

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZEKIEL. 33:7-9. Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways.

PSALM 95. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

ROMANS. 13: 8-10. Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love.

MATTHEW. 18: 15-20. If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them.

TODAY'S REFLECTION: The work of reconciliation. Today's Gospel outlines a process of reconciliation in order to heal divisions within our community and to bring back the lost, the alienated, the disaffected. The excommunication of anyone is always a last resort-excommunication indicates failure on the part of both the individual and the community. Jesus calls his hearers, to seek honesty and sincerity in all relationships, to put aside self-interest, anger and wounded pride in order to take those first, difficult steps in healing the rifts that destroy that Spirit of love that is God's gift of unity and peace.



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

MONDAY 9/7 -LABOR DAY

8:00 A.M.

Scott Hine (Andy & Margaret Franks)

TUESDAY 9/8

8:00 A.M.

Kristy Ryczak (Ann Marie Kitchura)

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY 9/9

8:00 A.M.

Mary Ann Mosley (Paul & Patrice Ruddy)

St. Peter Claver, Priest

THURSDAY 9/10

8:00 A.M.

Joseph Cucura (Elizabeth Geeza)

FRIDAY 9/11

8:00 A.M.

Frances Bullet (Judy Hine)

SATURDAY 9/12

4:00 P.M.

Paul Carachilo (Rev. Joseph Mosley & Diane Mosley)

SUNDAY 9/13-THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M.

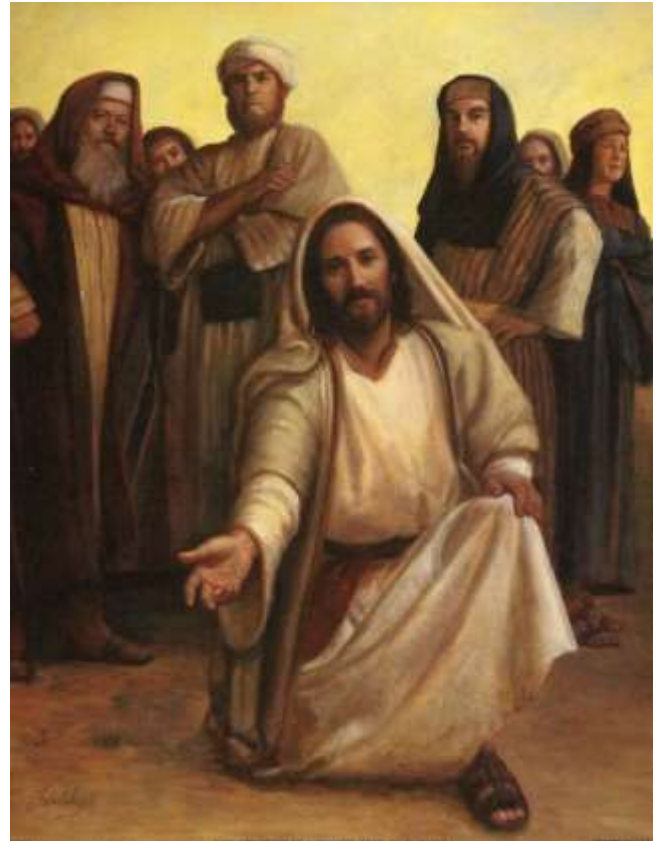
Joseph Pezanowski (JoAnn Wilson & 3rd Grade C.C.D. Class)

10:30 A.M.

David Mraz (Wife Sandy & Sons, David & Michael)

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish



WORD OF LIFE: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"



**THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH FOR
LABOR DAY.**

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$2,205.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$400.00
SALARY/DUES	\$65.00
SECOND COLLECTION/ROOF FUND	\$287.00
INCOME	=\$2,957.00
EXPENSES	=\$2,485.60

Counters for Tuesday, September 8th

Phil Tochelli

Jim Perry

Kevin Toolan



REMEMBER YOUR FACE MASK: Please remember to bring your mask to Mass.

MASS BOOK INTENTIONS FOR 2021: The Mass intentions book is available to book your masses for next year.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: The Stewardship Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.



A MESSAGE OF LOVE:

In the final words of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is

not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he, too, will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).



Lord of healing and compassion,
May your perpetual light shine
upon the poor souls lost on 9/11,
and may your
Sacred Heart provide
comfort and peace to the
family and friends of the
dearly departed. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE: A variety of take-home inspirational booklets are available each week in the church for you to take and follow the Sunday and week-day mass readings. "Give Us This Day" has the daily & Sunday readings as well as a reflection and Saint of the Day. "The Word Among Us" and "Living Faith" each have a one page thought for the Day. "Our Daily Bread: is good for 3 months. Please take a copy of each and another for a friend or family member. If you are unable to stop by for Mass we would be glad to deliver a set of each booklet to your home. Please call Father John. (570) 876-1061.

SONNY SAYS: A man finally had his hearing aid repaired. His family had gotten used to his not being able to hear every word. A friend asked him-"Are you going to tell your family that it is fixed?" He replied, "Heck no. Since I have been able to hear so well, I've already changed my will 3 times."



NOT ABLE TO COME TO MASS?: Although we are having daily Mass & Sunday Mass-and sanitizing the Church regularly, we understand if you prefer to stay home. If you would like Father to bring Holy Communion to you, please call. He would be glad to stop by anytime. (570)876-1061.

CONFIRMATION TO BE CELEBRATED: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, September 20th at the 10:30 A.M. Mass.



C.C.D. REGISTRATION: Classes begin on September 27, in the church and Church Hall (Basement of the Church) to keep adequate distancing. Registrations are due by September 13th.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) TO BEGIN: On Sunday, September 27, our program will begin. We are planning in-class sessions using both the Parish Hall and the Church to maintain adequate distancing. We're sure our children are anxious to return to their faith-formation. All sanitizing protocols will be observed. Registrations forms are available. Please be sure to complete registration of your child by September 13th. **The fee is \$15.00 per child.** Forms can be found on our website: www.sacredheartchurch.com. You may scan the box with your smart phone or the link below. Paper forms are also available in the church, or can be mailed to you by calling the Rectory Office. (570) 876-1061.

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STEWARDSHIP NEWS:
BAKE SALE: The Annual Mary Perrault Bake Sale will be held before, during and after all Masses on the **week-end of September 12-13.** In order to keep everyone safe, we respectfully ask that everyone please wear a mask, please practice social distancing and please refrain from touching items unless they are being purchased. Additional tents will be set up to help with social distancing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

BAKE SALE: BAKERS NEEDED!: If you would like to donate a dessert for the Mary Perrault Memorial Bake Sale, please contact Mary Malec at 570-319-1028 (home phone) or 570-862-4725 (cell phone-call or text). Cakes, pies, cookies, etc. whatever you would like to donate will be gladly accepted. Please note: **Baked goods should NOT need to refrigerated.** Please drop off baked goods on **Friday, September 11, between 2-5 P.M. in the church basement.** Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

HOLIDAY HELPER FUNDRAISER: Due to the pandemic, our parish is unable to sponsor the Christmas Cash fundraising event this year. In place of Christmas Cash, the parish will conduct the Holiday Helper fundraiser, as was done in 2019. Holiday Helper will feature both cash prizes and gasoline gift certificates. The drawing for Holiday Helper will be in December, just in time for the holiday season. While we are gathering donations from local businesses, we are also asking for donations from our parishioners. Anyone interested in making a donation to Holiday Helper, can drop off the donation in the collection basket at Mass, at the rectory, or by contacting Sheila Wilkes (570-954-7963). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CARE AND EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: We no longer have an envelope for this very important collection. **If you would like credit for this collection simply mark a plain envelope with your envelope number.** The second collection of the first Sunday of the month will always be designated for the Care and Education of Priests. Please be generous to this collection!

