

23rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:30 A.M. Carmen Micelli
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Isadore G. Padula

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00 A.M. William Rech

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 A.M. Monica Voight

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:00 A.M. Intention of Audrey Higgins

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

8:00 A.M. Benedict Holgado

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 A.M. Pat Love

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00 A.M. Polly Chapman Ciscol

5:00 P.M. Lena Friscia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8:30 A.M. Pasquale Fasolino
10:30A.M. People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Vincent Hicks

SCRIPTURES

September 17TH-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person be expected to be forgiven for his sins. (SIRACH 27:30-28, 9)

SECOND READING: PAUL STRESSES THAT NO ONE IS HIS OWN MASTER; WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE LORD, AND WE BELONG TO HIM IN BOTH LIFE AND DEATH. (ROMANS 14: 7-9)

GOSPEL: THIS NARRATIVE POINTS OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MERCY AND JUSTICE. WHEN PETER ASKS HOW OFTEN HE SHOULD FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO WRONGS HIM, JESUS ANSWERS, "...NOT SEVEN TIMES: I SAY SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN TIMES." JESUS THEN NARRATES THE STORY OF THE KING WHO WAS MERCIFUL TO HIS OFFICIAL BY FORGIVING HIM ALL HIS DEBTS, BUT THE SAME OFFICIAL SHOWED NO MERCY TO HIS OWN SERVANT. (MATTHEW 18: 21-35)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-September 10, 2017

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

MASS CARDS

We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. Offering is \$15.

RCIA The RCIA process for 2017-2018 begins September 19th. If you know an adult who is not confirmed or who is a member of another church & is interested in the Catholic Faith, please let us know by calling Fr. Chris at 973-663-0211. **Open House** will be **Tuesday, September 19th, at 7:30pm in the Rectory.**



BAPTISMS Baptisms will be performed on Sunday, September 10TH, at 1PM.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE - THIRD TIME
Jaelyn Marisa Hyder - Our Lady Star of the Sea
&



Matthew Gregory Heye -OL Queen of Peace, Hewitt, NJ

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>
Phone calls/e-mails have gone out to last year's registered families. Many have STILL NOT responded or registered.
Only Pre-Registered students will be admitted to class on Opening Day. NO Exceptions.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, September 17th -8:45 AM - B Week-(PreK-5)

9:15AM- **Parent Meeting-Parish Center**

10:30AM -Catechetical Sunday-Living as Missionary Disciples

Sunday, September 24th -8:45 AM - A Week (PreK-5)

10:30AM -Catechetical Sunday-Living as Missionary Disciples

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, September 17th - 6:30 - 8:00PM -B Week classes

Sunday, September 17th -7:15-Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 24th -6:30 - 8:00 PM - A Week classes

HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10

Sunday, Sept. 24th, 6:30-8:00PM -classes

Students meet in their regularly scheduled classrooms

6:30-7:30pm - 9th Grade Parents Meeting

7:30-8:30pm- 10th Grade Parents Meeting

All Parents meet in the Church.

We still need a person to teach CLOW, as well as substitute teachers. For more info call Mrs. Jaye Hedrick at 973-663-0124.

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Bishop Frank Rodimer, Vera Donohue, Regina Clarke, Jack Gebhardt Jr., Natalia Telmosse, Patricia Kautter, Tom Carter, Ray Kelly, Patricia LaMorte, Tommy Vacca, Melanie Didomizio, Michael Dalessio, Carol Aulbach, Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's flowers were donated by Zofia Hudak in memory of Andrew Hudak. If you would like to donate flowers for the church in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. anniversary; please call 973/663-0211. \$55-\$75.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP THANK YOU : What an exciting week we had!! On Aug. 21st -Aug. 25th Our Lady Star of Sea held its first ever Vacation Bible Camp! It was a blast! But it certainly does take a village to make an event of this kind work. Fr. Chris, Jaye Hedrick and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave of their time and talents and those who donated food items to make this year's bible camp a wonderful experience for all, especially: Dora Sharpe- **Camp Nurse;** Krysia Dour- **Bible Skits Coordinator;** Maureen Diorio, Cheryl Kaelblein, Rose Rech, Rochelle Sullivan - **Lunch and Snack Coordinators;** Nicole Kahwaty and Rebecca Schultz -**Crafts Coordinators;** Sharon Thomas, Linda Grlica and Kris Wilsusen- **Bible Coordinators;** Ashley Nimmo and Alicja Wasilewski - **Games Coordinators;** **Group Guides:** Lina and Keiko Mina, Roit Leek, Hannah Naiman, Daniel Kasauskas, Jordan Kellish, Anthony Diana. **Guide Assistants:** Tracey Belcastro, Mykala Cumbertson, Nicole Ciampa, Sara Thomas, Daniel Profaca, Nick Daniel, Sharon Martin, Amber Brinck, Derek Lupo, Cora Haughney, Aleeza Cabahug, Leah Demko, Olivia Demko, Kylie Silva, Kailey Pasquariello, Samantha Iverson and Luke Ciampa. Kudos to David Cascone, Chief of Jefferson Fire Co.#2 for the "wet down", the Jefferson Police Dept., Det. Joseph Kratzel assisted by Officer Eric Sudak and Jessica Skalecky with Jefferson Rescue Squad for the programs they did for the camp. An extra special Thank you to Joe Sacino, Claudia Dungan- yoga extraordinaire, Dell Norris- Karate School, Eric Wilsusen- IT expert and general go to for everything! Frank Diorio for the best Lemon ice ever! Finally, thanks to Mike Schaffer of MP Production Group DJ and Miles of Smiles Photo Booth for making our Birthday of the Church celebration so great. With much appreciation, Fr. Chris Muldoon- Pastor, Jaye Hedrick- Religious Education Director, Sue Sacino- Vacation Bible Camp Director.

The Business End of Parish Life

As a pastor I am responsible for many areas of Parish Life; adult catechesis in the RCIA Program; Religious Education from Kindergarten through Tenth Grade; sacramental preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. There is also spiritual formation through Parish Missions and adult spirituality series, such as "Understanding Church", and "The Journey", to help adult Catholics grow in their faith.

We also have the physical side that comprises the Church, Parish Center and Rectory, and all attached grounds. Our facilities are in fairly good condition but maintenance and upkeep now demand urgent attention.

Our winters here in Lake Hopatcong are severe, and snow and ice on our parking lot and buildings cause great damage. The cracks in our parking lot have grown bigger this year and must be filled in before winter sets in. The parking lot should also be sealed. The elements have also damaged the woodwork on the church and parish center over the years. The entire woodwork needs to be washed down and painted, as do the soffits and gutters.

The bell tower presents a special challenge because of its height, but it also needs painting. Bids are being solicited at this time and I am hopeful that the painting can be completed by November 10th at the latest.

For a few months now we have experienced leaks in church and water on some pews and on the carpet in certain areas. The present roof was put on in 2002 and was done by a local company and I am confident it will carry out the necessary repairs. We are still not sure of the extent of the damage to the roof right now but I am hopeful that the work can start in the next three weeks and be completed by the end of October. A dead tree in our parking lot located near the house on the corner, was taken down last week as it was a safety hazard.

The Finance Committee assists me in all financial matters and I am grateful to the members for their expertise and dedication. The cost for the projects listed above may run to over \$45,000.00.

We have been blessed with increased weekly collections since our Offertory campaign in January and February 2017, but we will still need to raise additional funds to meet the cost of these projects.

A special second collection will be taken up on Sept. 23rd and 24th to meet this need. I ask you to be especially generous to your parish that weekend.

Thank you to all who consistently support our parish financially throughout the year. I appreciate your dedication to our parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris



INDOOR FLEA MARKET- Sunday October 8, 2017 9am-1pm - OL of the Lake, Mt. Arlington- sponsored by K of C Council #5114. \$15 per 6-8 ft. table (no elec outlets)- set up 8am. Contact Kevin Cullenly 973-668-5161 or kcullenly@optonline.net . There are applications in our vestibule-complete & return by 10/1/17.

SAVE THE DATE: - *Monday, September 25th, 7 - 9 PM at Pope John XXIII High School - the first "Pizza Night for Women" with Bishop Serratelli. This event will be open to high school & college aged women discerning their vocation. For details, contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org.*

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal – In Giving We Receive

The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is currently underway. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "In Giving, We Receive". By being generous with our God-given gifts, we not only help people in need, but we also help ourselves. Jesus reminds us of the blessings that come from being good stewards. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports 4 causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education; Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, and our inner-city area elementary schools. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Every single gift is important, valued and changes lives. Whatever you do to help is a profound blessing!

FOOD PANTRY



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM, 1:30-3:15PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Pantry Co-ordinator is Toni Tarighi

Items needed: **WATER, JUICEBOXES, COFFEE, MAC & CHEESE, pasta & pasta sauce, POTATO BUDS, Pop tarts, cereal bars, SOUPS, OATMEAL, JELLY, LUNCH BOX SNACKS, TUNA, crackers, carrots, peas & canned meats, laundry detergent, fabric softener, shaving cream, household cleaners, sponges, paper towels, tissues.**

Refrigerated Items: yogurt, milk, eggs, bread, OJ, frozen foods.

OLSOS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY's first meeting of the 2017-18 year is **Monday, Sep. 11th, 7PM in the Church Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us** in praying the rosary, discussing this month's topics, & our October 27th Annual Tricky Tray.



NEW TO THE PARISH WELCOME! Please call 973-663-0211 Mon-Fri to become a registered member of our active parish.

IRISH AMERICAN ASSN. OF NW NEW JERSEY'S 36TH ANNUAL FEIS

(FESTIVAL)-SUNDAY, SEPT. 10th -8:30AM - 6:00PM Sussex Cty Fairgrounds, Rte 206,

Augusta. 10:30AM **Mass** children's activities, celtic art, ceili, Bagpipe Band Irish language, and more. **Competitions in:** Bagpipe, Irish Step Dancing, Soda Bread, & Celtic Music and Art. Irish Vendors, Food Vendors, Beer Tent. Admission: \$15-18 & over; Seniors(65 & up) \$12; ages 12-17-\$8; under 12 – free. Free Parking. More info at iaanj.com



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 - PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in

Washington, D.C. with BISHOP SERRATELLI -\$49 per person- 1 day pilgrimage includes- *Holy Mass with the Bishop, Confessions in crypt of Church, Catechetical presentation, rosary, devotional time, Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;* This trip also includes transportation & gratuity; rest stop going, meal stop-returning. *Join as one Diocese in our Nation's Basilica in Washington.* For more information please contact Severo Castro, our parish coordinator, at 973-663-5145.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 27, 2017 – Star of the Sea's Annual Tricky Tray. Donations can be brought to the Rectory until Thu. 10/26.



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