

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2019

Dear Faithful Family of Sacred Heart:

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and

from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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Sunday Reflection

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
Through the one sacrifice offered once
For all,
Bestow graciously on us, we pray,
The gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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**

CLASSES BEGIN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH – GRADES 1 & 2
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH – GRADES 6 & 7
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH – GRADES 3-5 & 8TH

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 25
Monday, August 26
Novena – 7:15pm
Tuesday, August 27
Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel
Eucharistic Minister & Lector Gathering – 6:45pm gym
Wednesday, August 28
Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm church
Thursday, August 29
Friday, August 30
Saturday, August 31
St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory
Sunday, September 1

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

August 18th Collection - \$11,218.
Last Year's collection - \$12,642.

The Assumption – \$3,525.
Last Year's – \$3,925.

ST. ZITA'S VILLA ADULT HOME FOR WOMEN
Open House & Gala Family Fun Day
Saturday, September 14th

The Annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day starts at 11am to 4pm. Co-sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, festivities include a Bazaar, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale and so much more. A BBQ Will be hosted by the K of C Joyce Kilmer Council 1177. In case of heavy rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, September 15 (same hours). St. Zita's 50 Saddle River Rd., Monsey NY. For info call 845-356-2011.

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.

**OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 646-794-2949 or e-mail at victimassistance@archy.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Cualquier persona que necesite denunciar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico que esté trabajando en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que, por favor contacte con Herman Eileen Clifford, O.P. en el teléfono 646-794-2949. También se pueden comunicar con ambos por correo electrónico: victimassistance@archy.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis respecto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se proporciona para asegurar que nuestros niños permanecen seguros.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

DOMINICK JAMES TASARO

Son of John and Michelle

JAMES ANGEL QUINTUNA

Son of Angel and Luisa



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, Marie Lane, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, 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 25, 2019

Altar Candles In Memory of
JIM & DAVID REECE

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
DAVID C. CLIFFORD



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

Especially: **Louis "Pat" Mallory**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00am – Joe Lopardo

9:00am – Robert Cosenzo

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00am – Catherine Howard & Francis McAdams

9:00am – Willard B. Foster

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00am – Jim & David Reece

9:00am – Joseph Randazzo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00am – Dena Seiden

9:00pm – Dave "Red" Clifford

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00am – Gwendolyn Gibbs

9:00am – Richard J. Lynch, Jr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00am – Thomas & Robert Fisher

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Dave Clifford

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Stanislavia Morone

10:00am – Frances Howley

11:30am – Luc Celestin

1:00pm – Joey Opulencia

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 3- ED & MARY LANDY