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## PARISH OFFICE

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

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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 23, 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.

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## **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:*** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

***Miraculous Medal Novena:*** Monday after Mass

***St. Jude Novena:*** Thursday after Mass

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## **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, Aula 201

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM - Iglesia

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

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall

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

## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **September 23, 2018**

This summer we were haunted, not by ghosts, but by images of immigrant children penned in cages, and trapped in the middle of two opposing views on how to manage immigration to our country. We see similarly sad pictures of children mailed our way by Church missionary and charitable groups. Those children stare out at us from brochures with sad descriptions of their plight for the purpose of garnering donations.

Our Lord Jesus always reached out to children, and in typical compassion, even raised one little girl from the dead, much to the joy of her father, in a story we read in the gospel from an earlier summer weekend. We also know from Scripture that children eagerly reached out to a smiling Jesus we hope to see one day. In the instance set before us this weekend however, Jesus embraces a little child as part of His teaching to the Apostles about true leadership. Like all human groupings there came that inevitable moment when the question of leadership arises. Who will be "Number One?" Jesus weighs in to tell His Apostles that whoever wants to be first has to be the last and the servant of everyone else. Receiving a child is precisely performing a good act for an insignificant person. There is His standard.

Jesus goes further by saying that whoever receives a child is receiving an emissary of Himself, and whoever receives Him receives God who sent Jesus. The key words are "in My name." The whole matter is part of "Christianity 101." Basic and blunt, but beautiful truth nonetheless.

The Letter of James tells us that "where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice." I think we Catholics have seen the truth of that in the awful scandal of clergy sex abuse of young people and how many of our bishops mishandled it. Sadly, I believe this scandal will hang over the Church like a dark cloud that will not dissipate for a long time to come. At least now our hierarchy works with the police and other civic entities to make a combined effort at keeping children and youth safe.

In the end, I think we recognize that service of others is rooted in humility. A child has none of that elusive influence that power-hungry people thirst for in their desire to climb the proverbial "ladder." A child can't help them and he/she is often the only one who speaks truth to power. Power will not like that because it prefers flattery and lies.

A man named Phillips Brooks was a nineteenth century Episcopal clergyman famous in New England, and composer of the lyrics for the beautiful Christmas hymn "O Little Town in Bethlehem." I believe he had children in mind when he defined the test of humility this way: "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real

height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is."

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (mark 9:35)*

*Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.*

### **OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY SHRINE**

**Saturday, October 6th** "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's **Blue Army Shrine**, 674 Mt. View Rd East, Asbury, NJ 08802 invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Confessions 10:00 am; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:15 Holy Mass; 2:00 Holy House; Children's Video, Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "**And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?**" [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) 908-689-1700 Ext 210

**R C I A:** 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 recory at (732) 388-0082.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT**

Coming to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, "The Midtown Men," the original stars from Broadway's Jersey Boys, will perform a benefit concert with all ticket proceeds supporting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. For tickets or information call (732) 499-8226 or log onto [www.ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org).

<b>SANCTUARY GIFTS</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Wisdom 2:12, 17-28
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalms 54: 3-4, 5, 6, & 8
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	James 3:16—4:3
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, September 22

5:00 PM Anthony & Jane Kasprzyk

Sunday, September 23

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 24

Noon The People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 25

Noon The conversion of sinners

Wednesday, September 26

Noon The unborn

Thursday, September 27

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
 Noon Albert F. Reitemeyer

Friday, September 28

*St. St. Wenceslaus, Martyr*  
 Noon Conversion of Daniel Vidal

Saturday, September 29

9:00 AM Jacqueline Ward  
 5:00 PM Rev. Raymond T. Lukenda

Sunday, September 30

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Nancy Sullivan  
 9:30 AM Rudolfo Cruz  
 11:00 AM John Morro  
 12:30 PM Paulina Maria Rivas



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.

**Anna Kaminski**

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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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 3<sup>rd</sup> until September 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Cremona, 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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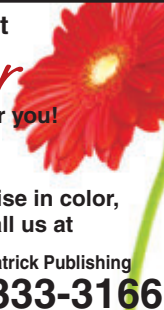


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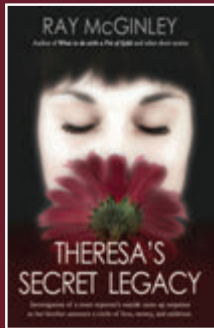
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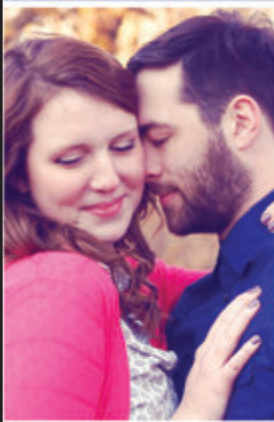


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