

# 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

- “Who do people say that I am?” That was the question Jesus asked his disciples in today’s Gospel (Mk 8: 27-35). It is the same question he asks of every believer: “Who do you say that I am?” Of course, today, as in his own day, there are many different opinions about Jesus. Was he just an ordinary man with a beautiful moral code about how we should live our lives? Was he a magician and practitioner of the occult like so many in his own time, who was misunderstood and misrepresented by the Church as having supernatural powers? Was he an apostate from his own Jewish faith who wanted to start his own religion? Was he a clever fraud who staged his own death and resurrection and tricked people into believing he was the Son of God? Unless we are solidly anchored in our faith, we may find ourselves pulled in different directions, back and forth, depending on the prevailing opinion of Jesus in popular culture: a culture that tries to make Jesus as relevant or controversial as possible, the better to try to control him and cut him down to size to fit our own expectations and needs. The fact is that the real Jesus is a mystery who escapes our categories and descriptions; he can make us uncomfortable because he challenges us with his notions of taking up our cross, telling us to love our enemies, or stating that the last will be first.

- The path of humility, of perseverance in prayer, and the transforming power of suffering are the paths to true knowledge of who Jesus is and the way to begin to follow him. And in following him we are told to imitate him in his obedience to God the Father, in speaking words of encouragement and peace to others, and giving something of ourselves as a way of promoting the common good of all. After Peter responds to Jesus’ question by stating that he is “the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,” Jesus addressed Peter as Simon, a name which means “to hear, or to listen”. So it is the one who hears God’s word and listens to his voice who is able to discern Jesus’ true identity through the din of false and deceptive voices, and in knowing who Jesus really is, to follow his path with assurance, with peace of soul, and with hope.

*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*  
*Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR*  
*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*

### OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

Dear friends in the Lord:

Among the many letters I receive from parishioners, none delight me more than when I read how much the faithful love their priest. And as you know, almost all of them were educated and formed at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year.

Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last century and a quarter, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today and express my gratitude for last year’s contribution of \$221,733.85, I ask you to consider in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the Annual Seminary Appeal. It will be collected on the weekend of September 26, 2021. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for our archdiocesan seminarians and the other who are studying there and help prepare these young men to become great priests who will inspire future letters of admiration.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord’s call. I ask you to pray for priestly vocations and help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church one day. To learn more, visit [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,  
Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS’ NAME

**September 5<sup>th</sup> Collection – \$12,741.**  
**Last Year’s Collection – \$12,351.**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.



### **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 bi-monthly to begin and then once a week from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 12**

**Monday, September 13**

Confirmation Practice – 7-8:30pm church

**Tuesday, September 14**

Confirmation Practice - 7-8:30pm church

**Wednesday, September 15**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group – 7:30-8:30pm  
-Church

**Thursday, September 16**

**Friday, September 17**

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 1:00ppm Gym

**Saturday, September 18-** Holy Rosary – 12:00pm

### **SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2021-2022**

**Religious Education Classes Begin  
September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Baptismal Certificate is required at time of registration for all First Grade and New Registrants.**

**\*\*\* All in person registrations are by APPOINTMENT ONLY \*\*\***

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Registration will be held in the Religious Education Office in the school. Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell. Thank you. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 357-6044 if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment if you cannot make any of these dates.

### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**All Sunday Masses will take place in the Gym.**

We are sure many of you are already aware that the church AC is not working. Two summers ago, it also broke down and we had the compressor among other components replaced. Since the unit is almost 30 years old replacement parts are difficult to obtain, and only have a 1-year warranty. So, we are again in the same position. The cost 2 years ago was approximately \$18,000. We currently have a choice to make either to again replace the compressor (approx. \$15,000) or to get a new system all together. Granted a new system will cost around \$90,000 which is a considerable amount of money it would give us some assurances, moving forward that we would not have to address the air conditioning system for some time. To replace the existing or to get a new system all together will all take time, and so for the remainder of the summer days of heat our Sunday Masses will be in the gym.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we do our best to remedy this issue.

### **SISTERS OF LIFE**

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### **MATTHEW ANIBAL LUCERO**

Son of Carlos and Jennifer

### **ADONIS YUPA-HUERTA**

### **ALICE YUPA-HUERTA**

Children on Jose and Anita



*Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Theresa Anselmi, Paul Brennan, Emil Boss, Joe Bauer, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert Sr., Ginny Figula, William Figundio, Rosemary Gannon, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Arlene Gentile, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, John (Jim) Murphy, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Frances Petrosky, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Etta Rooney, Phyllis Ross, Rosemarie Scandura, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Sweeney, Joseph Pasculli, Ty Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela.*

### **ALTAR MEMORIALS**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

#### **ALTAR CANDLES**

In Memory Of  
**JACQUELINE L. ZANGRILLI**

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

In Memory of  
**MARIO VARANO**

#### **BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 23 – SANDY CAPPELLO**



### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**9:00AM DAILY- (MONDAY – FRIDAY)**

**SAT. VIGIL MASS- 530PM ENGLISH**

**7:15PM (SPANISH)**

**SUNDAYS**

**8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:**

[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00am – All Victims of 9/11

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass**- All Victims of 9/11

7:15pm – Spanish

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

8:30am – The Graff-Bukowski Families

10:00am – Renzo Rosica

11:30am – Dolores & Lawrence Williams

1:00pm – Frank Postolowski

5:30pm – Parish Memorials and All Parishioners

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

9:00am – Bernard & Bridget Peris /

Fred Nonnenmacher

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

9:00am – Intentions of Kathie Iannaci /

Sr. Mary John Burke

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

9:00am – Lester Bernstein

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

9:00am – Geraldine Kane

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

9:00am – Charles McNally

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

9:00am – John K. Whelan

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

5:30pm – Louis Diamond

7:15pm – Spanish

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

8:30am – Caterina & Andrea Calabretta

10:00am – Daniel Kelly – (Mass in English)

11:30am – Dianne Messina

1:00pm – Jacqueline Zangrilli

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



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

**Ella Bartolomucci, Barbara Ellsworth.**