

**OCTOBER 8, 2017
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY – Saint Denis and Companions, Martyrs;
Saint John Leonardi**

8:30 Margaret (Peggy) McGovern req. by Judge & Mrs. N. Peter Conforti
Maxwell Gottstein req. by the Knight Family

TUESDAY

8:30 Joseph Vozza req. by Judge & Mrs. N. Peter Conforti
Stanislaw Grzechnik req. by his sister, Barbara

WEDNESDAY – Saint John XIII, Pope

8:30 Robert Smerklo req. by the Weckler Family
Gail Shedlick req. by Mary Ellen Forneris

THURSDAY

8:30 Cornelius McCarthy (10 yr. Anniv.) req. by Mike & Barbara Tilton
Bud George req. by Judy & Wayne Savage

FRIDAY

8:30 Peggy McGovern req. by the Redshaw Family
Special Intention of Maxine Doyle req. by the Scanlon Family

9:30 Jerzy Bradtke req. by Rev. Brown Faculty & Staff

SATURDAY – Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 Joseph Vozza req. by the Paladini Family
Andrew Abram req. by Ana & Simon
5:30 Peter Cofrancesco III req. by Geoff & Judy Zoeller
Joseph Mulligan req. by Kathleen & Brian Fitzpatrick

**OCTOBER 15, 2017
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:45 Eleanor & Bernard Beihl Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl
Special Intention of the Scanlon Family req. by Anna & Simon

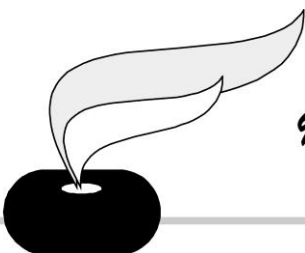
9:00 Raymond O'Leary req. by Tom & Pat Bracken
Judy Beebe req. by Ann Jachts

10:30 People of the Parish
Peter J. Cofrancesco req. by Patrick & Marianne Walsh

12:00 Kathleen Hassloch req. by Rita & John Scanlon
Special Intention of Kelly Laureano & JL and Families req. by Anna & Simon

PARISH FINANCES

October 1, 2017	\$ 12,393
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 3,405
Hurricane Relief	\$ 7,970
ParishPay September	\$ 8,135
Amazon.com – July	\$ 75



*Present
your needs
to God*

REFLECTION

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

More women and girls consider abortion than we may realize. Even if someone identifies as being pro-life, the shock of an unexpected pregnancy, the devastation of a difficult prenatal diagnosis, shame, pressures, or fears may influence her to consider abortion. If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond?

Listen and Learn: Listen to her story. Ask about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, wants, and fears. Don't interrupt except perhaps to ask her to explain further, for example, "How did you feel when..." or "What are you most afraid of?" Confirm that you understood her correctly, "I hear you saying..." Listen for clues to her needs so you can later bring up helpful ways to address those needs. Listen for her strengths and resources so you can later reflect them back to her, building up her confidence and courage.

Open Options: When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, always in a loving and caring way. You might share about the reality of abortion and the wounds that typically result. You might share experiences about having a baby, adoption, marriage, and how they might apply in her situation, but keep the focus on her.

Vision and Value: Awaken in her a vision for a healthier life. Help her to value herself differently, worthy of love and joy. Made in the image of God, as a woman, her maternity is a gift. Jesus loves her and died for her. Encourage her to set and work towards goals beyond her due date, to see life beyond pregnancy. There is always hope. She is not alone. She can make positive, life-giving choices. She can do it!

Extend and Empower: Provide practical help and support. Her local pregnancy help center can offer consultation, lists of community resources, and ultrasound services. Keep such lists of resources in your car, purse, or wallet, always ready. What would help her? A call from you? How can you contact her?

Pray with her and for her and her baby. Bring Christ's love to your friend at this crucial life-saving and life-defining moment. We are created to walk with and support one another, so do not fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: "Do not fear; I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 10/8/17 – 10/14/17

Mon	7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
Tues.	9:15 AM Scripture Class	Library
	7:00 PM Bible Study	Library
Wed.	7:30 PM Study of the Saints	Library
	7:00 PM RB Uniform Exchange	McKenna Hall
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	7:00 PM Study of Pope's Encyclical	St. Lucy
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8 AM to 2 PM Joey Rubino Blood Drive	McKenna
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest."

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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; LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF, Pfc Paul Wilcock II, Private William Maloney. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

Please let us know when your loved one has returned. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

YOUTH GROUP/DOGMA TEAM

Dogma Team is cancelled for Columbus Day (October 9th). See you all on October 16th. Youth Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 morning Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Our main focus is on the readings and Gospel for that weekend Mass. Please join us for a very relaxed discussion as we relate to how the Gospel speaks to us in our lives. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together.

The class is only one hour. Hope to see some new faces; it will be an hour well spent!

BIBLE STUDY

Increase your understanding of Holy Scripture by attending Bible study at our parish center. Special emphasis will be placed on Sunday Scripture readings and how they connect to daily living. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Library. All are welcome.

A PRAYERFUL STUDY OF THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL

Not so long ago, Pope Francis wrote a beautiful encyclical called "Laudato Si". He wrote about God's wonderful creation and how we can be better stewards of the gifts of his handiwork. On selected Fridays in October and November at 7:00 PM, we will gather to study and reflect on the encyclical, and see how we can implement its teachings in our parish and in our community. If you are interested, please join us in St. Lucy's Room during the following Fridays: October 1, November 3, 10 & 17.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE THROUGH THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Holiness is not just reserved for a few mystics or saints. We are all called to grow spiritually, and the saints have provided us with a roadmap for that spiritual journey in prayer and holiness, to God.

There is still time to join us on **Wednesday evenings, October 4 – December 6, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the Parish Library**, for our next "Study of the Saints" discussion group opportunity. All are welcome!

- Learn about the 3 major stages in everyone's spiritual journey.
- Compare the teachings and advice of 7 very different saints and Doctors of the Church.
- Take part in lively, candid discussions and shared experiences of fellow parishioners.
- Develop a better understanding and plan for your own personal spiritual growth in prayer and holiness.

Contact Jeff Tucker (973) 726-9011 or Nancy Hefele (973) 713-1376 for more details.

REVEREND GEORGE A. BROWN SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School is a thriving National Blue Ribbon PreK-4 elementary school committed to faith, community, and academic excellence. We invite you to visit our school to learn more about our program offerings including our exceptional Early Childhood Development Program.

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

New and existing members are invited.

POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John High School is having an Open House for 8th grade students entering 9th grade in September 2018, on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 PM at the high school.



Pope John High School is having an Open House for 7th grade students entering the 8th grade in September 2018, on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:30

PM at the high school.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

In the spirit of community cooperation, The Legion of Mary (LOM) AND THE Respect for Life (RFL) committees would like to announce these upcoming events for October/November which will need your participation and support to be successful:

1. The weekend of October 21st – 22nd we will be selling raffle tickets for RFL after each Mass. It is a chance to win a 2017 Volvo and the tickets are selling for \$10.00 each.
2. Also on Sunday, October 22nd, after the 12 o'clock Mass we will be saying the Rosary for Life in public on the grounds of our church.
3. On November 14 from 7:00 – 9:30 PM at St. Paul's Church, 200 Wyckoff Ave., Ramsey, NJ 07446, there will be a presentation by Christopher West offering a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of St. Paul II's "Theology of the Body". Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.corproject.com. For more info (201) 327-0976 or email dschifano@stpaulrcchurch.org. Anyone wishing to attend but not having a ride, please contact Christine Levin at (973) 729-4293.

Please prayerfully consider joining us: the rewards are: a) personal spiritual development, b) catholic community solidarity; c) a chance to win a beautiful 2017 Volvo.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Beefsteak and Baskets Evening at Camp Auxilium

Friday, October 20, 2017 – BYOB; Catered by Nightingale's of Clifton, NJ. Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Tickets \$40 per person. 50/50 and Multi-tier basket tickets too. Must be 18 or older to attend. Call the Main Office for tickets or more info (973) 383-2621 or visit www.campauxilium.org

Columbiette #784 Beefsteak Dinner

Saturday, October 14th. Newton VFW, 85 Mill Street, Newton. Doors open at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$45 per person. Music provided by DJ Mike Malloy (**Must be 21 or older**). Proceeds benefit DPD (Dept. of People with Disabilities) and other local charities. For more information and tickets call Maureen Fiore at (973) 579-5293 or Miriam Montagne at (201) 230-1373.

2017 Pro-life Community Evening

Friday, October 13th, 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Cecilia's Church – Hayes Hall, 70 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866 (973) 627-0313..Free Admission and light refreshments. "A Critical Time to Protect the Unborn" presented by Christopher Bell, Co-Founder of Good Council Homes and Christine Flaherty, executive Director, Lifenet.

Become a Hospice Volunteer

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (973) 451-4128 or renderle@vnanj.org

Fatima Centennial Year Closing Mass

A closing Mass for the 2017 Fatima Centennial Year will be held on Friday, October 13th at 11:00 AM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Bishop Dominick Lagonegro will preside at the Mass. A Scriptural Rosary will be prayed beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by the Mass and a light lunch. Please call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director, at (845) 343-1879 for further information.

**2017 Our Lady of the Lake Cornerstone
Men's Retreat
Register NOW**

**The Men's Cornerstone will start 6:00pm on
Friday, October 27 through Saturday evening
October 28th.**



Do not miss this unique opportunity to spend 26 hours that could have a profound impact on your outlook and our life. Step out of your routine to think about those things that matter most. Reflect, Renew, Relax, and Strengthen Your Faith.

Further information and registration forms are in the retreat brochures available in church or in the parish office. This is the year to

give yourself the gift of Cornerstone.

Participate as much or as little as you choose.

Questions? Comments? Contact:

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POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

- ❖ The Church shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love. June 12, 2017
- ❖ Humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak, but of the strong. June 8, 2017
- ❖ The Church needs everyday saints, those of ordinary life carried out with coherence. June 7, 2017
- ❖ God is greater than nothingness, and a lit candle is enough to overcome the darkest of nights. May 10, 2107
- ❖ Everyone has something to give to society; no one is excluded from contributing to the good of all. May 9, 2017
- ❖ We are called to walk together, in the conviction that the future also depends on the encounter of religions and cultures. April 28, 2017
- ❖ God's mercy is forever; it never ends, it never runs out, it never gives up when faced with closed doors, and it never tires. April 23, 2017
- ❖ I love to repeat that Christian unity is achieved by walking together, by encounter, prayer and preaching the Gospel. January 25, 2017

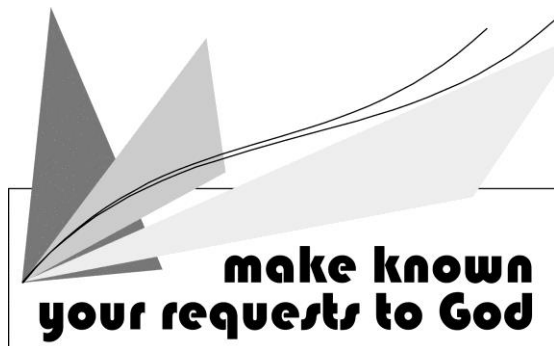
**BISHOP SERRATELLI MASSES
SAVE THE DATES**

A CELEBRATION OF TRADITION AND FAITH

Bishop Arthur Serratelli of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, will offer a Pontifical Solemn High Mass in the newly renovated Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, 381 Grand St., Paterson, on Saturday, October 14, 2017. This Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. The Mass is part of the Latin Mass Pilgrimage being celebrated for the first time in the Diocese. All laity, clergy, and religious who love the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite which was the form of the liturgy prior to the liturgical changes instituted by the Second Vatican Council are invited.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, 381 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ Sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus. Celebrant: Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, Concelebrant: Rev. Jody Baran – Federation Chaplain. All priests, deacons, parish staff, schools – staff and students, parishioners, families and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful way to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life.



LISTENING TO HIS VOICE

In the outdoor play of childhood summers, my mother insisted we stay within the sound of her vice. She wanted to know that my siblings and I were safe, and she wanted to call us easily home at suppertime. My mother's voice was one among countless other summer sounds, - the calls and responses of childhood games, the whoosh of a jump rope through the air, the rustling branches of a plum tree as we searched for the choicest fruit.

Today, the sounds around me are more complex than those of childhood, and the world is broader than a sheepfold of neighboring backyards. But just as I stayed within the sound of my mother's voice as a child, so now I am called to the voice of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life in his care for me. And so, I listen.

*Sr. Elisabeth Meadows OSB
From: Give Us This Day*