September 6, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are a Catholic Community, rooted in the Trinity, sustained by the Eucharist and the Word of God, called to witness, to serve and to educate.

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We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, all new members and guests celebrating with us today.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
You are invited to join our parish family. We are committed to meeting the needs of all members. Please register by contacting our Parish Office. (Please notify the Parish Office of change in address or phone number and if you are moving out of the parish.)

RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is on Monday after 8:00 am Mass
Novena Prayers in Honor of the Blessed Mother and St. Anthony: Are said every Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass
Prayer Group: Meets at 11:00 am - every Thursday
Adoration: Every Friday after Mass
Divine Mercy: Daily recitation of Chaplet after Mass

MINISTRIES
Join the various ministries and associations:
Ministry of Lector, Eucharist, Usher, Altar Server, Respect Life and Lazarus Ministry, St. Francis Ladies Guild, Emmaus Prayer Group, Youth Group, Carnival, Knights of Columbus and other volunteers associated with the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE / 973-835-1946
Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator
Mrs. Betty Norton, Secretary

YOUTH MINISTRY / 973-835-0480
Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

BAPTISM: Parishioners are welcome to have their children baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. Please call the rectory for an appointment to discuss the arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF Penance: Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm or at other times upon request.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in an update of their faith or wanting to become Catholic, call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY: For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Holy Communion is offered to any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the seriously sick and dying contact the Rectory immediately.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Mary & Joseph Purcella
Intentions of Lynn & Joe Skorubski
Alexandra Goebel
Ruth Pasquariello

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Parishioners
Danny Romeo
Rocco Florio
10:00 A.M.  Ralph Cortellessa
Ted Luciani
Joseph Negrini, Sr.
John McMurray
12 NOON  Vinny Scola
Frosty Lawson

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Patricia Homwey

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Anthony Callamari

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Msgr. Hans Weidner

FRIDAY,  SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
8:00 A.M.  Julia & Alfred Demarest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
5:30 P.M.  John Carolan
Ralph Cortellessa
Ruth Pasquariello
Josephine Centi
John Conte

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Parishioners
Agnes & William A. Cori
Rosa Soler
10:00 A.M.  Benjamin Glorioso
Sr. Annette Luchesse, OSF
Sinforiana M. Raz
12 NOON  Mr. & Mrs. Peter Caporale
Frosty Lawson
Francis Paul

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carlon Jacob Hicks Judy Moran Gary Ragusa
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Lois Maskley
Herman Koenig Evelyn Means Bob Delventhal
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Lydia Rivera
Jerome Foray Loretta LaSala Infant Ronan Suatoni
Manuel Esguerra Michael Gotti Marianne Dorn
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencozit Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Alex Coronel Geraldine Kearns
Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo Bernie Shushan
Jean’na Wojik Post Patrick Keegan Elizabeth Marren
Jessica Skorubski Jacqueline Altamore

DECEASED:  Kathleen Hivish  Rosa Soler

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 30, 2020 - $4,359.00
August On-line Giving - $2,750.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,
Jesus is present in his Church, his “mystic Body”, invigorated by the constant action of the Holy Spirit. We are always brothers, whether our ecclesial community is a big or a small one.

«If your brother or sister has sinned against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are in private, and if he listens to you, you have won your brother» (Mt 18:15). How beautiful and truehearted is the fraternal relationship Jesus teaches us! In front of a fault against me or against someone else, I must beseech the Lord's grace to forgive, to understand and, finally, to try and rectify my brother.

Today it is not as easy as before, when the Church was less numerous. But, if we mull over these things in a direct dialogue with God, our Father, He will enlighten us and help us find, the time, the place and the right words for us to carry out our duty to help. It is important to purify our heart. St. Paul inspirits us to correct our neighbor with a straight intention: «Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted» (Gal 6:1).

Our deep affection and humility will make us look for the gentleness. «Behave with maternal hands, with our mothers’ infinite delicacy when they healed the wounds, large or small, of our children’s plays and missteps» (St. Josemaria).
This is how Jesus' Mother, and our Mother too, correct us, with stimulations to love more God and our brothers.

**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY**

We human beings are big on “how to,” aren’t we? Search on the Internet, and you will soon learn how to tie a tie, boil an egg, or even train your dragon. The disciples were no different. They had seen Jesus pray. They had heard him praise Mary for sitting quietly at his feet and listening to his teaching. And they wanted to know how to do that too. So Jesus gave them what we call the “Our Father.” Though it looks like a five-step instruction, it is also much more. This prayer reveals much about who Jesus is because it gives us a glimpse into his own prayer life. It also shows who we are and God's vision of how we should live. And it explains how Jesus wants us to relate to his Father – with the same mind and heart that he had as he walked the earth. Who is your Father? He is perfect, holy, and worthy of adoration. But Jesus doesn’t tell you to say, “holy Father.” Just “Father.” He makes it clear that your Father is not far away, unchangeable, enthroned beyond your reach. He is close to you, eager to breathe his life into you. He hears your voice. He listens when you call and promises to answer. He gives you daily bread generously – all that you need for life and holiness. The Father loves you. Always and without exception. He sees your worst sins, and still he wants to hold you close. He offers forgiveness lavishly, reconciliation unreservedly, intimacy wholeheartedly. He gives you all the tools and grace you need to become as merciful as he is. And he protects you from the evil one so that you can spread that mercy far and wide. Jesus gave the disciples so much more than a list of tips for effective prayer. He assured them that they could approach God confidently, knowing he will always listen, always forgive, always provide and protect. And he, who is holy, will do no less for you. *From: The Word Among Us*

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**OUR AMERICAN SAINTS**

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.  
**Feast Day: October 5**

As a child, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. used to claim that he didn't simply want to imitate his patron saint: he wanted to be another St. Francis Xavier. He entered the seminary in Augsburg after completing a degree in Philosophy. While there, he heard about the missionary activity of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, and traveled to North America, specifically to become a Redemptorist priest. For nine years, he worked as the assistant of St. John Neumann in the parish of St. Philomena in Pittsburgh. He dedicated himself to the mission of preaching, and, before long, he had attained a reputation as an excellent preacher and an insightful, attentive spiritual director. He was also known for a happy availability for anyone who might need him at any time. He became pastor of the church of St. Mary of the Assumption in New Orleans, and died there of yellow fever while nursing the sick during an epidemic.

Inspired by St. Francis Xavier’s compassion and courage in choosing to nurse those afflicted with the dreaded disease called “yellow fever”, his brother Redemptorists pray for his intercession in ending the COVID 19 pandemic:

*May his loving compassion for victims of sickness be ours. May we, like him, search and find you in those who suffer during this time of crisis. Grant that we may then learn from the example of Father Seelos and gain comfort from his patient endurance, hope in the midst of suffering and joy in the practice of the kingdom, where you Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign for ever and ever.*

*Courtesy of Redemptorist.com*

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**MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

CCD will be opening this year according to the CDC guidelines. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. Further information on how the classes will be running will be forthcoming.

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**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY - SEPT. 7TH HAVE A SAFE ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY.**
SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeny will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: Sunday, November 8th, 2020 at 3:30pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 1st, 2020. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP
Good news! St. Francis prayer group is back! We will meet in the main church Thursday, Sept.10th at 11:00am to pray for any and all who have requested our prayers and for our parishioners. Also, the good Lord willing, we will keep meeting weekly on Thursdays at that time. Masks and social distancing and use of hand sanitizer will be required. Please consider joining us. You may leave your prayer requests in the prayer box in the Narthex.

NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Office hours at the rectory have changed as of Tuesday, September 1st. They are as follows:
Monday 8:30 am – 2 pm,
Tuesday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm,
Wednesday 2pm – 6pm,
Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 2 pm.

Dear God,
When I stand at the beginning
of a new day,
bless me with the vision to see
the best of things to come...
wisdom to make good decisions,
and most of all faith that You are
walking beside me every step of the way.
Amen.

THE WANAQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
WANAQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
AND THE WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD
Invites the entire community to
A CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2020
7:00 pm
Join us in prayer, song and remembrance as we pay tribute to all those who lost their lives during the attacks of 9-11-2001, and stand with the men and women who protect and serve our community everyday.

AT THE WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD
9/11 STEEL MONUMENT
5 Melrose Avenue, Wanaque, NJ 07465

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT
PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING
THERE WILL BE AMPLE ROOM FOR EVERYONE

LECTORS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
5:30 P.M.   Dom Cortellessa
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
7:30 A.M.   Erika Reid
10:00 A.M.  Chris Marren
12 NOON    Mary Avella
Gospel Today | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 18:15-20

Jesus promises, “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

We call God to us when we gather in prayer, two or three or more! Most churches have a “prayer chain”. Not a real chain, but a group of people who link up and pray together.

Make a personal prayer chain. Write your thanks, needs, forgiveness or requests to God, one on each link or strip of paper. Attach the links together to form a chain. Have other family members add their own links! Hang it in your home and during family prayer time, as two or three are gathered in Jesus’ name, He will hear your prayer. If it is His will, it will be done.

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**Craft**

**Paper Prayer Chain**

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**Directions**

**Step One**  
Cut the construction paper lengthwise into strips that are about an inch wide. They can be of pretty much any length, keeping in mind that the longer the strip, the bigger each link in the chain. Write your requests to God on each link.

**Step Two**  
Bend the first strip around to form a circle or loop.

**Step Three**  
Seal the open ends of the circle link with glue, tape or a stapler so that it stays connected on its own.

**Step Four**  
Take another strip and thread it through the first loop forming a second, connected circle.

**Step Five**  
Seal the second circle with glue, tape or a stapler so that you have two linked circles.

**Step Six**  
Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make the chain as long as you like.

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“Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
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K.J. Alexander

To her, she’s just another foster kid.
To them, she’s the queen
who will save them all.

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