

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2019

Blessed Sunday, brothers and sisters in Christ!

My reflection this week is brief. I am deeply challenged by Jesus's words in today's Gospel: Do you think I have come to bring peace? No, not peace but rather division!! Really, Lord? DIVISION!? Not exactly a comforting message!

Friends, I challenge you to ponder these words just as I am challenged by them. Let us dig in deep to try to grasp what Jesus is telling us and then pray on it, think on it and ask The Lord to open our hearts to understand and BECOME People of peace!

God bless you all!

Fr. Michael Rafferty

Dear Faithful Family of Sacred Heart:

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us

to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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Sunday Reflection

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Receive our oblation, O Lord,
By which is brought about a glorious exchange,
That, by offering what you have given, we may merit to
receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAM
2019-2020**

Open Registration:

Monday, August 19th – 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday, August 20th – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, August 21st – 10:00am – 1:00pm

Registration for all First Graders and New Registrants will be taken by appointment only during the summer months. Please call 357-6044 to make an appointment.

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please bring your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell for your appointment. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18
Monday, August 19
Novena – 7:15pm
Tuesday, August 20
Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel
Wednesday, August 21
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm church
Thursday, August 22
Friday, August 23
Saturday, August 24
St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory
Sunday, August 25

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME**

August 11th Collection - \$10,444.
Last Year's collection - \$12,642.

Solidarity in Africa-\$3,000.
Last year's collection-\$3,502.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart Preschool 3-year-old program has just a few openings for Fall 2019. Please contact the school's main office at 845-357-1684 for more information.

Our school is a place where a child feels secure, loved and happy which is an excellent backdrop for learning. We have very experienced teachers who are caring and professional and there is an enclosed, gated playground for your child to play.

**LAMP MINISTRIES
THANK YOU TO THE PARISH**

On behalf of the Propagation of the Faith Office and all those in need served by LAMP Catholic Ministries, we want to express our deep gratitude to you and the generous parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity when you and your staff welcomed Brooke, Ed and Steve to speak at your Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Your parishioners were indeed very generous in providing LAMP \$2515.50, for which we are humbly and deeply grateful. This is of great help in LAMP'S ministries of evangelization among the materially poor right here in the Archdiocese of N. Y. We at LAMP ask the Lord to return the generosity of your parish a hundredfold, and to continue to bless you and your parishioners.

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls: Clinic Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades/
3rd thru 8th Grades 

Tuesday, September 17th: 6-7:30pm
Wednesday, September 18th: 6-7:30pm
(In the school cafeteria)



**RECTORY WORKER AND SACRISTAN
POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

If you are interested in a position as either a Rectory Worker or a Sacristan please call the Rectory Office at 845-357-0035, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, and ask for Mrs. Schnabel.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The pantry needs several food products. If you can donate, we need your assistance. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal. **Monetary donations welcomed. The pantry will reopen on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Thank you! For food emergencies call the Rectory.**

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 21 de septiembre 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

ITZEL VICTORIA ZARAGOZA NAVA

Daughter of Victor and Martha



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr. Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene and Fred Gentile, Wayne Gannon, Mark Goldman, Joan Grau, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Carrin Holborn, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Lududis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Tony Ortiz, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Frank Salveggi, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

AUGUST 18, 2019

Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles
and the
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

MICHAEL HERNANDEZ



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners,
and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Dolores Cangelose, Edna Mealey**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Harold Gravius

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stanislavia Morone

10:00am – Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

11:30am – Special Intentions Marion & Michael Semen

1:00pm – Peter G. DeMarco

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am – Special Intentions Bonny Frank

9:00am – Evelyn Rourke

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am – James Connery

9:00am – Joseph Randazzo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am – Josephine Dattillo

9:00am – Doris McCarthy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00am – Francis Camilleri

9:00pm – Albert Anasalone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00am – Special Intention George & Sheba Vettom

9:00am – Joseph Randazzo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00am – Aline Hendrickson &

Special Intention John Hendrickson

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Ramona Zuño

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Geraldine DelMaestro

10:00am – Joseph Varano

11:30am – Gloria Kearns

1:00pm – Mary Antonucci

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 2- JANET CURCIONE