

**^The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 22nd, 2021**

8/21 Sat 4:30PM- George Perrello(D)-Lori Lindridge  
 8/22 Sun 9:00 AM- Father John Maher (2005) (D)  
 8/22 Sun 11:30 AM-Patricia Cummins(H)-Pat Cummins  
 8/23 Mon 8:50 AM –St Rose of Lima- Intention Available  
 8/24 Tues 8:50 AM- St Bartholomew-Intention Available  
 8/25 Wed –8:50 AM-St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz- No Mass  
 8/26 Thurs 3:00 PM-**Divine Mercy**-John Gallagher the Gallagher Family  
 8/27 Fri 8:50AM-Saint Monica-Intention Available  
 8/28 Sat 8:50AM-Saint Augustine-Intention Available  
 8/28 Sat 4:30PM- Jane Lindridge(D)-Lori Lindridge  
 8/29 Sun 9:00 AM-Edward Baczewski, Marie Baczewski, Anthony & Florence Lucyk-  
 The Lucyk Family  
 8/29 Sun 11:30 AM-People of the Parish

**Weekly Reflection**

People often quote passages from the Bible-usually from the Old Testament- to justify why they are for or against something. If we look hard enough we can always find a Bible passage to support our position. Jesus told us the old laws had been replaced. . Jesus summed it all up for us; we are to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. Look carefully at what Jesus said and did. We are supposed to follow his example. Any time we fail to treat others with love and respect, we are not following Jesus’ example.

**The second collection is for the Religious Education Program.**

**Religious Education News**

I hope you are all enjoying these warmer summer days! Religious Education will be in person this year. Students, at the advice of the DOH will still be required to wear masks. There will be a registration on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30 am and again on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> – 4 -7 pm. Please invite any and all students that would like to join our program to come to registration or call me at 914-799-1190 to express interest. We are very excited about the upcoming year!!

**Keep Them In Your Prayers::**  
 Our Country’s Armed Forces, Father John J. Lynch, Adidlid Nunez, Kevin Kingsley, Anthony Blackwood, Patricia Coniker, Heather Brown, Jim Lund, Regina Wagner, Jeanne DePuy, Alyssa Bivins, Robert Huggins, ,Stephen Moses, Nestor Derkach, E & J Zysk, Joe Lao, Helen & Irving Ruffin, Norman Feig, Rosalie Siegel, Deneje Weyman, Stephanie Pullon, Janet Davis, Susan Giangiacomo, Cesare Silvestro, Brenda Hay, Sara Marie Ward, James Rose , Barbara Boncek, Joe Marranta, Brenda Distel and ALL our first responders & several special intentions.

**In Remembrance of Father John Maher**

As we prepare to open another Religious Education Program in the Father Maher Center, we take a moment to reflect upon the man for whom the building is dedicated to, our dear Father John Maher. Father John Maher was assigned to our Immaculate Conception Parish as administrator in 1967 and the following year appointed pastor. He retired in 1988, after more than thirty years. He kept in touch with many parishioners throughout the years and often stated “My heart is in this parish.” He was also chaplain at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility from 1967-1977. The Father John J. Maher Center was dedicated in his honor in 1993. God Bless Father Maher for all his love and dedication to our beautiful parish community.

**Dear Parishioners,** “this saying is hard; who can accept it?” We may find ourselves feeling the weight of these words from St.John’s Gospel this Sunday. Why? Well because in the second reading we hear a teaching from St.Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, which at first glance, is very controversial. “Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the lord”, we hear St.Paul says. But what does that mean? It cannot mean that a woman is a mere slave. That is not the Christian view. And further, we hear the challenging mandate for husbands, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church...” How is a man supposed live up to that- to give his life up for his bride as Christ died, crucified and scorned, for the church? But this difficulty is the key. Both husband and wife are, by the bond of marriage, committed to pouring out their hearts for their partner. To lay down one’s life daily, to look past the little things, to give in on a frustrating situation, to constantly choose the other’s preference rather than one’s own.. This is sacrificial live. This is the love of Christ. And, as St.Paul says, “this is s great mystery.” For this love, which is possible in married life, reveals to us the love of Christ and the church. A love that is total-without reservation or qualification-a love that is fruitful, a love that is lasting, a love that endures.

**May we be given the grace to live this selfless love.**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>980.00</b>	<b><i>Candles</i></b>	<b>.00</b>
<b><i>A/C</i></b>	<b>295.00</b>	<b><i>Feast of Assumption</i></b>	<b>615.00</b>

**Memorial or Intercessory Gifts**

*All are invited to offer one or more of the items we use in worship for the intention of loved ones, living or deceased. Donations for your intentions (listed here for **two weeks**) are: altar bread \$15, altar candles \$20, altar wine \$10, the sanctuary lamp \$15, the children’s leaflets \$10. You can reserve one by placing a plain white envelope in the collection listing 1) your name, 2) the person remembered, and 3) the object donated.*

*I will praise the Lord at all times;  
 His praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
 Psalm 34:2*