

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time † October 8, 2017**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday Oct. 9**  
**8:30 a.m. Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**  
 Philomena Grecco by husband John

**Tuesday Oct. 10**  
**8:30 a.m.** Lydia Esther Vale by daughter Vicki & The Nunziato Family

**Wednesday Oct. 11**  
**8:30 a.m. Saint John XXIII, Pope**  
 Marie & Joseph DeAngelis by Grandchildren Julie, Lois & Christina

**Thursday Oct. 12**  
**8:30 a.m.** Joan Flannery by Eileen Sullivan

**Friday Oct. 13**  
**8:30 a.m.** Eucharistic Service

**Saturday Oct. 14**  
**4:00 p.m. Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM**  
 George Firestine by wife Dolores & Family

**Sunday Oct. 15**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30 a.m.** Joseph Lapinski by his Family  
**9:00 a.m.** Francis Rainsford by John & Johanna Mandy  
**11:00 a.m.** Celia Amici by Nancy Santo

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Oct. 8 Hospitality Sunday  
 Fair Trade / Food Pantry  
 Respect Life – Baby Shower  
 Children’s Liturgy

Oct. 9 **Office Closed**  
 Companions of Pauline – 7-8:30pm

Oct. 10 Religious Ed- 6:15 – 7:30pm  
 Prayer Shawl – 1:30pm - Hall

Oct. 11 Religious Ed- 6:00 – 7:15pm  
 Bible Study – 9:00-11:00am  
 Lifenet (all 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) 6:00-7:15pm Church

Oct. 12 Religious Ed- 6:15 – 7:30pm  
 Choir Practice – 7:30pm  
 Paper Mill Play House  
 Woman Faith Sharing- 9:00-10:30am

Oct. 14 Green Thumb – 9:00am

Oct. 15 Blood Drive 8:00am – 12:30pm  
 Men’s Faith Sharing- 7:00pm

Oct. 16 Parish Mission – 7:00pm

Oct. 17 Religious Ed- 6:15 – 7:30pm  
 Parish Mission – 7:00pm

Oct. 18 Religious Ed- 6:00 – 7:15pm  
 Parish Mission – 7:00pm



**CANDLE AND FLOWER OFFERINGS**

*The sanctuary candle is offered in loving memory of The Cwerka Family by Rose. The candle before the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered in loving memory of The Chirico Family by Rose. The candle before St. Joseph is offered in loving memory of The Ferrari Family by Rose.*

*The sanctuary flowers are offered for the people of the parish. The flowers before the Blessed Virgin Mary are offered in loving memory of Josephine Samarelli by the Angelo & Marrazzo Families.*

The Collection amount for the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup>, was \$20,582. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

**Daily Readings**

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**Sunday**  
 Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

**Monday**  
 Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday**  
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**  
 Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday**  
 Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday**  
 Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday**  
 Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. ED

Dear Parish Family,

*The peace of the Lord be with you this day!*

*This past week has indeed been a rollercoaster of a ride! After returning home from radiation on Friday, I found myself blacking out at the rectory. I was able to celebrate a funeral Mass on Saturday, but could barely muster the strength to speak the words of prayer. On Sunday I had hoped to celebrate Mass privately at the rectory but was too weak to do so.*

*Despite very low platelet and white blood counts, I was able to successfully complete my rounds of chemotherapy last Tuesday. The custom of the Cancer Institute located at University Medical Center of Princeton is that you get to bang a gong in celebration. The celebration, however, was short lived. I found myself admitted to the emergency room that same day. It was determined that I had developed a blood clot in my right lung! This appears to be quite common with cancer patients and with my proclivity for blood clots – a natural consequence. I was released from the hospital and taken off my usual dosage of Coumadin. Now I must begin taking daily injections of medication until after my surgery.*

*The CT scan also showed that the stent inserted during my second endoscopy has now slipped down into my stomach. I guess this is a good sign: the tumor has shrunk considerably. Nevertheless, this is yet another bump on the journey. Surgery will be needed to remove the device. All of these complications have also delayed my completing the remaining rounds of radiation. October 1<sup>st</sup> was scheduled as my final day of treatment. Now I will finish my treatment later that week.*

*The surgeon at Sloan Kettering will review new PET/CT scans on October 30<sup>th</sup> and I will meet with him on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the strategy for future surgery. Your prayers have gotten me thus far through all these difficulties. Please continue to pray for a smooth transition. My platelets and white blood count continue to remain critically low, which is why you have not seen much of me on the weekends. I truly appreciate all that you have done for me during this time of illness and be assured of my constant prayers. This entire*

*ordeal has allowed me to truly embrace each blessing with renewed gratitude.*

*My sister, Maureen, is scheduled to return to her home and family in Florida for a few weeks before returning on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. I don't know who I will argue with over how to correctly stack the dishwasher????!! She has been a trooper; right by my side through it all! Again, what a blessing! I recently shared with her that I believe God has a plan with all of this, but I am beginning to doubt just what it is! I find comfort in one of my favorite hymns, Holy Darkness (# 470 in the music issue). "Holy Darkness, blessed night, heaven's answer, hidden from our sight. I have taught you the price of compassion; you have stood before the grave. Though my love can seem like a raging storm, this is the love that saves."*

*Pax, Fr.Ed*

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. BOB MEYERS

I am delighted that Bishop James Checchio has assigned me as the Parochial Vicar (Associated Pastor) of Nativity of Our Lord Church to serve the spiritual needs of the parishioners while our Pastor, Fr. Edward Flanagan, is undergoing medical treatment and, with the help of God, will recover soon.

After my priestly ordination, I served in a number of parishes and was sent by Bishop Edward Hughes to graduate school at the Catholic University of America, where I earned a Licentiate Degree in Canon Law and served at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal for almost twenty years.

If anyone would like to speak with me about any spiritual issues, I would be happy to do so at a mutually convenient time – please contact the parish office for an appointment.

Let us continue to pray for Fr. Flanagan's complete recovery and remember one another in prayer that we shall grow in the virtues first given to us in Holy Baptism: Faith, Hope and Charity and daily witness to Christ crucified and resurrected!

With prayerful best wishes,

Father Bob

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**7<sup>th</sup> Graders - October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:15pm.** Lifenet “Chasity” Presentation in the Church. Mandatory that all 7<sup>th</sup> graders attend on this night (Wednesday) in lieu of their scheduled class.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting** - October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm, 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:05pm, and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm in Father Congdon Hall.

**Catechists** – October 28<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Congress 8:30am – 3:00pm. St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Contact the Religious Education Office for details.

**NO CLASS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NO CLASSES ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>**



### Special Mass for Fr. Ed Flanagan

On Monday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm there will be a special Mass for the health and blessing of our Pastor, Fr. Ed followed by fellowship in Father Congdon Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH MISSION

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**OCTOBER 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:00 pm**

The pressing material needs of modern life, can sometimes make us complacent with our spiritual lives. The Mission is a time to step back and come together as the Body of Christ and experience the passion and fervor of our Catholic faith. Join us for an experience you will never forget. Father Charles Coury, who has spent over 30 years worldwide as a Redemptorist missionary, will conduct the Mission. Attend all 3 nights or whenever you can. The service will be a different theme each evening. Father’s preaching opens hearts to what is often missing from our lives, renewing and reawakening a joyful spirit in Christ.

## The winning numbers for the Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle are:

Oct. 1: 253  
Oct. 2: 215  
Oct. 3: 992  
Oct. 4: 341  
Oct. 5: 512  
Oct. 6: 689  
Oct. 7: 004

Thank you and Congratulations to the winners! Good luck again next week! **The winning numbers are drawn in Fr. Congdon Hall every Saturday following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.** The winning numbers are posted at our website [www.nativitykofc.com](http://www.nativitykofc.com).



## FLM Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat

**Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Noon to 2pm**  
**Rain date: Sun. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

Trunk or Treating is a safe and fun way for kids to enjoy Halloween and a great opportunity to interact with our parish community. All children must be accompanied with a parent, decorated car and provide candy. Parishioners without children are also invited to be trunks. Decorate your car and hand out candy to the children of the Parish. We ask each car to provide at least 100 pieces of candy. Please complete the form and leave it in the FLM mailbox no later than October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Christine Dranchak with any questions, 609-860-0896.

### Trunker Only RSVP

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

### Trunker and Treater RSVP

Name:

Phone #:

# of Treaters:



Breast Cancer Awareness

# Community Blood Drive

Sunday, October 15  
8:00am to 12:30pm

## Nativity of Our Lord

185 Applegarth Rd.

*October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.  
Join family and friends and donate blood to show your support.*

To schedule an appointment: call 800- 933-2566 or  
go to <http://tinyurl.com/nativitydrive>  
Walk ins welcome

Donors must be at least 16 years old with signed NYBC parental consent form,  
weigh 110 lbs or more and eat before donating. Please bring ID with signature or photo.

Please bring your donor ID card or number.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 8, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. **All calls are handled in strict confidence.**

**Respect Life:** If you are a female over the age of 20, chances are you have been to a baby shower. You know how fun it is to see adorable new pink, blue, green, or yellow outfits opened and shared. But what about women (some as young as 15) in crisis? Who helps them and their babies get a start with diapers and tiny socks to keep their feet warm? **The Center for Great Expectations** is such a place. In their words, it is: "A safe place, a safe presence and a safe path for homeless, pregnant or parenting, adult women and adolescents, and their children to overcome, and break, the destructive generational cycle of trauma, abuse, homelessness and addiction." Check out their website: <https://www.cge-nj.org> and if you are able, please donate any of the following next weekend, **October 14th-15th:**

- Gift cards from Amazon, Target, Walmart
- Huggies or Pampers diapers - Size 6
- Socks boys or girls sizes Newborn-5T
- Aveeno Products - Baby Wash or Lotion

### **CRS Rice Bowl - Your "Change" Changes**

**Lives:** Fatuma Ali Sali is a mother of eight who is facing the worst drought in 50 years in Ethiopia. She is one of nearly half a million people participating in a CRS project to help ride out the drought. The project helps people use new practices and technologies to counter the devastating effects of higher temperatures, prolonged drought and soil erosion.

**Caring Meals:** The Caring Meals group delivers soup year round to our homebound parishioners and provides short-term help to parishioners who are recuperating from an illness or hospital stay with deliveries of home-cooked meals. If you like to cook or know of someone who could benefit from

### TRIP TO PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

The women who are going on the October 12th trip to The Paper Mill Playhouse with the Women of Nativity should be at the church parking lot no later than 9:45! Please park your car in the back of the church parking lot as usual. Any questions call Pam Chauvin at 609-664-2985.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### Our October AC Trip!!!

On Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> we have planned a trip to Atlantic City's **Tropicana** Casino. The cost is \$22pp, with \$25 slot play bonus per person. A photo ID is required to obtain a Tropicana Advantage Card to receive the bonus. Make check payable to **Church Activities**. Park in the rear of the Church parking lot. Arrive at 9:15am. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30am, returning approximately 7:30pm. For reservations, call, **Rose Ferrari 609-395-7185.**

either of these two services, please call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963.

**Elder Care:** Do you need assistance with shopping periodically? Are you seeking a responsible person to sit with someone in need of supervision for a brief time? Do you require help with minor household chores? Please call Marge Nadolny 609-409-6164 to schedule this service, or to become a volunteer.

**Helping Hands:** Do you need a helping hand with minor tasks around the house? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact Esther Wolff by phone on 732-521-6019 or via email to [richardj.wolff@verizon.net](mailto:richardj.wolff@verizon.net).

**Prayer Shawl:** Our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 10th 1:30. BYO hooks and needles! Questions? Call Dorothy Kopil at 609-655-8138 or Greta Wiczorkowski at 609-655-4262.

### McCaffrey Tapes

Just a kind reminder we are collecting McCaffrey grocery store register receipts – ONLY McCAFFREY RECEIPTS. *Other store receipts cannot be used.* McCaffrey gifts us with 1% of the total grocery amount collected. In this past, this has meant donations up to \$700 to our church just for collecting these McCaffrey receipts. There is a drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your participation!



**Rosary Group** Please join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:50 a.m. to recite the Holy Rosary. We will be seated at the right side of the church near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Rosanda Grau, of Life Choices Resource Center of Metuchen, N.J. will speak at all Masses on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Ministry needs all the support we can give. It helps reach vulnerable mothers and families, including taking

their new Mobile Ultrasound Unit to the very doors of the clinic.

Middlesex County is overrun by abortion clinics and your generosity and commitment will help in preserving the life of the unborn child. Life Choices is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all donations are Tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

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### BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL

One Tingley Lane \* Edison, NJ 08820

FALL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

*Meet our faculty, tour our new facility, and hear about our technology. Learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides and brochures are available. Refreshments served.*

**All are Welcome! 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Are Encouraged To Get An Early Start! Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions at (732) 549-1108 X620 Or visit us on the Web at [bgahs.org](http://bgahs.org).**

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TO BENEFIT THOSE AFFECTED BY  
HURRICANES HARVEY & IRMA

## HURRICANE RELIEF FUND



Wednesday October 11, 2017  
7:30 P.M.

\$10 Dollars per person

FEATURING:

The St. James Orchestra

"Big Band Sound"



Claudia Perry – Vocalist

At

Saint James the Less Church

36 Lincoln Avenue

Jamesburg, NJ 08831

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TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR