

September 11, 2016

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sadly, today we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9-11. Depending on how each of us respond to this day, some may feel the time has gone by so fast while others who mourn for loved ones lost on that horrific day may understandably feel that 9-11 is a day that is an ongoing moment in our lives.

Immediately Cardinal Egan made sure that within days, two priests would be called to ground zero for twelve hours at a time. I along with hundreds of priest volunteered for this. Images that I saw on my first visit on October 10th, just one month short of the attack are imbedded in my mind. What amazed me was that in this surrounding image of destruction, the compassion and love of Christ was being carried out.

Rescue workers, fire, police and EMT personal all worked diligently to recover as many victims as possible. When a recovery occurred, two times on my first visit, a call went out throughout the sight that another person was found. Prayers were said and yes, this whole site of construction machines making noise, horns and whistles blaring all came silent. In those many moments, the act of evil that was done on 9-11

was being replaced with prayers and reverence for each victim found. The presence of God's love and peace began to slowly overshadow the evil act of terrorism done that day. This was even more evident on my second visit that was in early December.

We were all moved with those horrific events, but there was also a sense of hope with how we as a people and as a nation came together. On this Fifteenth Anniversary, let us again and again recommit ourselves to shine forth with the light of Christ so that others may see his mercy, love and respect throughout imitation of Him.

May God continue to bless the innocent lives lost that day, may He continue to bless even more family members and friends who lost loved ones. One day the sadness and emptiness so many of us feel will be replaced with joy and happiness when we are united with them through the gift of eternal life.

May God continue to watch over us bless us,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

WELCOME BACK TO THE STUDENTS OF IMMACULATE PREP!

Back to School Nights are on Tuesday, September 13 at 5:45 for Session I, 7:00 for Session 2 and Thursday, September 15 at 5:45.

We will meet in the gymnasium and after our Parish Family Prayer the students will be going to their classrooms with their catechists and the parents will have a short informational meeting.

Immediately after the meeting they may go to their child(ren)'s classroom to meet the teacher and take their child(ren). Expect to be finished by 6:00 at the latest.

We can't wait to see all of our parents and children again.

There will be no registrations accepted on the Back to School Nights. Thank you for your consideration.

BECAUSE THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION IS A POLLING PLACE, THE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 13 WILL COMMENCE IN THE PARISH CHURCH. THE CHILDREN WILL PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL WITH THEIR CATECHISTS FROM THE CHURCH AND AFTER A BRIEF MEETING IN THE CHURCH, THE PARENTS ARE INVITED TO GO TO THEIR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS TO MEET WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S CATECHISTS AND LEAVE FROM THERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

New York Catholic Bible School Program

Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, the New York Catholic Bible School Program, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, will be holding classes on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Church of St. Denis, 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

The New York Catholic Bible School exists because there is joy and hope in the Bible! Being grounded in our beliefs leads us to a deeper relationship with God and an evolving sense of life's meaning. Intense study of the Bible brings us to life-changing personal growth in spirituality and service. This program is for adults who are seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey,

and who are willing to commit to two years of study with an option to complete the full four-year program.

No particular educational background is required. Tuition is \$150 per trimester with a \$35 non-refundable registration fee. **Registration is a must and is done through the New York Catholic Bible School website.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

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646-794-2855

Website: <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/ny-catholic-bible-school>

**ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
2ND COLLECTION WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 1ST/2ND**

There will be a Second Collection on the Weekend of October 1st/2nd to assist the Seminary (the cost in preparing priests is daunting, and for this reason we count on your support). With it, we are able to continue our solid tradition of excellence in the formation of academic training of candidates for the priesthood. **Please be generous in the second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary.**

**FOOD PANTRY
NEWS**

Now that September is here, we need to start preparing for the holidays. We are requesting canned yams/ sweet potatoes, turkey gravy and corn muffin mixes. If you can help out, please leave your donations in the food bin in the back of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

BAPTISM CLASS

The date for the next Baptism Class is: September 26th. **Appointments are needed if you are going to attend the class so we have an idea of how many will be joining each month. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.**

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is September 18th. We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) to make an appointment during Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Sam Pace, Gladys Margosian, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Louis Pezzola, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff.

Our recently deceased:

We will announce at the Mass on Sunday for a period of one month the intentions of those who are sick and then we will print them for one month. After that we ask that you will please contact us to make sure that they are placed on the list again for another cycle. It is the only way we know if someone has recovered. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:30 Dec'd Members of The Ferro Family
(req. by family)
5:30 **Vigil** Thomas Doepfner
(req. by Peter & Patricia Morris)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:30 911 Victims & Families
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11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

7:30 Dec'd Members of The Carrier Family
(req. by family)
8:30 Mike & Ellen Rooney (req. by family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:30 Francis A. Brophy (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 The Colleluori Family (req. by family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:30 Mary O'Connell (req. by family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

7:30 Jamie Monthchal (req. by Jim & Nan Normoyle)
8:30 James Hylas (req. by family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)
5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Charles Lewis (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Mary Ann Keenan (req. by Marlene Gosda)
11:30 Edward Onderdonk
(req. by Jean & Steven Bellon)

*The Flowers this week are
In Loving Memory of
Those who lost their lives
On September 11th
And their Families & Friends*

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH
AT 8:30 P.M.

The Men's Club meeting, Friday, September 16th at 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Keenan Hall. Planning for the flea market and roast beef dinner. All men of the Parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend..

CALL FOR VOICES

You are cordially invited to embrace with joy the vocation of liturgical music ministry. Our parish choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church **beginning September 15th.** Please come and share your talent with us.

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING &
SILVER WEDDING
MASS CELEBRATION**

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for 25th & 50th on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH during the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank you.**

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next run is scheduled for the night of October 15. We will meet in the parish annex on Friday evening October 14 to sort and pack in preparation for the run. The Saturday night run will depart the Church parking lot at 7 PM and should return around 2AM Sunday morning. Donations of sack lunches, sweatshirts and back packs will be greatly appreciated. For information about the run or to volunteer in anyway, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Children's Irish Dance Classes – will commence next month in the Stony Point area. For further information call 942-5221.

For Cancer Patients, Survivors, and their families friends and the medical community: 14th annual healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, followed by a social will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 7 PM in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls. The communal rite of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated during the Mass followed by a blessing with his relic. For directions to Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center visit www.mtalvernia.org or call (845) 297-5706.

Rachel Ministry - offers help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth, held at the Marian Shrine in the cafeteria building at **7:00 p.m. on September 19th.** For more information please call 492-6709.

Don Bosco Prep Announces 2016 Open Houses – Thursday, September 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Sunday October 30th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Members of the school community will host formal and informal sessions throughout campus highlighting the school including: Academic Excellence, Admissions, Spiritual Vitality, Leadership Training and Athletic Distinction. Families may register online at www.donboscoprep.org under "Admissions". For information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at admissions@onboscoprep.org and (201) 327-8003.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection September 4, 2016 was: \$7,241
Collection September 8, 2015 was: \$7,427

Parish Pay for the month of August was: \$3,734

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