

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 Jeanne Ruth req. by Geoff & Judy Zoeller
Ann Riehl Long req. by Genevieve Appel

TUESDAY

8:30 Nancy Higgins req. by Betsy Sutherland

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Special Intention of Simon Jude Levien req. by Mom

THURSDAY – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30 Christopher Hernandez req. by the Dirle Family

FRIDAY – Saint Vincent de Paul

8:30 George Lenhart req. by the Dirle Family

SATURDAY – Saint Wencelaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Gloria Shope req. by the McGauley Families

5:30 Jerome Stehr req. by family
People of the Parish

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:45 Deceased members of the Wilgan & Janiak Families req. by Ewa Wilgan
9:00 Thomas & Catherine Bracken req. by Tom & Pat Bracken
Wieslawa Niezgoda req. by Family
10:30 Margaret Savage req. by Henry Savage
Rosemary Masten req. by Henry Savage
12:00 Elvita Rodriguez Sanchez, Miguelina Rodriguez Barrientas, Rosa Rodriguez Ballivian req. by Virginia Cruz

PARISH FINANCES

September 15, 2019

\$ 10,874

PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD

Christ Jesus

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REFLECTION

EXTRAVAGANT MERCY

This is a troubling parable, isn't it? Why would Jesus make a dishonest servant the hero of the story?

Perhaps some context will help. Jesus had just finished telling the parable of the prodigal son – a story about a father who forgives his son completely and throws a lavish party to celebrate his return. The father's extravagance is so outlandish that you would have a hard time finding anyone who acts that way in real life.

But that's the point. The prodigal son is a parable about God's extravagant mercy toward us. Now, as a contrast, he tells a story about limited, self-motivated "mercy." He tells about a disgraced steward who uses shady means to forgive just a portion of a debt some people owe.

That's a far cry from the prodigal's father, isn't it? And Jesus knows it. He knows that forgiveness and mercy are in short supply in this world. But then, in his conclusion to the parable, Jesus says that his followers seem to be unable to match even the so-called "mercy" of this dishonest steward. "The children of this world," he says, "are more prudent... than are the children of light." The steward was indeed prudent in his forgiveness of debts. But Jesus is looking for something beyond prudence and shrewdness – and he wants to see it come from us. He is looking for true mercy – extravagant mercy forgives with no strings attached.

Can you rise to Jesus' challenge? Can you forgive, especially when the other person doesn't deserve mercy? It isn't easy, but it is possible. It will come as you keep practicing it and asking for his grace to help you.

Today at Mass, you will receive the highest expression of God's extravagant mercy: the Body and Blood of Christ, given for you. When you do, let his love flow into you. Let it melt your heart and make you as merciful as he is.

From: *The Word Among Us*

Sun. 10:00 am Parent Meeting - 8, 9 & 10 gr and Ministry Fair	PJ Old Gym
Tues. 9:00 am Bible Study	Library
Thurs. 6:45 pm BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
7:00 pm RCIA	St. Lucy
Fri. – Sat. Women's Cornerstone Retreat	
Sat. 9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
Sun. 1:00 pm Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

LITURGY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



PRAISE God

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Family Promise of Sussex County Open House

Please join us for our annual open house on October 1, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 19 Church Street, Newton, NJ. We will be serving light refreshments and discussing the housing needs of our county and how our agency can help. Come see what we do and how we do it. As always, thank you for all of your support and all you do for our community. RSVP to Nichole Reed at nreed@familypromisesussex.org by September 20th.

Dominican College Information Session

An information session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Prusmack Center at Dominican College, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962. To register go to adult.dc.edu.

Caring.com

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. Many aging adults are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help them maintain their independence and quality of life. So we created a free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in your area. You can read more about our work at <https://www.caring.com/seniorliving>.

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

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

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

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who participated in the Golf Outing On September 10th and who supported the 200 Club by purchasing the 50/50 tickets. And, happily, a parishioner from Our Lady of the Lake won the 50/50!

October 10, 2019

Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry

Dinner and Auction

Lake Mohawk Country Club, Sparta

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at the parish office.

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry is holding its largest fundraising event. This event provides much needed funds to provide food for those in need in Sparta and Sussex County.

CLOTHING DRIVE – October 5th



We will have a clothing drive on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. behind the rectory near the 4-car garage.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 4TH – 4:00 PM



Our Lady of the Lake Church invites you to a **Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 4:00 PM** sharp in front of the church – Rain or Shine! Treats will be provided for your loving pets! Mark your calendar for this wonderful event.

St. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of animals and ecology. His devotion to God was expressed through his love for all God's creatures.

ALL PETS ARE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US!

Please remember Our Lady of the Lake Parish in your estate planning.

**MAKE FRIENDS
THROUGH YOUR USE OF THIS WORLD'S GOODS.**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

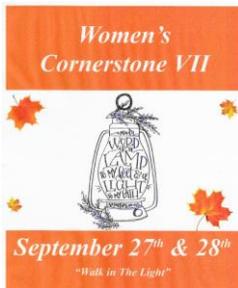
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019**

First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."

Perhaps there is no clearer summary of what our prayer life should be like, than this directive of Paul to his disciple and companion. We are asked to move from prayer for myself to prayer for others, offering gratitude for His goodness to me and asking blessings for others.

As I respond to the Spirit's directive in my prayer I include praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude, my needs and the needs of others, seeking and offering forgiveness. There are many models of great and holy people teaching by example their way of prayer. Return to the Lord's Prayer and find all these elements in the words we recite so often, yet sometimes fleetingly.

That is why Paul's reminder today begins with 'first of 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.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Deadline to register is Thursday, October 10th, 2019. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson

"For I Was Hungry..."

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2019appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2019 Appeal today!

ANNUAL RED MASS

The Annual Diocesan Red Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m. Celebrant Bishop Serratelli, will honor Karol Corbin Walker, Esq. and present her with the 2019 Advocati Christi Award. For more information and to register, please visit insidethewalls.org/redmass

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS- SAVE THE DATE

At Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The Mass is a wonderful way to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life. Please save the date!

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS, MADISON

BOLD WITNESS IN A FAITHLESS AGE

Join New York Post op-ed editor and former Wall Street Journal columnist, Sohrab Ahmari, as he shares his personal story of conversion to Catholicism and comments on the Catholic's responsibility to proclaim truth in a relativistic society, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit <https://insidethewalls.org/sept28>.

PATHWAY THROUGH THE PENTATEUCH

Rediscover the first five books of the Bible with the Shepherd of our Diocese. Bishop Serratelli will lead this five part exploration of the Pentateuch. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd, November 5th and 12th at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For information and to register please visit insidethewalls.org/ptp.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Join us Wednesday nights for Adoration at 6:00 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m.