

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time † September 10, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday Sept. 11**
8:30 a.m. Smalley, Furnick & Smith Families
 by Peggy, Carol & Family
- Tuesday Sept. 12**
8:30 a.m. **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
 John & Sabina Conway
- Wednesday Sept. 13**
8:30 a.m. **Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop
 and Doctor of the Church**
 James Campbell Jr. by wife Anita
- Thursday Sept. 14**
8:30 a.m. **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 Robert Brix by wife Patricia
- Friday Sept. 15**
8:30 a.m. **Our Lady of Sorrows**
 Eucharistic Service
- Saturday Sept. 16**
**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
 Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
4:00 p.m. Calcagno Family by Lola Calcagno
- Sunday Sept. 17**
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Maria de Freitas by daughter
 Gemma Julien
- 9:00 a.m.** Rose & Anthony Mascio by Janet
 Mascio
- 11:00 a.m.** Andrew Ellmer by wife and
 children

CANDLE AND FLOWER OFFERINGS

The sanctuary candle is offered in loving memory of Thomas Dardini by his wife Helen. The candle before the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered in loving memory of Grace & Emilio Memoli & Lugia Notari by Richard & Esther Wolff. The candle before St. Joseph is offered in loving memory of Joseph Avarello by Rosie & Charlie Miller. The candle before St. Jude is offered in healing of Anthony Schiulaz by Aunt Rose.

The sanctuary flowers in the sanctuary are offered for the people of the parish. The flowers before the Blessed Virgin Mary are offered in loving memory of Lorraine Bond by Patti Pentangelo. The flowers before St. Joseph are offered in healing of Father Edward Flanagan by Rosie and Charlie Miller.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sept. 11 Companions of Pauline -7-8:30pm Hall
 Pastoral Council – 7:00pm
- Sept. 12 Religious Ed Classes 6:15-7:30pm
 Prayer Shawl - 1:30pm Hall
 Respect Life Meeting – 9:00am
- Sept. 13 Religious Ed Classes 6:00- 7:15pm
 Bible Study 9-11am
 Religious Ed Classes 6:15-7:30pm
- Sept. 14 Choir Practice – 7:30pm
 Woman’s Faith Sharing-9-10:30am
- Sept. 17 RCIA - 10:00 am
 SYG Meeting 5-8:00 pm
- Sept. 18 Knights of Columbus – 7:00pm Hall
- Sept 19 Religious Ed Classes 6:15-7:30pm
 Bereavement Group – 7-8:30pm
 WoN Communion Breakfast- 9am
- Sept. 20 Religious Ed Classes 6:00- 7:15pm
 Bible Study – 9-11:00am
 Baptism Prep – 7:30pm
- Sept 21 Religious Ed Classes 6:15-7:30pm
 Choir Practice – 7:30pm
 Woman’s Faith Sharing 9-10:30am



Daily Readings

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- Sunday**
 Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
- Monday**
 Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday**
 Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday**
 Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday**
 Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Friday**
 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Saturday**
 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

The collection amount for the weekend of September 3rd was \$13,519. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Amen, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”

How wonderful when we find several people gathered in prayer. It may be before a statue or shrine, at table in a family home, or before the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe beads pass through gnarled fingers, hands raised in praise, or a simple profound bow, people turning to a loving God. His grace and their faith allow this stirring moment to happen.

Our prayer may be for our personal needs, may be prayer of intercession for someone who is ill or in difficult circumstances, or an expression of deep gratitude for favors granted. On each occasion may we acknowledge the words of the gospel that the Lord is truly present in such gatherings. He invites us to prayer, we invite Him to participate with us.

Hear God's Voice



Knights of Columbus calendar raffles are now available for purchase anytime.

Call Ed Visinski, Grand Knight at 609-915-7942 – email shvejv@verizon.net or Francis Macchiaroli, Dep. Grand Knight at 917-622-6815 or starfire13@comcast.net.

RCIA



The RCIA program for adults who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, will begin on

September 17th at 10:00 am in the Resurrection Room at Nativity of Our Lord Parish.



We Celebrate Wedding Milestones

25 Years

Allan & Kimberly Pechko

50 Years

Ron & Pam Chauvin
Daniel & Rosemary Kennedy
Peter & Irene Marino
Joe & Peggy Rugilio
Joseph & Anne Tredici

60 Years

Walter & Helen Tschinkel

Office Hours



The office will be open Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed classes begin September 12, 13, & 14

8th Graders: Please remember your text books, bibles and Saint Project the first night of class.

CATECHISTS

Reminder: Saturday, October 24th, 8:30am to 3pm Faith Formation Convocation at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center.

Pray for our Catechist:

“Loving God, allow our catechist to begin this new year with gratitude for your generous gifts of wisdom, grace, joy and forgiveness.”

Love 
one another



“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. If you have recently lost a loved one, your first year or subsequent years without them can be painful. Many times people are caught in the dilemma of the need to grieve and the pressure from others to get over it. If you are suffering over the death of someone you love, perhaps our Bereavement Team here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish can help you during this painful time.

Our support group will begin on **Tuesday evenings, September 19, 2017 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Resurrection Room and will continue through Tuesday evening October 31st**. The sessions are focused on the stages of grief and offer a safe haven during this difficult time in your life.

To register or for more information, contact Sister Marie Colette at, 609-371-0499 ext.16 or sistermariecolette@nativitymonroe.org.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our October AC Trip!!!

On Tuesday October 3rd, 2017 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 **Vinny DiSanto 609 655 5744**.

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: Looking for a way to get involved in a Parish Ministry? Respect Life is a group that organizes several events during the year that don't require a large time commitment. Please consider joining us on September 12th for our meeting. We will be discussing our baby shower on October 7th and 8th.

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 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our prayer-centered group of crocheters/knitters will resume Tuesday **Sept. 12th at 1:30pm**. Come join us!

CRS Rice Bowl - Your "Change" Changes

Lives: During a post-disaster damage assessment, a local Catholic Charities agency visited the home of a 73-year-old disabled female, who was wheelchair bound. Her back door had been blown away, four windows were broken and the front door was damaged. Also, she couldn't leave the house because the exit ramp had collapsed. Her income was less than \$900 per month. Catholic Charities provided the funds for repairs, and volunteer labor did the work. They also helped her enroll in the SNAP program and Meals on Wheels. During a conversation with her case manager, the woman tearfully relayed that Catholic Charities had restored her human dignity. In 2016, 86 Catholic Charities agencies provided disaster services across the nation.

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!



HEAVENLY FATHER...

I call on You right now in a special way. It is through Your power that **Father Ed** was created. Every breath he takes, every morning he wakes, and every moment of every hour, he lives under Your power.

Father, I ask You now to touch him with that same power: for if You created him from nothing, You can certainly recreate him. Fill him with the healing power of Your Spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in him. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.

Let the warmth of Your healing love pass through his body to make new any unhealthy areas so that his body will function the way You created it to function. And Father, restore him to full health in mind, body and spirit, so he may serve You the rest of his life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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.

**Champions for Catholic Charities
50/50 Raffle**

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. *The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners.* With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Monday, October 16 at the **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions or call 732-562-2438. Thank you and good luck.

Women of Nativity

All the women of Nativity are invited to gather together for the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, September 19th followed by a catered buffet communion breakfast in Father Congdon Hall.

Our speaker will be Mary Ann Sullivan.

The cost of the breakfast is \$14. French toast, country style eggs, buttermilk pancakes sausage and bacon, breakfast fries, assorted pastry, danish and bagels, fresh fruit platter, coffee, tea and juice.

Please deposit the form below along with your check of \$14 made out to Nativity of Our Lord Church in the W of N slot in the narthex through September 12th.

Call Joyce Peppe 908-963-9308 with any questions.

Hero's Walk for Life!

Saturday, October 7, 2017
9am-12pm Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine)
Benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS
PROVIDED**

DJ, Refreshments, Games – Family Fun, No Distance or Time Restrictions! *Be a HERO and Make the Difference in the Life of an unborn child*
Register or DONATE today @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound!
Call (732) 516-0911 or TEXT 848-229-7634 with questions.

Women of Nativity

Communion Breakfast 9/19/17

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____

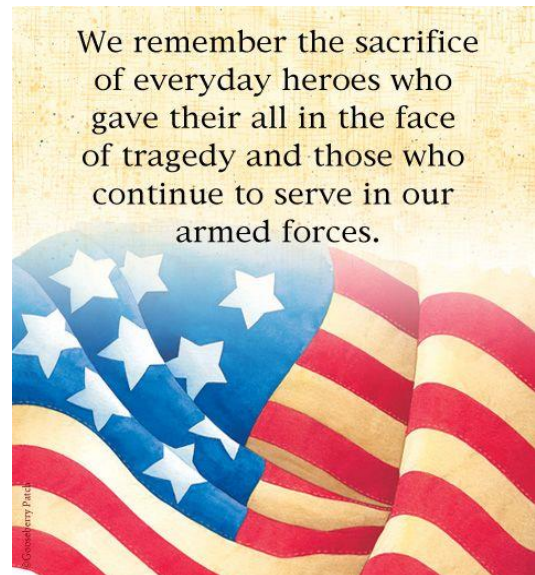
PRAYER Intentions of Pope Francis

✠ September 2017 ✠

In his Message for the 2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: “All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God’s love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God’s love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves.”

We experience God’s love in prayer and community, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. There, our intimate encounter with Jesus leads us to share the concerns and desires of his Heart which move us beyond focusing just on ourselves or our own parish community. In 2001 Pope St. John Paul II wrote: “our Christian communities must become genuine ‘schools’ of prayer. By opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God’s plan.”

Strengthened in faith and charity at the Eucharist, we look outwards to the millions who do not know Jesus. We reach out to them with our prayer and acts of charity. At the same time, we form a parish community that will attract people to Christ and his Body, the Church. In a General Audience last October, Pope Francis offered the example of St. Therese of Lisieux, one of the Apostleship of Prayer’s patrons: “she reminds us that the real mission is never proselytism, but rather attraction to Christ, beginning with strong union with him in prayer, adoration and concrete acts of charity, which is service to Jesus present in the least of our brothers and sisters.”



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Gospel Today
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus says if two people disagree, try to work it out. If not, call in a third party. If that doesn't work, call in the community. He reminds us to **pray** in all matters and He will be there for us.

Cycle A
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Devotions Write the names of the places we gather in groups in prayer.

Mass Sacraments Religious Education

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“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

u g b j s l
k z q o c m w
d t v i f e h
x n h

Some letters of the alphabet are missing from the group. Write them in the blank space below...

Jesus is in the midst of all who _____

Arrange the letters into a word found in today's gospel.

Bedtime

② _____

Family Meals Memorial Services

Gatherings Remembrances

③ _____