

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

8:00AM Anita Falcaro

10:00AM Theresa Gastelu

12:00PM Edna M. Lennon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BL. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

9:00AM Adele Rivetti Raimondi

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00AM Souls of Departed Priests

11:30AM Pietro & Nicola Pallotta

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00AM Raymond Engels

11:30AM Domenica & Beniamino  
Mattesssich

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM John Scivanich

11:30AM Grace & Joseph Fiore

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ST. PETER CLAVER

8:00AM Maria & John Fedele

11:30AM Dr. Nestor Bautista

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:30AM Patsy Matarazzo

5:00PM Gelsomina Marchesani

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8:00AM Natalie Persico

10:00AM In Remembrance of 9/11

12:00PM John & Maria Fedele

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Maureen Kromphold

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Gelsomina Marchesani

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Robert Iulo

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

Exod 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses implores and is granted God's mercy.

Psalm 91

I will rise and go to my father.

1 Tim 1:12-17

Paul's own life is an example of God's mercy.

Luke 15:1-32

God is merciful, especially toward the repentant.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Dear Parishioner:*

As the summer comes to an end, we, of course, celebrate Labor Day and give thanks for the gift of human labor. For those of you who are still working, we thank God for the jobs that have sustained us and those we love. For those who are retired and moving into another chapter of their life, it's still good to have things to do and people to care for.

...We celebrate this weekend the Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She provides us with an example of the way in which we should approach life. Sometimes we get confused and distracted by the big picture. Somehow Mother Teresa always managed to bring us back to the importance of the smaller moments in our lives and the seemingly insignificant things that are really not insignificant! So, in her honor, let us focus on the little things we can accomplish as we care for one another and make the world a better place. St. Mother Teresa pray for us.

...Mark your calendar and make sure you are available for our parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barbecue scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at 1:30PM. Tickets are available in the rectory. Cost of the ticket is as follows: Adults - \$10, Children - \$5 for children under 12, \$25 for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children under 12). NO TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR. All tickets must be purchased by **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Come and join us for this parish family celebration. After all the masses that weekend, I will be blessing the Church cornerstone. Come and be with us as we continue to celebrate 100 years!

...Hope this summer was enjoyable and Happy Labor Day!

*God bless,*

*Fr. Ken*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

*Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.*

*August 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$4,854.50*

*Fr. Almas' Collection*

*\$2,537.00*

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:33*

*When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.*

**BINGO**



PLEASE NOTE BINGO IS PLAYED ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM AND ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE**

This weekend, the Second Collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be as generous as your means permit.

**TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM**

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts.** In addition, the **Church** will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

**MARIAN FESTIVAL**

On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, a bus will leave from St. John's, Leonia for a Marian Festival honoring the birthday of our Blessed Mother at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. The bus will leave at 9:00AM and the cost is \$25. For information and reservations, please call Mary at 201-944-3285 or Vici at 201-592-0017.

### CCD NEWS

CCD Classes begin as follows:

September 11 at 11:00AM after the 10:00AM Mass for grades 1 thru 7 at the Head Start School on Lafayette Avenue behind the Church - ends promptly at 12 Noon.

September 11 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall for Confirmation only - ends promptly at 7:30PM.

Any Sacraments that you would like your child to receive - please see Donna Murtagh, DRE, at registration. NO REGISTRATION will be taken on the day of classes.

If there ever was a time that you had a thought about volunteering as a CCD teacher, this is the time to do so. Some of the teachers are off to college and some have other family commitments. The program is in need. If you are 16 years or older and have the talent to teach and love children, please give me a call to discuss this and contact me at the Rectory and leave a message.

*Donna Murtagh, DRE*

### JOIN TO SING

As we enter the season of fall, choirs are resuming their singing season. Adult choir will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the chapel. Everyone is welcome to join. You don't have to be gifted but only to come with enthusiasm and your love of music. If you have any questions, please come and talk to Dr. Sunny Son, Director of Music or one of the cantors.

Children's choir will begin with its first Wednesday practice on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:15PM. We will start with a snack down in the basement and finish at 4:30PM. All children, grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, are welcome.

### NICHOLAS SERTICH'S ADDRESS

Nicholas Sertich is now in Rome studying at the Seminary. He is doing well and learning the Italian language. Please do not write Rome or Italy on any mail that is addressed to him. If you care to drop him a note, his address is:

Nicholas Sertich,  
Pontifical North American College  
00120 Vatican City State  
Europe

### THANK YOU FROM THE PRIETO FAMILY

On behalf of the Prieto family, we cannot express our gratitude enough for the William H. Cron College Scholarship given to Victor. Even when Victor was away at school, Fr. Ken made sure to reach out to the family and let them know about the great opportunity presented. There is a reason our family has been at this Parish for so long, and it begins with little things such as the standard of respect always seen at the church. I am pleased to know that the church I attend and have worked at for so long is not just a place for me to pray and leave every Sunday. I'm blessed to have such great people in the rectory always keeping an eye out for me and helping me when they can. As a sophomore in college, I see that not a lot of people out there are willing to help, so I cherish and appreciate the genuine people at this church that are looking out for me always. I cannot say thank you enough.

*Victor & the Prieto Family*

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

There will be a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Bus departs at 8:15AM - cost is \$30 with \$25 slot return. On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a River Lady Luncheon Cruise - cost is \$42 and departs at 9:00AM. On Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be an Oktoberfest at Krucker's. Cost is \$55 due by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. To make reservations, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

**"HELL IS WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU THINK  
YOU WANTED!"**

### A THANK YOU FROM FR. ALMAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I feel enriched spiritually sharing the Holy Eucharist with you all. I felt welcomed, appreciated and at home and it is all because of you. I have enjoyed the generous hospitality of our community here. Thanks a lot for being so generous, loving and charitable towards me and our Church in Pakistan. I'm grateful for the sacrifices you make. Be assured your generous donations will help some of the most deserving of our parish. Thanks a million and God bless you.

*Fr. Almas Archangelus*

### LABOR DAY

Monday is Labor Day. There will be only one Mass at 9:00AM and the Rectory Office will be closed.

### RCIA PROGRAM

It's time to think about the RCIA Program for next year. If you know an adult over 18 who has **never been** baptized and would like to become a Catholic or if you know someone who was baptized into another Christian faith and would like to **convert** to the Catholic faith...or if you know a baptized adult catholic - over 18 - who would like to prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist...please be in touch with Fr. Ken...or please put that person in touch with Fr. Ken. No commitments...just good information - and they can decide if they want to proceed.

We also have a program that starts in September for teens 15-18 who would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation...please contact Fr. Ken.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM (COOP)

Attention families of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wanting to attend Catholic High School in the fall of 2017. The Catholic High School entrance exam (COOP) will be given on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Students need to register for this exam starting September 1<sup>st</sup> by going to [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org), calling 1-888-921-2667 or emailing [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org). Catholic High Schools are holding their annual admissions fair called HS EXPO from 7:00-8:30PM on the following dates and places: September 26<sup>th</sup> - Archdiocesan Center, Newark; September 28<sup>th</sup> - Visitation Academy, Paramus; September 29<sup>th</sup> - Primary Prep/St. Aedan, Jersey City. For directions visit [Catholicschoolsnj.org](http://Catholicschoolsnj.org) or call 973-487-4258.

### MORNING OF MERCY MINI PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Morning of Mercy held at the Divine Mercy Parish, 232 Central Avenue, Rahway. It will be held from 9:30AM-12:30PM. The Jubilee Year of Mercy invites everyone to receive the grace of a plenary indulgence (that's a full pardon from sin and all its effects) and a passing through the Holy Door with Mass, Confession, Adoration and various prayers. Special guest speaker will be Msgr. Joseph Reilly who is the Missionary of Mercy coordinator.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Alvino Masolotti, Dr. Richard Ming, Hay Blou Htoo, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Patsy DeRito, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Margaret Evers, Matthew Rush, Mary Pugliese, Ann Callagher, Willie Soto, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Anthony Cherkashyna, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Ronald DeMiglio, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Frieda Marchesani, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efrem Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Cheryl Barbara, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Patricia Warren, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Rev. James Carroll, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Ann Castrianni, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Giordano, Audrey Dragich, Victims of the Italian earthquake.*

