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PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

4:00 PM November through March

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, 4:00 PM Saturday and call the priest for an appointment

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Marriage: A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact a priest at any time.

Communion calls: For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

Devotions:

First Friday: Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

First Saturday: MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina: 4th Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after Mass

St. Jude Novena: Thursday after Mass

Societies of the Parish:

Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD: Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

Filipino Choir – 3rd Sunday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church

Worship Apostolate, in Room 104

Reuniones Hispanos

Eucaristía Dominical: 12:30 PM

Bautismo: Por favor llamar a la oficina de lunes a viernes.

Matrimonio: Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación: Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor de llamar la casa parroquial para visitas a las casa y hospitales.

Educación Religiosa: 732-382-0004

Coro: Miércoles 7:30 PM

Movimiento Juan XXIII: – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall -Sotano del Audi

Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor" Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia, Connell Hall

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Old movies can make for good fun to watch when we opt to view them on the homescreen, armed with our favorite popcorn. This is especially true when we choose one deemed "classic." We forgive the black and white cinematography, and maybe even the stilted acting, especially if the story seems plausible.

Case in point: the 1950 award winning film "Sunset Boulevard." Gloria Swanson plays Norma Desmond, a long-faded and mentally unstable movie queen, long forgotten by the world and living in her outdated mansion. Into her life comes an unsuccessful screen writer named Joe, played by a handsome but cynical William Holden. The sadness of the tale comes from the fallen idol's failed quest to regain her long-lost popularity. Eventually descending into insanity, she murders Joe. The whole story is a poignant reminder of the futility of having only hollow goals in life, such as remaining young and popular.

Conversely, we come upon Christ our Lord in this weekend's Gospel passage, as a person who is completely unconcerned with popularity and a favorable public opinion of Himself. If He were to come among us in person now, I doubt that He would ever be attracted to one of those so-called "mega churches" we have in our land. With their bowling alleys and eateries, and stadium seating in plush chairs, there is no visible crucifix. Such soft cushioned Christianity would repel Him. Why? Because He demands that His true disciples to take up their cross daily.

Notice how innocent St. Peter gets the harsh rebuke of being called "satan" by Our Lord because he wanted to take suffering out of the Lord's life (and ours). A natural impulse. But not a supernatural response to Christ. Although there is much joy in being Christian, there is nothing soft about it, at least here on earth.

We know that professional athletes deny themselves physical comforts for better performance. Our military and entertainers sacrifice time with family and loved ones as part of their duty. Many ordinary people follow a demanding regimen of diet and exercise to maintain good health.

What Jesus asks of us is different. We know He led the way. He obeyed His heavenly Father despite the cost. He did it for love of Him and also of us. There is our motivation to return the favor.

We have all been driving down a highway and noticed bright orange signs that state "Begin Construction" and "End Construction." I've kidded with people that they read like a command to us as we drive by. One thing for sure is that these signs tend to remain around long after the construction work is over.

Now suppose that you were to announce that—for the time being—God's construction in your life was going to be halted. Surely we would not like any of our

friends to say: "I didn't know any construction was going on!"

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Stewardship Reflection

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life but the lives of others as well

BIBLE STUDY



Enjoy Bible study and experience the Gospel of St. Luke with Father Bill Halbing at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1405 St. Georges Avenue, Rahway, on Thursdays, September

13th through November 1, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the church hall.

RCIA: This could be for you or someone you know; Catholics who want to return to celebrating their faith; adults who never celebrated the sacraments of First Eucharist, Confession or Confirmation; anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church.

For more information, please call the rectory at (732) 388-0082.



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October 19-21. Women are invited to spend the weekend \$135.

For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com

SANCTUARY GIFTS	ST. MARY'S	SUNDAY READINGS
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	James 2:14-18
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 15

5:00 PM Vincent Addona

Sunday, September 16

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8:00 AM William G. Davis

9:30 AM Ethel A. Fech

11:00 AM William G. Davis

12:30 PM William G. Davis

Monday, September 17

Noon The People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 18

Noon William G. Davis

Wednesday, September 19

Noon Gabrielle Gribbin

Thursday, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim, Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Noon Ellen Zientek

Friday, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Noon The Souls of priests

Saturday, September 22

9:00 AM John Alcibar Nunez

5:00 PM Anthony & Jane Kasprzyk

Sunday, September 23

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8:00 AM Msgr. Leo Hudzik

9:30 AM Ethel A. Fech

11:00 AM Conversion of Young Adults

12:30 PM Albert F. Reitemeyer



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May

perpetual light shine upon them.

LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US

Brian Brenkman, L/CPL Christopher Castro, Sgt. Brian Chandler, Trooper William J. Condron, Jr., Michael Dinis, Airman Paul



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DIVINE MERCY KITCHEN & PANTRY



Let us ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to lend a helping hand to feed those especially in need. We are

always in need of funds in order to continue our mission. We are open every Sunday at 12:30 in the Annex building to serve the needy of our community. Your generosity will help us meet that goal.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops calls us to join Catholics nationwide in a moment of prayer by saying one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be from August 3rd until September 28th that every human being is protected in law and welcome in life.



Bill Belig, Edwin and Mary Blazewicz, Ruth Breen, Josephine Brown, Anna Caffrey, Marietta Clark, Kathleen Condron, Kathleen Cremone, Nicholas Delmonaco, Santiago Escobar, Eileen Flade, Helen Freshcoln, Rose Geraghty, Christine Gianella, Jose Luis Gonzalez, Nicolette Greco, Margarita Perez Hernandez, Diane Henry, Mary Ann Hofmann, Solomon Igbinosun, Frank Jacik, Wladyslawa Kalafut, Edmund Kasprzyk, Linda Kasprzyk, Victor Krivitski, Gloria Latherow, Ana Alvarez-Marquina, Kitty McGuire, Janice McEwen, Ida Mele, Lourdes Mendez, Travis Mitchell, Jane Monahan, Ronnie & Guy Morosini, James Mottley, Edward Mowczan. Cesar Nieto, Madison Noguerras, Nicholas Noguerras, Iena Olivo, Gladys N. Rengifo, Gregory Romeo, Ronald Rosivack, John D. Rusin, Jr., Lucille Salvatore, Kelly Scholte, Richard Shackell, Anthony Spadora, Joseph N. Terracina, Patrick Toner, Sharon Katzenback Wilson, Fr. Peter Vo, Baby Bennett Vogel, Daniel Zur.

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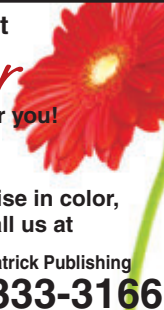


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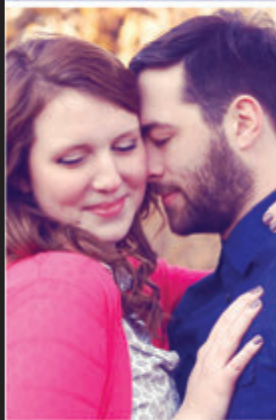
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