

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Labor Day**

9:00 Alex D’Arco req. by Maureen Scanlon Brogan

**TUESDAY**

8:30 Anthony Luongo req. by his children

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 Alex D’Arco & Ines D’Arco req. by the Scanlon Family

Pauline De Sante req. by James & Sylvia Riordan

**THURSDAY – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 Goli Gorospe req. by Anna & Simon

Clare & Norm Clark req. by their daughter, Kathryn

**FRIDAY – Saint Peter Claver**

8:30 John Dwyer req. by Laura De Sena

Special Intention for the Dirle Family req. by the Dirle Family

9:30 Deceased Members of the Parish

**SATURDAY –**

8:30 Doris Beshlian req. by Janis & Dominic Tripodi

5:30 Virginia O’Brien req. by the Makoujy Family

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu, & Dirle families req. by the Dirle Family

Special intention of Andrei Rona and Family req. by the Dirle Family

9:00 John Ruiz req. by the Dunn family

10:30 Esther Gillan req. by Katy & Chris Jones

12:00 People of the Parish

Deceased members of the Geronimo & Gorospe Families req. by Anna & Simon

5:00

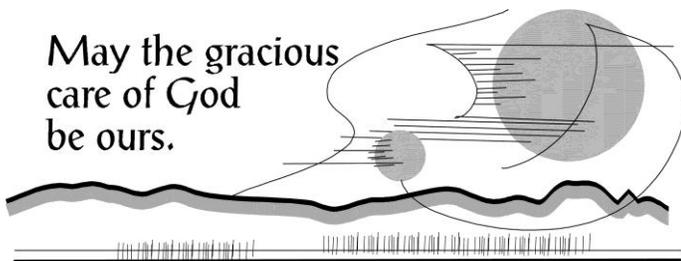
† THE 5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

**PARISH FINANCES**

August 28, 2016

\$9,861

May the gracious care of God be ours.



MEDITATIONS SEPTEMBER 4-10

*“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28)*

Few of us have needed to build a tower, much less review troops before battle. But we all have plans that require us to assess our resources. *Do I have what it takes to get that degree?...to care for a foster child or elderly relative?...to lead that Bible study in my parish?*

The woman being canonized today certainly had what it takes. As she made her life “something beautiful for God,” St. Teresa of Calcutta showed the determining that is the hallmark of every disciple. “The first step to becoming holy,” she once said, “is to will it.”

This can sound intimidation, especially if you don’t see yourself as a particularly determined person. But Jesus wants to share the secret that Mother Teresa and every other saint discovered: sheer willpower isn’t the whole story. The truly critical factor is *God’s desire*.

If you want your life to be something beautiful for God, know that he wants the same thing. Know also that he has all the grace you need to accomplish it. He has filled you with his Spirit; he gives you his Body and Blood at Mass; he walks beside you every day, helping you when you stumble and cheering you on behind your desire to build a “tower” that glorifies him.

So whenever you sit down to calculate the cost of following Jesus—especially when that cost seems too high—take comfort from these words from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

You belong to him. *Nothing can separate you from him.* That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you ...answer Jesus’ call to you with the simple word, “Yes.”

**“Jesus, I say yes! I will follow you no matter the cost.”**

**Wisdom 9:13-18**

**Psalms 90:3-6, 12-17**

## THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 9/4//16 – 9/1016

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>LABOR DAY – Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9:00 AM Scripture Sharing</b>	<b>Library</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Woman’s Cornerstone</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:30 PM Bingo (Non Smoking)</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9:25 AM School Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:30 PM AA</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9:00 AM Legion of Mary</b>	<b>St. Benedict</b>
	<b>8:00 PM AA</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>

## LITURGY

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

#### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

## REFLECTION

### Signup Sunday, The Best Way To Remember 9/11.

We all remember where we were 15 years ago when almost 3,000 people lost their lives on American soil due to a hate-filled act. We remember trying, and failing, to make some kind of sense of it all. Many of us found ourselves gathering at our churches. Instinctively we knew that the path to the future had to begin here. We knew we could reach out and find God's waiting hand ready to grasp our hands.

We here at Our Lady of the Lake have a remarkable number of parishioners who are doing just that, walking side by side with God. They are not just God's servants, but his companions, too. They have accepted his invitation to walk with him on the path he has laid out.

We can't always picture ourselves on this path. St. Peter couldn't. The first time Jesus and St. Peter met, Jesus filled Peter's fishing nets to overflowing! Stunned when Jesus suggested that he join him on his path, Peter jumped back and told Jesus he wasn't the kind of person Jesus would want. And yet Peter not only did join Jesus, but became the rock on which our church is built!

How did Jesus convince Peter to be his friend and companion? What did he say to Peter that first day that made Peter see the possibilities that were ahead? What made Peter say to himself, "I could do that."?

What could Jesus say to *us* to help us see the possibilities that are ahead? What could make *us* say, "I could do that."? Where do we begin? For starters, we could begin by looking at the descriptions of O.L.L.'s ministries and committees in the Signup Brochures that are in the baskets by the church doors. You will probably find at least one or two that catch your eye. If that happens, think very seriously about it; that may be God's way of tapping you on the shoulder, inviting you to be his companion. What better way to be inspired by 9/11 than by reaching out and taking the hand of God, our friend?



## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The summer is almost over!!! The new choir season is about to begin. We would like to welcome existing members of our Music Ministry and invite those who would like to join us. Please, contact Krys Kowalewski at 973-729-6107 ext. 227 for more details.

**Adult Choir** – sings at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, first meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Cassidy Hall. WE NEED TENORS AND BASSES!!!

**The Children's Choir** - sings at 9 am Mass on Sunday, first practice on Thursday, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm at St. Cecilia's room.

**The Contemporary Ensemble** - sings at 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, first practice on Saturday, Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at St. Cecilia's room.

**Instrumentalists** – if you play a flute, oboe, violin, guitar, etc., can read music and have some performing experience please, contact our Music Director.

**Come and join us!!! Praise God with your talent!!!**

## **CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE**

Are you, a family member, or a friend divorced? There's no such thing as a *Catholic* divorce, but Catholics do civilly divorce. Give someone a copy of this bulletin to invite them to the *Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* 12-week group which begins September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Lucy's Room. Cost is \$15 per person which includes a "personal survival guide" and all materials for 12 weeks.

The dates of the meetings are:

**Sept 15, 22, 29**

**Oct. 6, 13, 20**

**Nov. 3, 10, 17**

**Dec. 1, 8, 15**

Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Laurie DiCianni at 973-729-6107 or email [ldicianni@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:ldicianni@ourladyofthelake.org) to sign up for this program.

## **THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS FOR EVERYONE**

You are invited on a powerful journey that will lead you along the steps towards freedom and new life. The spirituality of the 12 steps transcends multiple religious and secular traditions, & it gets to the heart of the most basic of human desires: happiness, peace, and inner freedom. Join us on Tuesdays, starting on **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 – 8:30 PM in Cassidy Hall for this DVD series led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, with follow-up discussion & refreshments.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration forms for the 2016-2017 Sunday morning Religious Education classes may be downloaded from our website, [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org) and either mailed or brought to our parish office by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **CONFIRMATION REMINDER**

All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Registration forms must be submitted to our parish office no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. All forms are on our website, [www.ourladyofthelake.org](http://www.ourladyofthelake.org).

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Come for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!

### **AN RCIA INVITATION**

*Your spouse is Catholic, and you want to be united in faith. You have a family member or a friend whom you sense is searching. You were baptized a Catholic, and now wish to deepen your commitment by receiving First Communion or Confirmation. Come - and invite that friend who is searching - to the RCIA Inquiry Session!!*

**When? September 11th**, after 10:30 Mass on Sunday.

**Where? Cassidy Hall** (the meeting room behind the Church).

**What? RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**, is our Parish program for adults discerning a call to join the Catholic faith, or who have already received Christian baptism and now wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. We on the RCIA Team welcome you and look forward to joining you along your faith journey!

## **DEPARTMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is proud to announce the fall opening of their Saturdays at the Center program (SATC) DPD is a nonprofit, Catholic Charities organization in the Diocese of Paterson that provides support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

This endeavor is designed for young adults with disabilities living in the community, who are interested in weekend socialization and recreational activities with their peers.

Education about group home and independent living is also part of the curriculum. Respite time for caregivers of the participating individuals will be provided, as the program is well supervised by experienced staff and volunteers.

SATC will meet Saturdays at Gruenert Center on Rt. 15 in LK Hopatcong and will run for a 12 week span. Meeting times are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The tuition for the entire program is \$120 plus minimal additional fees for special activities such as bowling or dining out.

They are seeking interested participants and volunteers for their fall start date of September 17, 2016. Please contact Patt Foth (973) 440-0983 or [satc@dpd.org](mailto:satc@dpd.org) for further information or to obtain applications.

## SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS CALENDAR

**Speaking of Faith** is a series of programs in which Fr. Paul Manning interviews a person of faith about his or her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith into work and life.

Fr. Kartje - September 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Lisa Hendey - October 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Christopher Bell - February 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Deacon Brian Beyerl, MD-May 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM

(You are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:00 PM)

### **Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)**

**Moderated by: Mary Theresa Conca**

**Madison: Saturdays -Sept 24, Oct 29, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 11, May 13, 10 AM - 12 PM**

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

**First Steps in Faith** 11:00 AM - 12 PM

**Monday, September 12, 2016**

**Location: Madison**

Join instructor Cindy Costello for a 3 week session that introduces the "first steps" in the Theology of the Body to moms and their newborn-preschool aged children. Stories read aloud and age appropriate activities include: "

Everybody Has a Body": a simple, fun introduction to the differences between boys and girls." Every Body Is a Gift: everyday situations to show young children how they can use their bodies to receive and give love to those around them, and Every Body Is Smart: a fun introduction to the ways our bodies talk to us and how we can respond.

Moms will discuss ways they can further these topics at home.

To register go to [insidethewalls.org](http://insidethewalls.org)

## **TIN PAN DINNER AND CLOTHING DRIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 9:00AM to 11:00AM**

We will be collecting clothing and frozen tin pan dinners for the Father English Center in Paterson. Please drop off donations by the garages behind the rectory. Tin pans with recipes will be distributed this weekend.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be at 9:00 AM.

Have a Safe Holiday!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF CLASSIC**

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Rolling Greens Golf Club, Newton, NJ**

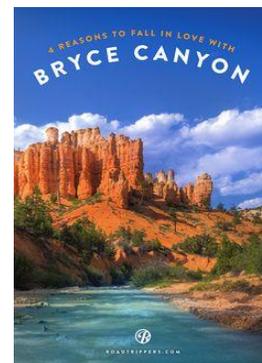
**To Benefit Marquette Council #588 Charities**

**Registration & Breakfast  
6:30 – 7:45 AM**

**7:45 AM Shot Gun Start**

**Contact Don Reichert at 973-729-3599 or Kevin Cavanagh at 973-786-5894 or Bill Rudloff at 973-663-3972**

### **On the Road with Father David! U.S. NATIONAL PARKS TOUR- MAY 23-June 5, 2017**



### **ONLY 7 SEATS LEFT!**

Join Father David on a comfortably-paced, in-depth tour of 6 of the U.S. National Parks, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, The Arches, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and Monument Park, a tribal park. The grand finale of the trip will be a night in Las Vegas!

*For more information, call the parish office or Judy and Bill Bosworth, 973-729-4629.*