

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that Labor Day is only two weeks away and the slower pace of Summer is almost over. If that is not challenging enough, Jesus has some real challenging words for us in today's gospel. In response to a question about how many will be saved, Jesus answers: "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*" Instead of answering the question of how many will be saved, Jesus tells us what we should be doing to save our own soul. "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*" Jesus, Himself, is the narrow gate. In fact, Jesus has already done what is needed to save our souls by His Sacrifice on the Cross for us. What we need to do is to make our lives an offering to God in union with His, to enter into a relationship with Him and to remain in Him. Jesus gave us the supreme gift of Himself the Eucharist to make this possible in a very real way: "*He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in Him.*"

The Christian life is more than just knowing about Jesus or keeping the Commandments. It is that, but so much more. It is fundamentally about participating in the very life of God, drawing our life from Jesus through the Sacraments culminating in the Eucharist. That is why the Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is the "*Source and Summit of the Christian life.*" Our union with Jesus in the Eucharist is source from which everything we do begins, and the goal toward which everything we do tends. That is the whole ebb and flow of our week. That is why the Mass on Sunday, the Lord's Day, is absolutely essential. Jesus said at the Last Supper when He gave us the Mass: "*I am the vine, you are the branches. Just as a branch cannot live apart from the vine, so neither can you live apart from me.*" Jesus is speaking about the Eucharist, the food for the life of our souls.

Let me just leave you with these beautiful quotes about the Eucharist by Saint John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, who in the 19th Century converted the entire town of Ars in France by getting his parishioners back to Mass on the Lord's Day: These quotes were taken from a talk by a friend and classmate of mine, Fr. Rodger Landry.

- *Attending Mass is the greatest action we can ever do.*
- *One will understand the greatness of the Mass only in Heaven.*
- *All good works taken together would not equal the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men...and the holy Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison...for martyrdom is the sacrifice of a man's life made to God. The Mass is the sacrifice that God made of his Body and Blood for man.*
- *Even if you had all the money in the world, you would not be able to pay for one Mass...because we can never pay for the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *If we have faith, we will see Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament like the angels see him in Heaven. He is there. He awaits us!*
- *Holy Communion! What honor God gives to his creature! O man, how great you are, nourished and fed by the body and blood of God! If you were to understand it, you would not be able to live! You would die of love! This God gives himself to you. You can carry him, if you want, where you want. For He makes Himself one with you!*

May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation of 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. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith or prepare for Confirmation.**

If you are interested in participating please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the Rectory. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection - \$14,212.
Last Year's Collection - \$12,832.

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother - \$1,583.
Last year's Collection - \$2,228.

Propagation of the Faith - \$3,872.
Last Year's Collection - \$5,546.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Catherine V. Kelly	John Bukowski, II
Margaret McDonough	James Hyman
Adele Bongiovanni	Richard Karlan
Christine Menza	John O'Neil
Czarina Yvette Arce	James Whitney
Lorna MacMichael	
Luz Berta Colon Collazo	
Kathleen Mendolia	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 21

Monday, August 22

Novena - 7:15pm

Wednesday, August 24

Hispanic Prayer Group - 8pm in the cafeteria Last meeting until September 14, 2016.

Saturday, August 27

St. Joseph Group - 7:30am in the Rectory

Sunday, August 28

SAVE THE DATES

SACRED HEART FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 8-11TH, 2016

Come have fun, and food and support the parish.
Pre-Sale tickets available at the rectory Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm all summer long.

Volunteers are needed for this year's festival.
Please call the rectory to volunteer and help make this year's festival a success! 357-0035

SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

September 8th - 11th, 2016

RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS

For the last few years, Sacred Heart has been blessed with donations for our Annual Basket Raffles at the Festival. If you are able and wish to contribute to or donate a full basket for this year's Festival, please call the Rectory at 845-357-0035.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call Any time of day:
1800-723-8331: www.goodcounselhomes.org

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2016-2017

For First Grade and New Registrants

Monday, August 22nd - 3pm - 6pm

Wednesday, August 24th - 10am - 1pm

A program for children with **Special Needs** is available. Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

Registration will be held in the Religious Education Office in the School. Please go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell during the hours listed above. Thank you. Please call the Religious Education Office at 357-6044 if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment if you cannot make any of these dates.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is looking to fill two part-time teacher's aide positions. These positions require the applicant to work cooperatively with the master teacher in the room. Each applicant should have a desire to enrich the educational environment for active four year olds. If interested, please call the school's main office at 845-357-1684 starting on Tuesday, August 23 after 9:00am.

CATHEDRAL PREP PROGRAM OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Cathedral Prep Program 2016-17 kick-off will be held on Saturday, September 10th - 9:00am - 5pm. If you are a young man in high school and is considering the priesthood, please see your pastor for the registration form and for more information contact the Vocation Office at NYPriest@archny.org or call 914-968-1340.

BLOOD DRIVE OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART TAPPAN, NY SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

For more information please contact 845-359-1230 or email secretary@olshtappan.com

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español, que tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles; se suspenderá durante el mes de Agosto, para reanudarse el 9 de Septiembre. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 13 de Agosto 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

IORELLA MARIE DAVILA
Daughter of Julio and Maria Denisse



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Jeff Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Frances Hunter, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Paul Stuewer, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez, Aloysius Witt, Jr. and Andrew Yaroschak.**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially, **Craig Handwerker.**

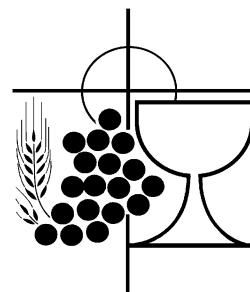
ALTAR MEMORIALS AUGUST 21, 2016

Altar Candles
In Memory of

RALPH & DOROTHY SEPULVEDA

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of

RALPH & DOROTHY SEPULVEDA



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00am – Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Deceased of the Milde, Hartney, & Tarantino Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am – Special Intentions of Lembo Family

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Al Witt

11:30am – Betty Atanas

1:00pm – Special Intention of Veronique, Matthew, Gregory & Rebecca Hazell

5:30pm –All Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00am –Thomas O'Connor

9:00am – Leo Vilord

7:15pm – **Novena Prayers Only**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00am – Renjit Jacob

9:00am – Andrew Biondo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00am –In honor of St. Louis of France

9:00am – John & Aline Hendrickson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00am – Special Intention of Louis Monroe

9:00am – Mary & Luciano Antonucci

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00am – Jim Reece

9:00am – Thomas DeScisciolo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00am – Catherine Howard & Francis McAdams

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6:00pm – Ruth Varano

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00am – Albin Karpinski

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Mary & Tony Chrzanowski

11:30am – Al Witt

1:00pm –Theresa DeMuro

5:30pm –All Parishioners

BOOSTER CLUB WINNER

WEEK 25- MARGO SZERMER