

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## JUNE 28, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (*Taken from today's Gospel: Mt. 10:37-42*) One of Jesus' most mysterious and challenging sayings: gain is loss; and loss is gain. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means to be willing to let go of certain attachments we have: attachment to family, attachment to possessions, even attachment to self. Really, it's not a question of "giving up" all of these things, but of putting them into perspective by embracing a new set of priorities, a new set of spiritual realities. Without abandoning our natural family, we are to recognize and commit ourselves to our spiritual family, the Church; without giving up all of our possessions—unless we feel called to do so—we are to share them with others; without giving up our own sense of self-worth, we are to recognize the value of others: to see them as brothers and sisters in faith, and to assist those in need, even to the point of spending our time, our talents, and our treasures in serving them—of taking up the Cross of putting others ahead of ourselves, verifying the counsel of St. Augustine in his *Rule* to his religious brothers and sisters: "You can know you are making progress in the spiritual life in the measure that you put the needs of others above your own personal needs."

If today's Gospel speaks about loss, if it constitutes a test for those who are lacking in courage, in generosity, or in faith, it also speaks of gain; Jesus promising that the least act of kindness—even giving someone a cup of cold water—when done in his name will have its reward. Perhaps it is like what Elisha the prophet discovered in our first reading (2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a)—that sharing our resources with another, far from impoverishing us, leads to a partnership in which we find ways not only to survive but to grow as well. The woman in our story opens her home and offers a meal to a hungry traveler to strengthen him on his journey; Elisha, who is that traveler, was able to call upon God to give the woman in turn what she and her husband wanted most but were unable to attain on their own—a child to love and care for, and who would help them by bearing their name to future generations and caring for them in their old age. There is an old saying that "one hand washes the other." Of course, it can be taken in the self-serving sense that we give something to someone else only because we expect something in return. But in its best sense, in its Christian sense, it certainly means that we complement each other, since we possess different talents and enjoy different opportunities and possibilities over the course

of our lives; and that we can enrich each other by bearing one another's burdens so that we can share one another's joys.

While we prepare once again to celebrate July 4, the anniversary of our national independence, it's important—in the midst of our physical ailments and political divisions—to remember that in the Christian perspective true liberty begins from within, and consists in the ability to recognize what is true and what is good, and possess the will to stand for these values consistently, even in the face of danger and risk and our own flawed human nature. God has given this ability to each one of us, and therefore let us try to guard and share this freedom through the good works that we do and the positive example we give, both as individuals and as a people of faith.

*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*

*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED  
JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> IN HONOR OF THE HOLIDAY  
AND WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JULY 7**

### PHASE III

Currently we are having daily Mass at 12:00 noon each Day. Beginning July 1, we are moving the Mass to 9:00am. This will be the only Mass of day for next month at least. Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Weddings are allowed, but we are still at 25% occupancy. Reconciliation will be administered by appointment only, please call the rectory office which is now open Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 2pm.

All precautions are being taken (wearing of masks, maintaining a six-foot distance, no physical contact except for communion, frequent washing of hands, and sanitizing surfaces). Our first priority is the safety of the clergy and people, and self-care of all ministers.

Please remember, that because of the ongoing health crisis, the Cardinal has *dispensed* everyone from the Sunday Mass obligation, so if you are uncomfortable about being with a group, watching Mass and a spiritual communion is still in effect.

Please observe the following when planning to attend:

**+ If any member of your household has a fever, or is feeling ill, please remain at home.**

+ If you have any pre-existing health conditions, you should remain at home at this phase.

+ Pews have been premeasured for seating with appropriate 6' social distancing in-between. Members of the same household may sit together. Available seating is marked with a green X.

+ Since seats will be filled-in as people arrive, there will be no choice of seating location.

+ Facial coverings (masks) must be worn to Mass.

+ To avoid contact, there will be no offertory procession or *exchange of peace* during the Mass.

+ The Sacred Host will be distributed in the hand only. For those who feel that receiving in the hand is unacceptable we ask that you wait to receive until the celebrant asks those who wish to receive on the tongue come forward. Please form a single line and observe the 6' social distance as you proceed down the center aisle. Disabled persons may remain seated.

+ Hand sanitizer dispensers are available on the walls of the church, and at the entrance

+ Entrance into the church is on the awning side of our building only.

Due to the need to disinfect between Masses our Mass schedule for the month of July is as follows: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sundays 8:30am, 11:30am and 5:30pm. If you attend Mass, please note the new layout for seating in the Church. These measures have been implemented to assure as best we can the health and safety of all. Blessings to All,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, Assistant

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.*

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

#### **Monday, JUNE 29**

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

#### **Tuesday, JUNE 30**

Mass at 12:00 noon and Church open 1pm to 5pm

#### **Wednesday, JULY 1**

Mass at 9:00am

#### **Thursday, JULY 2**

Mass at 9:00am

#### **Friday, JULY 3 First Friday**

Mass at 9:00am – Exposition 1pm and Holy Hour 7pm

**Saturday, JULY 4 – 12pm The Holy Rosary (live streamed) All closed/ No Confessions/ Mass at 5:30pm**

**Sunday, JULY 5 – Masses at 8:30am, 11:30am, 5:30pm – Mass in Spanish 10:00am**

### **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 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.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 (212) 371-1000 extensión 2949 o con Diácono George J. Coppola en el teléfono 917-861-1762. También se pueden comunicar con ambos por correo electrónico: [victimassistance@archy.org](mailto:victimassistance@archy.org). Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la Arquidiócesis: [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.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.

### **CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020**

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$81,069.00. towards our goal of \$122,500.

### **SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020-2021**

**Registration for all First Graders and New Registrants is now being taken, please visit our website: [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org) for forms or please call 357-6044 for all questions and to receive registration forms via mail.**

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please supply us with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for registration. Thank you.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES**

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

**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
JUNE 28, 2020**

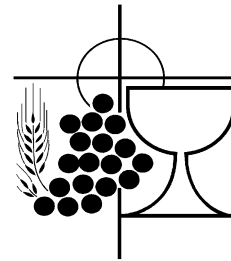
**ALTAR MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF COVID-19 AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED**



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

Especially: Gloria Maida

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 19 – Andrew Keane**



**DAILY MASS WILL OCCUR AT  
12:00PM DAILY – (MONDAY- FRIDAY)  
AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SUNDAYS AT  
10:00AM – (SPANISH)  
12:00PM (ENGLISH)**

**MASS WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)**

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Ann Marie Aviles

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

- 7:00am – All Parishioners
- 8:30am – Evelyn Wegman
- 10:00am – Spanish Mass
- 11:30am – Catherine Greeley
- 1:00pm – Marge Gladkowski
- 5:30pm – Parish Memorial

**MONDAY, JUNE 29**

12:00pm – Special Intention Althea Frank – Salvatore Cambria

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30**

- 7:00am –
- 9:00am – Margaret Murphy

**BEGINNING JULY 1**

**THE DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD AT 9:00AM**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

9:00am –

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**

9:00am – Josephine Dattilo

**FRIDAY, JULY 3 First Friday**

- 9:00am – Benedicta Frank
- 1:00pm – Exposition
- 7:00pm – Holy Hour

**SATURDAY, JULY 4 – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

12:00pm – Rosary live streamed

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Nancy Collins

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

- 8:30am – Dianne Messina/ All Parishioners
- 10:00am – Spanish
- 11:30am – Amalio Zuño / Roseann Niemi
- 5:30pm – Parish Memorial / Michael DiFilippo

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