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September 20, 2020
Twenty – Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Communion: I Have Loved You

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Recessional: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure s of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple
We should take at his word,
And our lives would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

Entrance:

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; see, and ye shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

You do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16a

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

September 20th - September 27th

Sunday, September 20th -

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

5:00pm Vigil Sp Int Robert & Beverly Dupree
(50th Wedding Anni)

8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family

9:45am Decd Mateus Neto

11:30am Decd Panchita & Anibel Soto

Monday, September 21st - St. Matthew

Eph 4:1-7,11-13/ Mt 9:9-13

8:30am Decd Manuel Marques

Tuesday, September 22nd -

Prv 21:1-6,10-13/Lk 8:19-21

8:30am Decd Benedetto, Maria &
Domenico Cicchetti

Wednesday, September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35

8:30am Padre Pio

7:30 pm Decd Joao Confeiteiro

Thursday, September 24th -

Ecc1 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

8:30am Decd Lucia Persichilli Tejani

Friday, September 25th -

Ecc1 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

8:30am Decd William Lawlor (Anni)

Saturday, September 26th -

Ecc1 11:9-12:8/Lk 9: 43b-45

8:30am Decd Domenica, Guiseppe &
Americo Cucchiella

Sunday, September 27th -

Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

5:00pm Vigil Decd Fr. Finian Sullivan, OFM Cap.

8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family

9:45am Decd Joseph Mandile

11:30am Decd Fr. Finian Sullivan, OFM Cap.
(50th Anni)

Memorials Week of September 20th

Bread and Wine
Sp Int Fr. Moe

Sanctuary Lamps
Sp Int Fr. Robert & Fr. John



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

We will tape the 8:30 Weekday Mass
from the church
for Broadcast at 10:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays, 3:30 - 7:00

**Please Pray
for the repose of the souls of
Joseph Welsh
and all the deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart,
and the Special Intentions of
Our Parish Family members,
listed in our Prayer Intention Book.**



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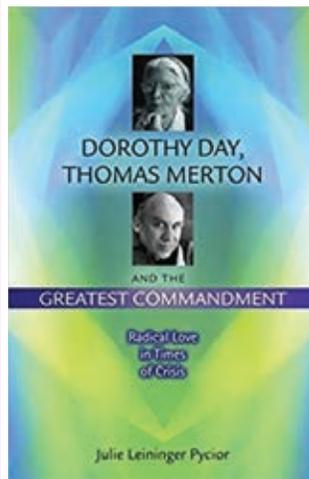
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RCIA

Do any of these describe you?

- I have never been Baptized and want to learn more.
- I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.
- I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.
- I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.
- I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.
- I have a friend who would like to become Catholic.
- My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.
- I know someone I would like to invite to become Catholic

Please call or email Fr. John 914-963-4205;
jmchugh@sacredheartyonkers.org
 if you (or anyone you know)
 would like to investigate
 or begin the process of RCIA.



New Book by Sacred Heart Parishioner Julie Leininger Pycior

Five years ago this month, in his historic address to Congress on September 24, 2015, Pope Francis spotlighted two Catholics: Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton -- and no wonder. As this book reveals, Trappist monk/spiritual writer Thomas Merton and Catholic Worker leader Dorothy Day (who is under consideration for sainthood) together made history with their inspired witness to love of God and neighbor. Their hard-won insights fifty years ago resonate anew today as we struggle to respond with integrity to the unbelievable challenges of our time.

"The interweaving of the lives and loves of America's two great mid-century prophets was crying out for expert treatment, and Julie Leininger Pycior does not disappoint..." -- Austen Ivereigh, bestselling biographer of Pope Francis

Congratulations Julie!

Puzzle Day....match the key to get Today's Verse

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10	9	19	17	13	1	4	18	14	2	22	8	23

As we prepare to enter in the fall season maybe we could get a jumpstart on taking an inventory of those blessings we've received from God during this year and being thankful for those blessings. May I add my own gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings that you, our wonderful parishioners, are to me and to each other? May God continue to bless you in abundance!

Celebrating Sacraments

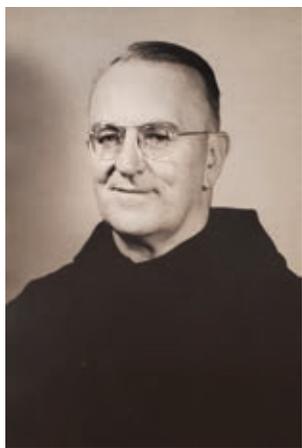
As was announced last weekend at all the Masses, we are blessed to be able to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for infants, children, youth and adults in our parish. Out of an abundance of caution, and in order that we make the sacraments properly, Baptisms are being celebrated for only one family at a time. We have been introducing these recently baptized children at Mass to the parish community and sharing a special blessing over them and their parents. Over the next several weeks we will celebrate Holy Communion three different times for a total of 44 children. Together with their parents as witnesses, these children will welcome the Lord in his Eucharistic Presence into their lives and they will become united to the Church, the Body of Christ, in a powerful way and share with us, their fellow parishioners, in the Mass each week. Bishop John O'Hara will confirm 44 students from our parish and an additional 10 students who will join us from Christ the King Parish, in two different ceremonies, calling down upon them the gifts of the Holy Spirit and empowering them to be witnesses of Jesus in the world, among their peers, at home, here in the community, and in the world. These new "adults in the church" help to affirm our call to be apostles, those anointed and sent out to proclaim the Good News of Jesus each and every day.

Those adults who participated in the RCIA Process will also receive Sacraments and complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church. Several couples will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage after postponing their weddings due to the Coronavirus.

All of these celebrations are occasions of great joy for our parish and for these families. We maintain social distance at each of them, require masks and sanitizing, and follow the limited number of participants permitted. Unfortunately the pandemic prevents us from gathering more closely for photographs and group shots, but we trust everyone understands that the graces and blessings we receive from these Sacraments are far more important and longer lasting than any photographs or videos we might have of these wonderful occasions!

Of course, in as much as they are able, I pray that all those celebrating these Sacraments, together with their families, will continue to participate *regularly* in the life of our parish and the Church. Please join me in thanking God for them and congratulating all those who have or will receive these sacraments over the next several weeks.

50 Years Ago - September 27, 1970



Next Sunday will mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Fr. Finian Sullivan, O.F.M., Cap., our pastor who died suddenly in the sacristy while preparing to celebrate Mass. As many who knew him will agree, Fr. Finian was a formidable presence in Yonkers! His love of this parish, his concern for the parishioners, his involvement in the City of Yonkers, his care for the students of our schools, his passion for education – which led to the construction of our high school – and his advocacy on behalf of all those who were in any kind of need, continue to inspire us and motivate us to be the best we can be.

We will mark the anniversary of his entrance into eternal life on the weekend of September 26-27 with two Masses in Fr. Finian's memory. The first on Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 pm and the second on Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 am. All are invited to celebrate a man who did so much for Sacred Heart.

Fr. Bob

Please Share the Invitation to our Young Adult Mass

Our next Young Adult Mass will be held **NEXT Sunday, September 27th, at 7:00 pm in the church.** All young adults in the parish and beyond, 18-39 years of age are invited to join us for this Mass. *Please encourage any young adult in the parish to participate.* The spiritual nourishment we receive from celebrating the Eucharist and listening to the proclamation of God's Word together brings many blessings for all those participating. The fellowship and camaraderie is always an added, special blessing we share.

Many of those who participate regularly at our Young Adult Masses tell me how much they look forward to these Masses, how much they "need" them, and how happy they are for having participated. That's great news to share...so please extend the invitation.

No RSVP is necessary – just show up, greet the Lord and one another, listen to God's Word, pray with and for one another and go home renewed and refreshed as members of the Christian community! This Mass is open to all young adults of the parish and beyond!

From the Pastor's Desk

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Last? First?

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." These words from the Prophet Isaiah are not simply a suggestion or an admonition. They also include an invitation and a promise. If we seek God, we will always find Him, no matter the circumstances of our life, no matter what our need is, no matter what is going on in the world, or in our little corner of the world. Let's not forget that God is always taking the initiative first, inviting us to share in His life, calling us to live as His sons and daughters. God doesn't play hide and seek with us, although we might run and hide (as Adam and Eve did after disobeying God) when we have deliberately chosen sin and know that we are guilty and ashamed. Even then, God seeks us out as He did Adam and Eve...where are you? Why are you hiding? God wants to be found; He wants us to enjoy his company and He wants to enjoy ours!

Isaiah promises that God is merciful and generous in forgiving. All we need to do is turn to Him. That's the invitation and the promise Isaiah invites us to in our first reading. I believe we all know that our thoughts are not the Lord's thoughts and our ways are not the Lord's ways. However, I'm sure we've all experienced wishing that our ways were God's ways and our thoughts were God's thoughts! Thankfully, for all of us, it's only a wish! We must endeavor to make God's ways our ways, to imitate God's unconditional love, tender mercy, and great kindness. Re-read today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145) which reaffirms what we heard from Isaiah.

Our gospel passage today can be very challenging for us. From a young age we struggle with not being last. Whether it is getting ahead of others on the lunch line in the cafeteria (or "cutting the line"), or beating others to the front of the line in an amusement park, or being chosen for a team in gym class or on a sports team, or getting out of a parking lot before the others, or hurrying to a buffet line before other guests, or trying to get out of church before the rest, etc. - most of us don't want to be last. And so when Jesus tells us that the last will be first and the first will be last, we might find ourselves wondering how we can put those words into practice in concrete ways in our daily life. Additionally, later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "...those who *exalt* themselves will be humbled, and those who *humble themselves* will be exalted." (Mt 23:12) A few reflection questions for us: Is it more important for me to be first in the eyes of my brothers and sisters here on earth or in the eyes of our Heavenly Father? Do I spend more time being concerned about how others might perceive me - in school, at work, at home, in the parish, in the community - or do I spend more time being concerned about how God sees me - for who I really am? Do I seek to be first, or seek to find God first? Do I allow God to be generous with other people without judging, comparing, or complaining about what others have? .

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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson