

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30 Walter Traenkle req. by the Weckler Family

TUESDAY – Saint Vincent de Paul

8:30 Special Intention for Mae Catalano req. by Pat Geffken

WEDNESDAY – Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:30 Michael Morelli req. by Susan Santore

THURSDAY - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 Laurie Kosker req. by Susan Santore

8:30 Special Intention for Nancy Volin as she celebrates her 88th birthday tomorrow.

FRIDAY – Saint Jerome

8:30 Mary L. Smith req. by the McGovern Family
Elizabeth Hewlitt req. by Thomas & Patricia Bracken

SATURDAY – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 Special Intention for the Scanlon Family req. by Anna & Simon

5:30 Ellen Nolan and Jerome Stehr req. by the children

OCTOBER 2, 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Verna Knorr req. by George & Cappy Daggett

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 John Calandrillo req. by Christine Cornish
Deceased members of the Dunn Family req. by Family

12:00 Elizabeth Hewlett req. by Tom & Bridget Manning
Karen Beierle req. by the Gary Kent Family

5:00 Mary Wlazelek req. by Cheryl Wallace & Family

PARISH FINANCES

September 18, 2016

\$ 11,153

**Happy those
who keep faith**

FOREVER

REFLECTION

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Some theologians believe that few will go to heaven. Other theologians hold that the mercy of God is so great that many, if not most, will go to heaven. But no one knows for sure.

Today's Gospel is a story about the relationship between a man who lived in luxury and went to hell and a frail beggar, who went to heaven. The rich man may have been a good and honest man. We don't know, and Jesus doesn't include this detail in his parable. We do know that he loved his five brothers, but he was also indifferent to poor Lazarus.

The Bible has countless references to the poor and the forgotten (Mica 2:9; Isaiah 58:7; Nehemiah 5:1-5; Matthew 5:42; 25:31-367). Most of these passages tell us that God expects those who have more to help those who have less. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them"

If we own a piece of property, we have legal title in the eyes of the law. However, in the eyes of God, we are only his tenants. We are just stewards of his property. At the final judgment, God will ask us about our stewardship, especially our care for the poor. This was the rich man's problem. He was God's caretaker. He owed his wealth to God. What he failed to see was that the beggar Lazarus was God's representative, a person who deserved to be treated much better. All he could see was a ragged, diseased man.

Scripture tells us to share our clothes and our food and to care for the sick and the lonely (Matthew 25:35-36; Luke 3:11). It tells us that every human being has the right to live in dignity and to not go hungry or homeless. Today, let's ask, "What sacrifices can my family make so that we can reach out to the poor more fully?"

"Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. Help me be as generous as you are."

From *The Word Among Us*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 9/25/16 – 10/2/16

Sun.	1:00 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM DVD Series	Cassidy Hall
Thurs.	6:30 PM Bingo (Non Smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Divorce Support	St. Lucy
	7:30 PM Cornerstone Team 3	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
	After Saturday PM and Sunday Masses	
	Right to Life Raffle Ticket Sales.	

LITURGY

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1ST Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We would like to welcome existing members of our Music Ministry and invite those who would like to join us. Please, contact Krys Kowalewski at 973-729 -6107 ext. 227 for more details.

Adult Choir – sings at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, first meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 13th at 7:30 pm in Cassidy Hall. WE NEED TENORS AND BASES!!!

The Children's Choir - sings at 9 am Mass on Sunday, practice on Thursdays, at 2:45 pm at St. Cecilia's room.

The Contemporary Ensemble - sings at 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, first practice on Saturday, Sep. 10th at 4:30 pm at St. Cecilia's room.

Instrumentalists – if you play a flute, oboe, violin, guitar, etc., can read music and have some performing experience please, contact our Music Director.

Come and join us!!! Praise God with your talent!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REMINDER!

9th Grade Confirmation Parents Meetings, in McKenna Hall on Oct. 2 at 4:00 PM, while your teens are in Confirmation Class.

DOGMA TEAM

Mondays, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM - Youth Room

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS FOR EVERYONE

You are invited on a powerful journey that will lead you along the steps towards freedom and new life. The spirituality of the 12 steps transcends multiple religious and secular traditions, & it gets to the heart of the most basic of human desires: happiness, peace, and inner freedom. Join us on Tuesdays, at 7 – 8:30 PM in Cassidy Hall for this DVD series led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, with follow-up discussion & refreshments.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 4:00 PM



St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Our Lady of the Lake will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi by having a Blessing for your beloved pets. Pet treats and prayer cards and photo taking will be available! What better way to show your pet how much you care for and love them!!

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 am-1:00 pm for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit insidethewalls.org for more information.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Are you, a family member, or a friend divorced? There's no such thing as a *Catholic* divorce, but Catholics do civilly divorce. Give someone a copy of this bulletin to invite them to the *Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* 12-week group which begins September 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Lucy's Room. Cost is \$15 per person which includes a "personal survival guide" and all materials for 12 weeks.

The dates of the meetings are: Sept, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Laurie DiCianni at 973-729-6107 or email ldicianni@ourladyofthelake.org to sign up for this program.

RAINBOWS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The Sparta United Methodist Church will sponsor the fall session of *Rainbows for All God's Children*. This program supports children (kindergarten through 8th grade) who are grieving as a result of loss. This may be a result of death of a parent/grandparent, divorce, separation, or incarceration. **Rainbows** offers peer support along with the guidance from trained, caring adults who will listen and give youngsters a safe place to express their feelings about the changes in their family's dynamics. The fall session begins October 4, 2016, and concludes November 8, 2016, (Tuesday evening meetings at the Sparta United Methodist Church). If you would like to register your child for this program, please call Pat Johnson, (973) 729-3233.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through Friday, October 21, 2016. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your application has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.



NJ RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISER

On the weekend of Oct 1 & 2, raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses. The prizes this year are:
1st Prize: 2017 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$42,000
2nd Prize: \$1000 Shop Rite Gift Card
3rd Prize: \$750 ShopRite Gift Card
4th Prize: \$500 ShopRite Gift Card
Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! The cost is \$10 per ticket.

We've Been Asked to Announce

Fatima & Lourdes Pilgrimage

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. 11 Days – November 7 – 17, 2017; Hosted by Fr. Matthew Twiggs, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, and St. John Vianney Parishes. Cost \$2799 per person from Newark. For brochure with complete details, please email fmatt@ststthomasjohn.org or call (973) 208-0090 Church/Home or (201) 317-4834 (cell).

St. Francis of Assisi Fundraiser

October 1st at 7:30 PM Live in Concert featuring Tony Mazz, singing Frank Sinatra's greatest hits; Uncle Floyd, Comedian; and Peter Lieberman, Musical conductor. At St. Francis School Gym, 868 Ringwood Ave, Haskell, NJ. Admission Fee \$20.00. Make Checks payable to Saint Francis Church. No cancellations or refunds. Contact (973) 835-0480 for reservations and questions.

SEC Annual Fund Raiser

Dinner, Auction, Wine Tasting

The Sparta Ecumenical Council Food Pantry will be holding its largest fund raising event on Thursday, October 6th at the Lake Mohawk Country Club at 6:00 PM (dinner at 7:00 PM). This event provides much of the funds to help provide food for the citizens of Sparta and Sussex County who are currently down on their luck. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Ticket prices are \$55 (\$20 of this amount is a fully tax deductible donation. If you are unable to join us on October 6th, a cash or check donation is always greatly needed and appreciated. Your donation can be mailed to the First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Food Pantry, 32 Main St., Sparta, NJ 07871.

Auxilium School Annual Tricky Tray

October 7th. Doors Open at 4:00 PM – Calling at 7:30 PM. Reserve your seats NOW – Limited table seating available. NEW ticket package! Call Patti at (973) 383-2621 – Option 3.

National Life Chain

National Life Chain will take place on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 to 3:30 PM at the Newton Green on the corner of High St. and Spring St. in Newton. Come join with other groups around the country in a prayerful witness to life. Signs will be provided. You may bring a chair if needed.

World Apostolate of Fatima/ Blue Army Shrine.

674 Mountain View Rd, Washington, NJ 07882
Saturday, October 1st. Confessions 10:30 AM; Rosary with 15 minute meditation at 11:30 AM; Holy Mass and Benediction at 12:15 PM; Holy House at 2:00 PM; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?". www.bluearmy.com (908) 689-1700 Ext 21.

Teaching Position at Assumption College for Sisters

Adjunct instructor possessing a Master's degree in History needed for Spring 2017 (Jan. 9-May9) for Assumption College for Sisters, Denville. Please send resume by October 15 to president@acs350.org.

LIVING ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. On Saturday, October 15th, directly after the 5:30 Mass, we will be praying the Rosary in church in a special way. It is called the Living Rosary and it's very child friendly. Any youngster who would like to say an Our Father, Hail Mary or Glory Be will receive a flower, and by the end of the Rosary we will have a beautiful bouquet to place before Our Lady. Of course, grown-ups are also eligible for flowers; we are all praying as one family. The Rosary will be followed by a pizza dinner in Cassidy Hall. Please consider bringing your favorite dessert to share with others. All parishioners are welcome.



"MEMORIES LINGER ON"

Father David has completed the recording of, "Memories Linger On", his CD project for 2016. The songs are ones he learned in Ireland, so some are Irish, but not all. After learning about the charitable work accomplished with last year's CD, "A Child is Born", several top Irish musicians came forward and offered to share their musical gifts along with Fr. David to create this new CD. It contains over 60 minutes of music with a surprising variety of musical styles and messages. All proceeds of the sale will once again be donated to charity. CDs are available by preorder only, at a cost of \$15 each. Sales start October 1st and will close in early November. The CDs will be available for pick-up in early December.

OLL LEGACY COOKBOOK



Our Cookbooks are finally here. Please support this worthy fund raiser. They contain many delicious family secret recipes from our own parishioners and make great Christmas gifts. The cost is \$25 and they may be

purchased at the parish office during the week.

BISHOP SERRATELLI'S LETTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bishop Serratelli has written a letter to college students again this year. He is reaching out to them to keep them attached to Christ and his Church. You are encouraged to send this letter to the college students you know. You may find a copy in the vestibule of the church or on our website, www.ourladyofthelake.org. The letter will also appear in the Bishop's column and on the Diocesan website.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Did you know that, in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal on-line? Simply go to www.2016appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience.

More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you.

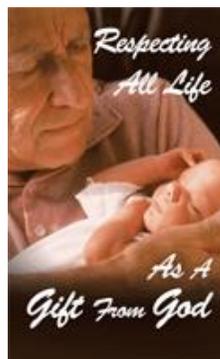
Whether it is a pledge, one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

CORNERSTONE HARVEST DINNER

To Cornerstone Weekend Alumni: Please join us at the 2nd annual reunion of Cornerstone Members and their spouses for an evening of fun, food and reflection at the Cornerstone Harvest Dinner Friday October 21st 7:00 PM. Through gatherings like this our Cornerstone Community will strengthen and grow.

PLEASE RSVP by October 10 either online or call the parish office. We had a great turnout last year so confirm early if you plan to attend. A wine table will be provided for all who wish to share their favorite wine. Free Will Donations will be accepted.

ROSARY FOR LIFE



The Respect Life Committee of Our Lady of the Lake will be hosting a Rosary for Life on Sunday, October 2, at 1 pm.

Please join us in praying for the protection of those vulnerable to abortion and euthanasia and for the conversion of all those participating in attacks on human life.

POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

28 Andover Road, Sparta, NJ 07871 www.PopeJohn.org

**An 8-12th Grade School Community
That is closer than you think!**

It's never too early to start thinking about admissions for September 2017! Join us at Open House:

Incoming 9th Grade, Tues., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Be a Lion for a Day, Tues, Oct. 18, 8:0 a.m. – noon.
Questions? Contact Anne Kaiser, Admissions, (973) 729-6125 X 255 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.