

## OCTOBER 6, 2019

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MONDAY – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 Gene Sutherland req. by the Sutherland Family  
Emil Beland req. by Doug Vance

#### TUESDAY

8:30 Susan N. Aker req. by Craig & Stephanie Austin  
Candelaria Ramirez req. by the Dirle Family

#### WEDNESDAY – Saints Denis, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi

8:30 Joan Gucciardo req. by Laura De Sena

#### THURSDAY

8:30 Marie O'Neill req. by the Scanlon Family  
Wilma Verber req. by DiSanti & Verber Families

#### FRIDAY – Saint John XXIII, Pope

8:30 Robert Smerklo req. by the Weckler Family  
John Brescia req. by Carlotta & Anthony

#### SATURDAY

8:30 Robert Luba req. by the Scanlon Family  
Alexandra Labrum req. by the Stock Family  
5:30 Michael Gamache req. by Gail & Bill Rudloff  
Keely Larson req. by Dottie Capasso

## OCTOBER 13, 2019

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirle Family and all souls in Purgatory req. by the Dirle Family  
Special Intention of Andre, Marie & Hector req. by the Dirle Family  
9:00 People of the Parish  
George E. Neder req. by his wife, Carolyn Neder  
10:30 John Denery req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Botts  
Members of the Purgatorial Society  
12:00 Diana Vance req. by Doug Vance  
May Tricarico req. by the McCann Family

#### PARISH FINANCES

September 29, 2019 \$11,206

WeShare – September \$ 8,765

**The Second collection next week will be for our Diocesan Assessment.**

(last week was misprint)

*Rekindle  
the gift of God* 

*that is within you*

## REFLECTION

### The Power of Faith

Imagine a young woman standing beside a frozen pond in a local park. There's a sign beside the pond which says 'Danger – Thin Ice'. But the young woman is carrying a large suitcase which has the word 'Faith' in bold letters on the side of it. She thinks to herself: 'I've got lots of faith, so I'll step out onto the ice. I believe that the ice will support me.' Is this what we think faith is? Something that, if we have enough of it, will enable us to do seemingly impossible things? The words of Jesus today could appear to imply this. Even the disciples asked that their faith be increased – as though it was important to have lots of it. Did the disciples really know what faith is?

Now imagine a similar, but significantly different scene. The same young woman is standing by the frozen pond. But this time the sign reads 'Safe - Thick Ice'. She is holding not a great suitcase but a mini-purse and you can hardly read the word 'Faith' embroidered on it. But she is thinking very differently: 'I really don't have very much faith - but I'll use it to put my trust in what the sign says!' Does this scene more clearly reflect what faith really is? Certainly it does help us to see that the true focus is what we put our faith in rather than faith itself (and how much of it we have).

Jesus' words seem to suggest that it really doesn't matter how much faith we have. A grain of mustard seed is the smallest possible grain. Having the tiniest speck of willingness is enough, he said, to uproot a sycamore and plant it in the sea. So does this mean that we can perform mighty miracles just by exercising a bit of faith? Not really! There is something unspoken in the text of the Gospel. What is that? It is the word of God that we put our faith in. When God reveals his will, or when God speaks his word, even the tiniest willingness to believe him will connect us to his power and we shall see his will or his word being fulfilled. If God revealed that he wanted the sycamore uprooted, we could commnad it to do so, and it would. The key to faith is to know God's will or to hear his word.

From: *Bible Alive*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 10/7/19– 10/13/19**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>7:00 pm Knights of Columbus</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 pm Baptism Class</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9:00 am Bible Study</b>	<b>Library</b>
	<b>7:00 pm Women's Cornerstone Reunion</b>	<b>Cassidy</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>McKenna</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:45 pm BINGO (non-smoking)</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 pm RCIA</b>	<b>St. Lucy</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 pm Filipino Mass</b>	<b>Church &amp; Youth Room</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA</b>	<b>Cassidy Hall</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9:00 am Legion of Mary</b>	<b>St. Benedict</b>
	<b>12:00 noon – Cubs Raingutter Regatta</b>	<b>McKenna</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>2:00-5:00 pm Fall Follies Signups</b>	<b>McKenna Hall</b>

**LITURGY**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

*Live by faithfulness*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

There is an immediate and great need to bring Holy Communion to the patients at Newton Hospital. Training will be available for this beautiful and important ministry. Call Betty Heldak at 973-729-6107 to volunteer.

**BAPTISM CLASS FOR NEW PARENTS**

A preparation for the parents of children to be baptized will be held on Monday October 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Room in the parish center. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.

**FILIPINO MASS**

The bilingual Filipino Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come join us for Mass and fellowship.



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PERFORMERS FOR Our Lady of the Lake FALL FOLLIES Talent Show**

Calling all performers, singers, dancers, poets, musicians, magicians, lip-syncers, and those with other special talents.

"The Showcase that puts a spotlight on our Gifts!"

**ALL AGES WELCOME to Participate!**

**Please come to the first two practice dates:**

**Sunday, October 13 from 2-5 pm, McKenna Hall**

**Saturday, October 19, from 2-5 pm, McKenna Hall**

**More rehearsal dates to follow.**

**The Performance will be on Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m.**

Confirmation Students will be working with the FUNraising committee to put on a Parish-wide Talent show.

**Fall Follies needs assistance in the following areas:**

Marketing, Hospitality, Performing, Production, Management, Decorations

Meetings and rehearsals will be held at McKenna Hall.

Email: [AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org](mailto:AllisonO@ourladyofthelake.org)



**WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**

**Knights of Columbus Family Rosary Rally**

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 2:30 pm at Holy Face Monastery, 1697 State Rt. 3, Clifton, NJ 07013, (973) 778-1177, GPS coordinates: 110 Vincent Drive, Clifton, 07013 (easiest route, using Vincent Drive) For further information, please call Peter J. Kueken, Jr., FDD (973) 779-7279 or [kueken-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:kueken-owner@yahoo.com).

**OUR LADY IS INVITING YOU!**

**Saturday Oct 12**

Our Lady of the Lake Church will be praying an outside Rosary on Saturday, Oct 12 at 12:00 noon. We will be joining 23,000 other churches across the nation in praying this powerful prayer for our family, our country, for the Church; especially for the younger generation to live the faith fully, with courage and joy.



The Rosary is a very powerful weapon we Catholics have. Let's get together and pray! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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.

**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*

A colorful poster for "MOMMY AND ME" art class. The poster features the text "MOMMY AND ME" in large, stylized letters, a paint palette, a heart with hands, and a photo of children painting. Below the main text, it says "Fun" and "Creative". At the bottom, it reads "Come take a peek at RB, while you enjoy Mommy and Me! Art Class for children under 3!"

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School**  
**294 Sparta Ave. Sparta, NJ**  
**Call 973.729.6125 X1000 to RSVP**  
**[www.revbrownschool.org](http://www.revbrownschool.org)**



### SILVER & GOLD

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 3:30 pm.**

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

*Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

#### 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 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For information and to register please visit [insidethewalls.org/ptp](http://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.

## 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson



### **"For I Was Hungry..."**

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org).*

#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

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**"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but bear your share of the hardship for the gospel, with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."**

We all need reminders. Emails are sent about meetings, calls made about a dentist appointment, a light on the dashboard to check the oil. Each one has importance and serves a good purpose.

Paul resorts to a reminder and uses the example of a flame. We know a small spark has great potential to become a blazing inferno. Blowing gently on embers from a barbecue can create a fire. The old song 'it only takes a spark to get a fire going' is real.

The same image was directed to Timothy, reminding him of the hands asking for the Spirit to ordain him. The same imposition of hands occurred for us at our baptism and confirmation. Yes, we too have the gift of power, love and self control. Am I ready to stir it into a flame?



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