

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH. 27:30-28:9. Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor.

PSALM 103. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

ROMANS. 14:7-9. Whether we live or whether we die, we do so for the Lord.

MATTHEW. 18: 21-35. Forgive one another from your heart.



TODAY'S REFLECTION: To forgive as God forgives. Before our merciful Father in heaven, every one of us is an insolvent debtor. But the great mystery of our faith is that God continues to love us, continues to call us back to him, continues to seek not retribution but reconciliation with us. All God asks is that we forgive one another as he forgives us, to help one another back up when we stumble as he lifts us back up. To forgive as God forgives means to move beyond the harm and pain done to us and to seek reconciliation regardless of the cost, without setting limits or conditions. Such God-like forgiveness can be painful and humiliating, but it is truly life-giving and liberating.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

MONDAY 9/14

8:00 A.M.

Scott Hine (William McDermott Family)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

TUESDAY 9/15

8:00 A.M.

Joseph Cicio, Jr. (Tony & Marie Spataro)

Our Lady of Sorrows

WEDNESDAY 9/16

8:00 A.M.

Olive Loughney (Kevin & Ann Pittack)

Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

THURSDAY 9/17

8:00 A.M.

Marguerite Connolly (Jean Willis)

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

FRIDAY 9/18

8:00 A.M.

Deceased of the Tyrell and Ackroyd Families (Gene & Sharon Cardamone)

SATURDAY 9/19

4:00 P.M.

Joseph & Mary Clark (The Family)

SUNDAY 9/20-THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M.

Kristy Ryczak (M/M Kevin Pittack & Fam.)

10:30 A.M.-CONFIRMATION MASS

Anne Dowd-Geoffroy (Gerard Geoffroy & Rebecca & Chris Schwinden)

12:00 P.M.-Spanish Mass

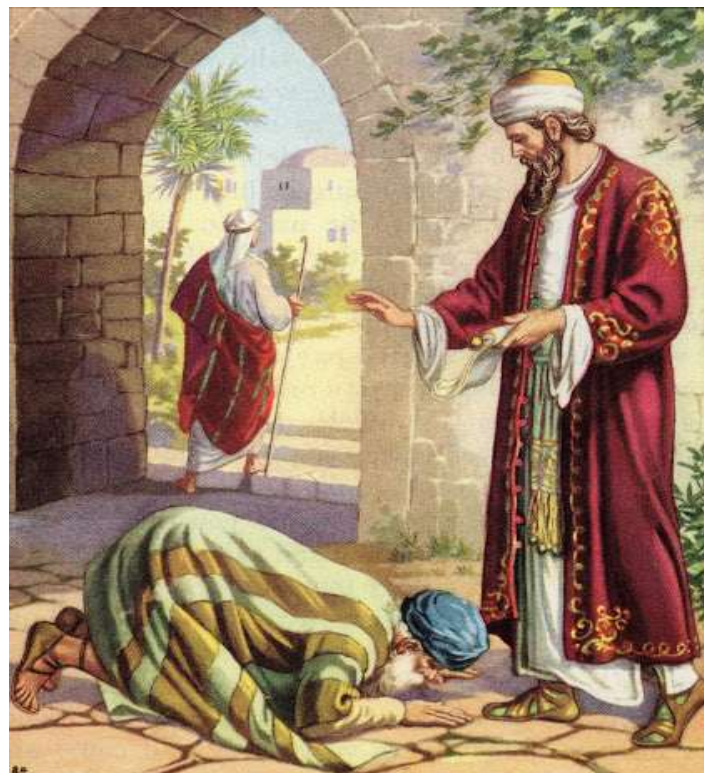
People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "By our Baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." *USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"*

FUEL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Please be as generous as you can to this Special Collection. Thank You.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Burns in memory of: Tom Pollock. Donated by the Moffitt Family. Thank You!



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$3,448.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$474.00
SALARY/DUES	\$580.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$86.30
INCOME	=\$4,502.00
EXPENSES	=\$2,786.82



Counters for Monday September 14th

Diane Chelik
Theresa Daley

SECOND COLLECTION/ROOF FUND: Thank you for helping us keep dry!

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th.

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



FORGIVENESS: Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are here to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.

2020:

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States, designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"-a day on which we celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's Theme is *"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,"* quoting St. Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. We are handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. As our catechists respond to the call of their gift of faith, may they deepen this "handing on" of the Gospel to our youth.



COMING TO MASS? In our church, we have lots of room and are able to maintain social distancing. Everyone has been very faithful in wearing masks. And with a shortened form (no music) we are done in 30 minutes! We also have a nice air-flow and sanitizing (ULV) fogger to keep the virus away. Many more parishioners have been attending Mass lately. God's Blessings to you and your family. Hope to see you Soon.

SONNY SAYS:

The priest stopped in the middle of his sermon and signaled to the usher. "In the second row," he whispered, is a man sound asleep, wake him up." "That's not fair," said the usher. "What do you mean, 'not fair'?" "You put him to sleep; you wake him up!"



THANK YOU: Thank you to all who have been donating your offerings. We appreciate your generosity. You are our only source of assistance. May God Bless your 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!

WELCOME NEW

PARISHIONERS: Please welcome our newest parishioners to our Parish Church Family. M/M Brock Noldy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: Christopher Marsico & Rosalie Tokarczyk. Parishioners who died this past week. *Eternal rest Grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

PASTA DINNER AND \$5,000 RAFFLE: St. John Vianney Parish (Corpus Christi Church), Montdale & Royal, is having a Drive thru Pasta Dinner & \$5,000 raffle on Sunday, October 4th from Noon to 3:00 P.M. Dinner tickets are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Pasta Dinner tickets must be purchased by September 27th and can be purchased outside of the Church at Masses on September 19-20 & 26-27 or by contacting the Parish Office 570-254-9502, ext. 1, or e-mail ccrc402@comcast.net. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the drive thru.

ASK THE PASTOR: Please join Father Cyril Edwards and Father Jeff Tudgay on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 P.M. for the Facebook Live "Ask the Pastor" session. The session will cover the topic of divorce and remarriage within the Catholic Church. Participants can engage live or use the form below to submit questions or comments ahead of the session. <https://forms.gle/nj5gTXHUuj53qpXg6>



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SETS SEPTEMBER 14, AS DAY OF PRAYER AND GRATITUDE OF PRIESTS:

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has set Monday, September 14, 2020 the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, as a Day of Prayer and Gratitude for Priests in the Diocese of Scranton. The bishop invites all priests and the faithful to join together for Evening Prayer and a Renewal of Priestly Promises live at 4:00 P.M. via Catholic Television, the Diocese of Scranton website or any of the Diocese of Scranton social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube). During the COVID-19 Pandemic, our priests have continued to do Christ's work by offering the sacraments to the sick and dying, finding creative ways to serve parishioners and serve the poor through food pantries and personal outreach. We thank them for their commitment and service.

