	

and for all our dearly departed, that the fighting among nations cease, that vengeance end and lasting peace begin, and for all of our prayers in our book of petitions.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

*Forgiveness sets our hearts free and enables
us to start afresh. Forgiveness gives hope.*

– Pope Francis

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$8,102

LATIN AMERICA AND HOME MISSIONS

COLLECTIONS – \$1,395

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	98	9	107
Sunday, 8:30 am	86	12	98
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	48	3	51
Sunday, 12:00 pm	157	8	165
Total	389	32	421

Banns of Marriage

ALEX LEONARD & FELICIA GAGNON
Wedding Date – October 6, 2017

SERVE THE CHURCH

Consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

Lectors

5:00 pm (Vigil), 10:15 am (St. Joseph's) and 12 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers

10:15 am (St. Joseph's) and 12 Noon

If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or call 845-265-2385.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • September 24th

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and other items, including diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cleaners and paper towels, for the Philipstown Food Pantry the weekend of September 23rd and 24th.

Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Grand Knight – Bob Murphy

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney: johnhackney@hotmail.com.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

Grade 1 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Grades 2 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At Our Lady of Loretto •
Every Monday •
7:00-8:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament remains as it is with individual prayer

time, but specific groups are being identified for certain Mondays so they can come together to focus in prayer for a specific intention...

- Sept 18 – Catechists of the parish
- Sept 25 – Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Oct 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Oct 9 – Our country and elected officials

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to...

OKTOBERFEST IN COLD SPRING

Saturday, September 23rd & Sunday, September 24th

Big Bands under the Big Tent
at beautiful Mayor's Park

Great German Food, Ice Cold German Beer and some great Bavarian Pretzels by the Bronx Baking Company

Dancing, Cornhole Games, Bouncey Tents, and delicious German desserts.

More information at
www.KofC536.com

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[Oktoberfestincoldspring.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/Oktoberfestincoldspring)

HOLINESS

"The prerequisites for holiness are already covered by God. The doctrine of "justification" is that God in His goodness and mercy decided simply that we are worth loving. That is half the work of being holy. The other half is that we cooperate with God as God floods our life with opportunities of being loving."

– Father Gary Lauenstein

AFTER THREE YEARS OF ISIS OCCUPATION, THE MASS RETURNS TO MOSUL

The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that following the liberation of Mosul, Iraq, from the hands of the Islamic State, Christians are cautiously returning to the city. And as they return, so does the Mass. Father Luis Montes, a priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, celebrated Mass last month at Saint George Monastery. The priest traveled to Mosul to record part of a documentary entitled *Guardianes de la Fe (Guardians of the Faith)*, which seeks to show the reality of life for Christians in Iraq and Syria.

In a video posted on the Amigos de Irak (Friends of Iraq) Facebook page, Fr. Montes said that the Mass was celebrated August 9th – a month after Mosul's liberation – on the feast day of Saint Edith Stein, who died a martyr in a Nazi concentration camp. The priest said it was “a great gift of God” to be able to celebrate the feast day of a martyr in the monastery, which “surely gave many martyrs to the Church.”

Pointing to the damage to the monastery entrance, he said that he believes the lower level may have been “used as a prison at some time, (as) the Christians left their names there written on the walls as a witness.”

Located in the eastern part of the city, the monastery was badly damaged by ISIS militants. “Rubble everywhere, the stone facing on walls knocked off, all the religious statues destroyed,” Fr. Montes said. “The grotto of the Virgin Mary destroyed... Crosses set into the walls were chopped off with sledgehammers so no trace would remain of anything that is Christian, of anything that is Jesus Christ.”

In the chapel where they celebrated Mass, the altar was stripped of its marble adornments, and the walls had been damaged. The experience of celebrating the Eucharist amidst so much devastation was awe-inspiring, Father Montes said. “In this place, which has been attacked for being Christian, the contemplation of the Mystery of the Cross, which is renewed in Holy Mass, had so much power,” he reflected.

“Some priests later told the young people that accompanied me that they believed that this was the first Mass” celebrated within the city of Mosul – which was among the areas hardest hit by ISIS – in the last three years, he added. “It's really a gift from God.”

The priest said that he offered the Mass for Europe, “which suffers from having turned away from Our Lord God, so that the blood of the martyrs here in the Middle East may stir Europe, touch it, so that it awakens.”

The sight of so much desecration is painful, Fr. Montes acknowledged, and it is even more painful to think of the hatred for Christ that motivated the attacks. But at the same time, he said, “there is such a beautiful satisfaction in knowing that one is serving a persecuted people.”

*"All the darkness in the world cannot
extinguish the light of a single candle."*

– Saint Francis of Assisi

GOD DWELLS...

"By reason of His immensity, God is present everywhere; but there are two places where He dwells in a particular manner. One is in the highest heavens, where He is present by that glory which He communicates to the blessed; the other is on earth – within the humble soul that loves Him."

– Saint Alphonsus Liguori

GOD IS PRESENT, CARDINAL DINARDO TELLS HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Houston, Texas, September 5, 2017 – Amid the immense devastation left behind in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston assured the people that God is with them in their suffering.

“When we survey the loss and devastation, it is natural to wonder how such calamity fits into God’s plan. The problem of suffering is a mystery that is always with us,” Cardinal DiNardo said in an opinion piece published in the Houston Chronicle. “However, our Christian faith reminds us that the Lord is never distant from us but is intimately close,” he continued.

Hurricane Harvey tore through the Gulf Coast of Texas late last month, devastating thousands of homes with catastrophic flooding and winds. At least 60 people were killed and more than 30,000 displaced, with billions of dollars reported in property damage.

Cardinal DiNardo offered words of comfort to the devastated communities in Texas, saying that God “hears the prayers of His faithful.”

The Texas cardinal quoted Psalm 69:1-3, which says, “Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have sunk into the mire of the deep, where there is no foothold.” “The cry of the psalmist speaks to the danger and distress of recent days along the Texas coast, which have tested the faith of all of God’s children,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

“When it seems that we are on the verge of perishing, we must wake up the Lord in our united prayers for personal need and for all of our brothers and sisters who are suffering.”

While many communities are overwhelmed with the storm’s aftermath, the state has also seen an outpouring of rescue efforts, charitable donations and humanitarian aid. “In the midst of our darkest hour along the Gulf Coast, the people of Texas have shown humanity’s best face as we step up to the challenge before us,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

“This already can be verified by the overwhelming response of help and charity from the human family as people of every race, class, religion and way of life have united in assistance for one another.”

Although many families and individuals face a long road ahead, the cardinal voiced confidence that God’s providence will ultimately bring about good, despite the suffering and loss that was caused by the storm. “With the grace of our God, we will run the race before us with energy and joy,” Cardinal DiNardo said, and “we will win.”

POPE FRANCIS IN COLOMBIA: TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND IN COURAGEOUS DISCIPLESHIP

Medellin, Colombia, September 9, 2017 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that Pope Francis said that true freedom is found in letting go of the superficial things we cling to for security, embracing instead a discipleship which has the courage to follow Jesus in living in the fullness of the law. “For the Lord, as also for the first community, it is of the greatest importance that we who call ourselves disciples not cling to a certain style or to particular practices that cause us to be more like some Pharisees than like Jesus,” the Pope said.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass at Enrique Olaya Herrera Airport in Medellin Saturday morning. Huge crowds – estimated at more than 1 million people – attended the Mass, which took place during the Pope’s September 6th-11th visit to Colombia.

In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on three attitudes that he said must form our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The first is going to what is essential. “This does not mean ‘breaking with everything’ that does not suit us,” he said, “because Jesus did not come ‘to abolish the law, but to fulfil it’ (Mt 5:17); it means to go deep, to what matters and has value for life.”

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us that discipleship requires a relationship with God – not merely following rules or exhibiting outward actions without really changing your heart, he said.

“Discipleship must begin with a living experience of God and his love. It is not something static, but a continuous movement towards Christ; it is not simply the fidelity to making a doctrine explicit, but rather the experience of the Lord’s living, kindly and active presence, an ongoing formation by listening to his word.” And hearing this word, we live it out in serving the concrete needs of our brothers and sisters, he explained.

The second attitude disciples are called to adopt is renewal, which Francis said the Church is always in need of – “Ecclesia semper reformanda.” The Church doesn’t renew herself on “her own whim,” but firm in the faith and following the hope of the Gospel. And this requires sacrifice and courage, “not so that we can consider ourselves superior or flawless, but rather to respond better to the Lord’s call,” he stated.

The Church must be ‘shaken’ by the Holy Spirit in order to let go of comforts and attachments, but we shouldn’t be afraid of renewal, the Pope noted.

The third attitude of a disciple is the willingness to get our hands dirty and get involved in helping our brothers and sisters, the Pope said. We are called to be brave, to have “that evangelical courage which springs from knowing that there are many who are hungry, who hunger for God, who hunger for dignity, because they have been deprived.” As Christians, we must help others to satisfy this hunger, to encounter Christ, we can’t put up “do not enter” signs, he said.

“The Church is not ours, she is God’s; he is the owner of

the temple and the field; everyone has a place, everyone is invited to find here, and among us, his or her nourishment.” Jesus told his disciples to give the hungry crowd something to eat, which is our call, too, the Pope emphasized.

“I have come here precisely to confirm you in the faith and hope of the Gospel. Remain steadfast and free in Christ, in such a way that you manifest him in everything you do; take up the path of Jesus with all your strength, know him, allow yourselves to be called and taught by him, and proclaim him with great joy,” he concluded.

CATHOLIC BISHOP OFFERS SANCTUARY TO MUSLIM REFUGEES AT SEMINARY

From the BBC: A Catholic bishop in the Central African Republic (CAR) has given refuge to 2,000 Muslims who are living in fear of attacks from a mainly Christian militia. Juan José Aguirre Munoz says that the refugees cannot leave the seminary’s compound in the south-eastern city of Bangassou. He told the BBC that the refugees “risk death” from anti-balaka militias.

The UN’s humanitarian chief warned of possible genocide. Stephen O’Brien said that violence in CAR was escalating and the situation was becoming dire. “Violence is intensifying, risking a repeat of the devastating destructive crisis that gripped the country four years ago,” he said. Mr. O’Brien added: “The early warning signs of genocide are there. We must act now.”

Bishop Munoz says that the refugees sought help at the seminary after fighting broke out in May, and have since been under the care of the church and aid organisations. “Nearby, there are anti-Balaka militias who prevent them from going out to search for food, water or firewood,” he said. “So they are completely confined inside the seminary. They would risk death if they venture out,” he told the BBC’s Newsday programme.

Bishop Munoz said that the refugees needed to be relocated because many aid organisations have stopped working in the area. “For us, there’s no such thing as a Muslim person or a Christian person, everyone is a human being. We need to protect those who are vulnerable.”

Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, October 20th – Sunday, October 22nd

How is God calling you? The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement are offering a Discernment Weekend October 20th through 22nd to help you discover the answer. This weekend is for single, Catholic young adult men and women, 18-40, considering God’s call to servanthood, whether that is as priest, sister, brother, married or single. Learn discernment tools, hear how religiously vowed and lay persons came to hear God’s call, and engage in rich prayer and discussion with other young adults.

For more information or to register, visit atonementfriars.org/discern or contact Paul Krenzlok: (845) 424-2122, pkrenzlok@atonementfriars.org.