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September 11, 2001



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22nd & 23rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

August 29-September 5, 2021

MASSES FOR the 2 WEEKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:30 A.M. Jack Nimmo
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. James Nicholl

MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH

8:00 A.M. Tina Gatto LaRosa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:00 A.M. Mary Ryan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:00 A.M. Walter Connolly

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 A.M. William E. McDonald

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

9:00A.M. Andrew Hudak

5:00 P.M. David Buglino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:30 A.M. Ken Norris
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Joann Carlson

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH – Labor Day

9:30 A.M. Walter Mattheiss

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:00 A.M. Kerry Kowalski

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 A.M. Timothy Grealy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:00 A.M. Benedict Holgado

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – Patriot Day

10:00A.M. **VICTIMS of 9/11-- Memorial Mass**

5:00 P.M. Timothy Grealy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:30 A.M. Vito Buccafurni
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Joann "Betty" Carlson

SCRIPTURES:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save His people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water. (Isaiah 35: 4-7a)

Second Reading: James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring the poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches. (James 2:1-5)

GOSPEL: Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged Him to lay His hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves. (Mark 7: 31-37)

Stewardship by the Book August 29, 2021

"Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

Stewardship by the Book September 5, 2021

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 

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Classes begin September 12th. Rel Ed office open Sun. 8/29.
FEES- Pre-K & Kindergarten \$50; Grades 1-8 – 1 child=\$220, 2=\$240, 3 or more= \$250. Grades 9 & 10 \$125 per child. 2nd & 10th Graders additional sacramental fee of \$40.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2021 Religious Ed year

Grades needed **Sunday mornings**- Pre-K, Kindergarten & 5th; Please consider sharing your faith with our children. Materials & training will be provided. For more information call Mrs. Jaye Hedrick at the Religious Education Office 973-663-0124, Ext.2. Thank you. 

CATECHIST MEETING Wednesday, September 8th, 7:30pm- for grades Pre-K thru 10 in the Church Hall. Course Materials be given out at this meeting. For more information call the Religious Ed Office at 973-663-0124. Thank you


Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Marilyn Beyel, Anne Nichols, Janice Bezold, Severo Castro, John Cituk, Gerry Lopato, Lois Archibold, Henry Milkewicz, Anna Marie Totino, Ty Gonabe, Bruce Modes, Brenda Henzs, Stacy Dunn, Lena Emm, Agnes Paulovitz, Mary Ellen Rimli, David Frocalosey, Jo Ellen Jacek, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for the deceased:** Emil Ciliento, Finnbar Carr, Thomas Reck, Marie Calandriello, victims of the earthquake in Haiti, Gloria Marturana, Rev. Eugene Romano, Donald Rimli, Kerri Kowalski, Mary Ryan, John Gillespie, Martin Sior, & all who have died from COVID-19. 




FLOWERS: If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. wedding anniversary; please call Patricia at the Rectory 973/663-0211. \$65-\$85.

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15. We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for celebration of Mass during the week.


BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory Mon-Fri -973-663-0211. 

RCIA is a process where adults can enter the Catholic Church or adult Catholics can be confirmed. The next **RCIA process for 2021-2022 will begin in September.** If you know an adult who is not confirmed or who is a member of another church & is interested in the Catholic Faith, please call Fr. Chris at 973-663-0211. Thank you.

Forever Young Walkers Info available for those interested in monthly nature walks with Ed Young. Please text Ed at-973-270-3512 with your name & cell number if interested. Monthly walks are planned for the first Saturday of each month-weather permitting. A walk to Liffey Island planned for Saturday, Sept. 4th, 9am. Experience the blessings of God in nature & Stay Forever Young! 



NOTE: Monday, **September 6th** is **Labor Day.** Mass will be celebrated at **9:30AM.** Please join us in honoring our labor force.

OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's first meeting of the 2021-22 year is **Monday, Sept. 13th at 6:30PM** in the Church Hall. **All women of the parish are invited to join us** in praying the rosary and discussing this month's topics- amendments, officers, and fundraisers. 



SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated Saturday, September 11th at 10AM honoring the victims of 9/11 on this 20th Anniversary of that world changing day. Please join us in prayer and remembrance.

**REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
on THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

I was on my way to a meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Mt. Arlington on that fateful morning. It was sunny and warm as I made my way there and heard the first report on the radio that a "small" plane had crashed into one tower at the World Trade Center. It was 8:41 AM and it seemed at the time that this was just a tragic accident. Within twenty minutes the second tower had been hit and smoke was billowing from both towers. It became clear in a few minutes that these large planes that had hit the Twin Towers had done so deliberately; this was no accident, and we were told the United States was under attack. Our meeting was cut short, and I returned to the rectory, turned on the television and saw clearly that both towers were on fire. It was hard to digest the images that I saw on screen. Commentators on screen assured us that the towers could not collapse. How wrong these experts were.

Within one hour the intense heat from the fires generated from the thousands of gallons of jet fuel led to the buckling of the massive steel beams encased in the buildings and to both towers, collapsing in huge clouds of smoke and dust. It was hard to believe that what we were witnessing was happening in real time before our eyes. Both towers, which had been a part of the Manhattan skyline for over 30 years, now had turned to dust in just about 90 minutes. We did not know that our lives were about to change drastically. Then came reports of a plane hitting the Pentagon in Washington and another hijacked plane crashing in Shanksville, PA. We were all stunned as we followed the news all day. All air traffic was halted, and planes that were in the air were ordered to land at the nearest airport. People were stranded for some three days before flying resumed, and they were able to make their way to their final destinations.

As September 11th unfolded, we witnessed some horrific scenes. Hundreds of firemen and emergency workers had entered both towers and were lost when the towers collapsed. Before that time, people who were trapped on the upper floors began to jump out of windows in order to avoid the flames and the heat. People on the streets below had to flee for their lives as the buildings came down sending toxic fumes into the air and debris over several city blocks. We were in shock as we tried to digest this unbelievable atrocity.

Then began the gigantic task of cleaning up the site, recovering the bodies of the dead and making the area safe for pedestrians. President George W. Bush visited the site a few days later and promised to bring to justice all the people responsible for this horrible attack. In all, nineteen high jackers died at the four sites where the planes crashed. Hundreds of people involved in the clean up of the World Trade Center site came down with serious illnesses over the next decade and many died at a relatively young age. A compensation fund was set up by Congress to alleviate this problem. It took many months to identify the remains of those who died; some were never identified because of the great heat generated by the flames.

Later that week, planes were allowed to fly again. Within a week or two new security measures were put in place at all airports to screen passengers thoroughly before flying. Those measures are still in place today.

Life as we knew it was over. Our belief in our own invincibility was challenged as never before. In all, just about 3000 people died on Sept. 11, 2001. People searched for loved ones and relatives for weeks afterwards only to find out they had died. We discovered that life is precious and that nothing should be taken for granted. We turned to the Lord for consolation in our time of grief and mourning. He is the One who lifts us up and helps us to deal with such a tragedy. We remember all who died that day. May they rest with the angels.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



A **SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION** is being taken **August 28-29, Sept. 4-5**, for Relief to Haiti. Envelopes are in the pews. Please be generous. Thank You.

FISH & CHIPS DINNER FRIDAY, September 10TH at **AMERICAN LEGION POST #245, on Espanong Rd., 5-7pm. \$20 each, includes better dipped fish, fries, cole slaw, dessert and coffee.** For tickets call **973-663-2690.**



FOOD PANTRY
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM, 1:30-3:30PM.
Please call 973-663-0211 for an appointment time.
Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.

We are in need of tooth brushes, paper towels, salad dressings, snack pack jell-o & pudding, pancake syrup, milk, dish detergent, canned fruits, mayo, frozen waffles, Ziploc gallon & quart freezer bags.
NOTE: Monetary donations for Shoprite cards are still being accepted. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our food pantry especially during this pandemic. **NO expired items accepted.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
SATURDAY, September 4 & SUNDAY, September 5
5:00pm – SATURDAY
Susan Lee – Lector
Riley McGovern – Altar Server
Veronica Hellner – Eucharistic Minister
8:30 AM – SUNDAY
Jim Beyel – Lector
Kylie & Ian Silva – Altar Servers
Cheryl Kaelblein - Eucharistic Minister
10:30 AM – SUNDAY
Zach Fuderanan - Altar Server
Carmelo DelRosario- Eucharistic Minister
12:00 PM – SUNDAY
Emily Iadarola – Altar Server
Dora Sharpe – Eucharistic Minister

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S FALL PLANT & GARDEN FUNDRAISER—proceeds to benefit the Parish. This fall's Program is being held from September 1st through October 2nd. With C & C Growers on Hampton House Rd. in Newton we can purchase plants and garden supplies. C & C has over 2 acres of greenhouses, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, and much more. Flyers in the vestibule with 10% off coupons. Discount applies to entire order. **You will need a coupon each time you go to C & C until Oct. 2nd.** Star of the Sea receives 10% of total sales. C & C is across from Tractor Supply on Rte. 206 South. Directions- on the flyer. Please help us continue to support our Parish. Thank you, OLSOS Rosary Altar Society.

USHERS for Sunday 10:30 and Noon masses. Call Fr. Chris 973-663-0211.



MORRIS COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE Chances for 2022 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at over \$41,340. 2nd, 3rd and 4th place prizes are ShopRite gift cards for \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. **Tickets are being sold after all masses October 2nd-3rd. \$10 each.** Drawing at Maggiano's Little Italy, Bridgewater, 10pm Friday, November 19, 2021. **Winner need not be present.** Proceeds benefit NJ Right to Life, NJ's oldest and largest pro-life organization.

IRISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NW NEW JERSEY'S ANNUAL FEIS - SUNDAY, SEPT. 12th -8AM - 6PM Sussex County Fairgrounds, Rte. 206, **Augusta.** Due to the pandemic this year's activities have been shortened to Competitions in: Irish Step Dancing, & Traditional Celtic Music. There will be only 1 food vendor, and vendors for the dancers attire. Admission this year will be free. Parking – free. More info at iaanj.com and www.iaanjwfeis.com



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