

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – Labor Day

9:00 Helen Gregory & Colleen Helen McBride req. by the Gregory Family

TUESDAY – Saint Gregory the Great

8:30 Stephanie Bronough req. by Grandma, Irene Nilah Amber Amditis req. by the Kwietniewski Family

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Judith DeBergh req. by the Scanlon Family

THURSDAY – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 Cosetta Natali-Russo req. by Cynthia & Michael DiNardo

FRIDAY

8:30 Mike Morelli req. by Family

9:30 Donatus Anwuzia req. by your Rev. Brown Family

SATURDAY

8:30 Josephine Gilmartin req. by Sean and Debbie Gilmartin

5:30 William Connors req. by Family
John P. DeLaura III (1st Anniv.) req. by Bette & Kaity DeLaura

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 Clare & Norm Clark req. by Kathryn Clark

Kelly Nicole req. by the Wick Family

9:00 People of the Parish

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

10:30 John P. DeLaura III req. by Bette & Kaity

Joseph Lorello req. by Re Lorello

12:00 Dorothy Cecere req. by the Inganamort Family

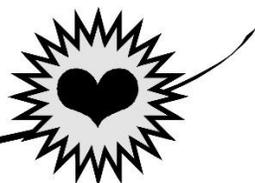
Octania Diaz req. by Pauline Balestras

PARISH FINANCES

August 25, 2019

\$ 9,334

Humility



REFLECTION

DIVINE FOOLISHNESS

“No, no,” we want to say, “this is not how the world works.”

Today’s readings exhorting us to humility are an affront to common sense. Everyone knows that to get ahead in life, you need to be assertive if not aggressive. You need to network with the right people and do favors for those who will favor you in return. You want the approval of the powerful, those who might advance your career. It’s a no-brainer: humility is for losers.

No wonder these readings throw us off balance. They make us uncomfortable, nudging us to suspect that the world’s wisdom, what “everyone knows,” is wrong, at least in God’s eyes. The author of Sirach asserts that God favors those who humbly listen with an attentive ear. Jesus states explicitly that those who humble themselves will be exalted. It all sounds absurd.

It’s in the epistle that we find this divine foolishness making sense. We’re reminded that pride can be a killer: just ask Abel (or his brother, Cain). And we’re given a view of the place God has prepared for those who reject the self-serving that leads to callousness and violence towards others. We’re invited to envision a new place, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. It’s there that the losers – the infirm, poor, and lowly – will be honored at last. And Jesus, the mediator between this world and the next, will welcome them, and all the humble of heart, into the fullness of his new covenant.

From: *Give Us This Day*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 9/2/19– 9/7/19

Mon.	LABOR DAY – Mass at 9:00, Office Closed	
Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
	11:00 am Arimathea	Library
	7:00 pm Women’s Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Thurs.	6:45 pm BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	6 – 8:00 PM Scout Registration	McKenna Hall
	8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	6:30 PM Dancing Under the Stars	

LITURGY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

FILIPINO MASS

The Filipino First Friday Bi-lingual Mass will be held on Friday, September 6th in Church. Fellowship will follow in the youth room. All are welcome!

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- † Is interested in becoming a Catholic?
- † Was baptized but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is for adults 18 years old and over.* We come together weekly in a small group to learn more about our faith. We focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. We meet each Thursday evening, 7:00 to 8:30 pm starting September 12th in the Parish Center, 2nd Floor.

Please join us on September 12th at 7:00 pm for our Welcome Social! Our RCIA team will be ready to answer any questions you may have. We will gather in the St. Lucy Room in the Parish Center, 2nd floor. Bring a friend! **We also offer separate age-appropriate instruction for children and youth age 7 to 17.*

If you have any questions or to register, please call or text Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, or jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF CLASSIC
NINE & DINE!**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
Lake Mohawk Golf Club
471 West Shore Trail, Sparta
\$100 per golfer – due by August 30th
Dedicated to numerous charities

Make check payable to
Marquette Council #588



Pick up a brochure in the vestibule of the church and mail the registration together with your check to Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588, PO Box 588, Sparta, NJ 07871.

Questions? Please contact a committee member:

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WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

St. Joseph Church Thrift Shop

The Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop (St. Joseph Church), located at 17 Halsted St., Newton, will be having ½ price sales on their incredible supply of household items from August 15 to September 7. Shop hours are Thurs & Fri from 10 am to 4 pm. The shop will be closed on Saturdays for the month of August. Come pay us a visit.

First Thursdays at Sacred Heart center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on September 5, 2019. The topic will be *The New Evangelization – What, Why, How?* No need to pre-register. Suggested donation is \$15. For further information, visit our web site: sacredheartsprituallitycenteer.org, e-mail us shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call (973) 383-2620.

Alaska Cruise and Denali National Park Tour July 6-July 17, 2020

Join Father David on an 11-night, 12-day trip of a lifetime to Alaska's Inside Passage and Denali National Park. We will visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Hubbard Glacier, Seward, Denali National Park, Anchorage and much more.

There will be an informational meeting in Cassidy Hall on Sunday, 9/8/20, after the 12 noon Mass for those who have already signed up and for those interested in traveling with us!

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

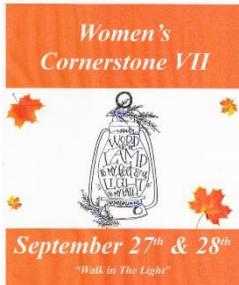


OUR PARISH TRIP, NORDIC BALTIC OCEANIA CRUISE 2019

Hosted By Daniel Scully Of Scully Travel Group LLC.



Father David led a group of travelers to Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, & finally to the UK from July 22 to August 4. Some highlights of the trip were visits to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, & Windsor Castle. A fabulous time was enjoyed by all.



What is Cornerstone?

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat that will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church on September 27th and 28th.

During the retreat, our team will speak about various aspects of our Catholic faith and share personal stories on these topics.

After each talk, there will be opportunity for discussion and questions. **YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WISH.** You are not required to speak. This IS your RETREAT – have fun, laugh out loud, and get to know each other better.

Teams are predominantly lay people – your neighbors and fellow parishioners. While Cornerstone is run by the Laity, we have a priest and deacon involved for spiritual guidance.

What is the Goal of Cornerstone?

The goal of Cornerstone is for each participant to develop a stronger connection to God so that we may live the life that God wants us to live.

Who should attend the Women's Cornerstone?

- Women 21 years of age or older who would like to take some time for reflection and prayer,
- Are interested in working on their connection to God,
- Would like to revitalize their spiritual lives,
- Seek a sense of belonging to a vibrant parish community,
- Want to thank God for the blessings bestowed upon them,
- Hope to find...

See our website for Brochure with registration information: www.ourladyofthelake.org.

Do not sit at the place of honor



Those who exalt themselves shall be humbled



Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day.

Father David, Father Kamil, and all the parish staff wish you a Happy Labor Day!

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and the parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday!

Come and Join Us
Saturday, September 7th, 2019

OLL Dancing Under the Stars

From 6:30—10 pm

Includes Dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, a dance lesson, DJ and Dancing !!

Tickets: \$10 Purchase at the Parish Office

Ages 13—Adult are most welcome

Please RSVP to AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org