

Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

120 Monroe Avenue • Cresskill, NJ 07626

AUGUST 30, 2020 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE SON OF MAN WILL COME WITH HIS ANGELS

in his Father's glory,

AND THEN HE WILL

REPAY ALL ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.

~ Matthew 16:27

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MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

SATURDAY: AUGUST 29

5:00 Helen and Frank McCullough, req. Doreen and Bob
 5:00 Mary Brown, req. Kevin and Terri Terhune

SUNDAY: AUGUST 30

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Luciano Minetti, req. Gina Marie Loiacono
 9:30 Andrew Harvey, req. Dorothy Forbes
 11:30 Joan Bender, req. Doris Brewster
 11:30 Mary A. Deery, req. The Citero Family

MONDAY: AUGUST 31

8:30 Carter Murdock, req. The Sanchez Family
 8:30 John Acken, req. Linda Karalian

TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 Gary Mioli, req. Aunt Anna
 8:30 Laura Velli, req. Christina Cobb

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 Pat Brady, req. Joe and Pat Donnelly
 8:30 Jeanne Moles, req. Jim Callahan and Kathy Mays

THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 Marinko Stanin, req. Pia Stanin
 8:30 Anne Nesser, req. Mary Ann Cassidy

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 Catherine Fowler, req. Eileen Brady
 8:30 Marie Clark, req. Breeda Bresnan

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 5

5:00 Tony Poggi, req. Wife, Irene and Family
 5:00 Catherine Mangan, req. Mary and Jim Whalen

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 Marilyn Callahan, req. Academy of St. Therese HSA
 7:30 Frank Martin, req. The Wexler Family
 9:30 For the People of the Parish
 11:30 Marinko Stanin, req. Daniela and Rich Bossbaly
 11:30 Louis McGrath, req. Linda and Tony Joyce

Danny Angelucci
 Richard C. Barretta
 Janet De Felice
 Kathy Foley
 Mary Foley
 Kyle Geran
 Pat Geran
 Michelle Guerra
 Edward Harthorn
 Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.
 Louie Hebert
 Joan Henry
 Arian Hila
 Jeremiah Kissane
 Mike Loiacono

Patti Mazzo
 Brianna Medeiros
 Jeff Meeks
 Ed Naso
 Mary Ann Naso
 Joanne Nicastro
 Judy Porcaro
 Nancy Porcaro
 Bob Prince, Jr.
 Quinn Rosa
 Vincent Tripodi
 Catherine Ulshoefer
 Amanda Wilson
 George Wymer

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military.

Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
Gavin John	U.S. Marines
Matt John	U.S. Marines
Mario Medina	U.S. Marines
Andy Naso	U.S. Army
Christopher D. Smith	U.S. Army

If you have a relative serving in the military, please e-mail us at bulletin@stthereseccresskill.org so we can add his/her name to our prayer list.

MASS SCHEDULE



Daily 8:30AM
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30AM
 9:30AM
 11:30AM
Holy Days 7:30 PM Vigil
 8:30AM
 12:00 PM
Reconciliation
 Saturday
 2 - 2:30 PM

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
 Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm.
Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
Pastoral Associate
 Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono
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Director of Religious Education
 Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
 Izzy Aytona
Business Manager
 Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
Trustees
 Mrs. Joan Hebert
 Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE



We pray for our loved ones and for all military men and women who have died this week, may they be at peace with God.

Our Lady of Sorrows Back to School Collection

Over the next two weeks, we will be collecting school supplies for the children from our sister parish, Our Lady of Sorrows. Since the children will be attending school via virtual learning, the list is fairly simple.



- Pencils
- Pens
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide ruled filler paper
(Loose-leaf paper)

Donations can be left in the baskets in the main vestibule of the church (doors lock at 1pm each day) or at the Parish Office (until 2PM).

Thank you for your generosity!

Any questions, please contact
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STAR-FEST XI

On Sunday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m., Hook Mountain will be alive with the sound of music, echoing from the lawn of **Marydell Faith and Life Center**
640 North Midland Avenue
Upper Nyack, NY 10960.

The concert will benefit One to One Learning, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, that provides free instruction in English to Immigrants.

This year YOU pick the VENUE
In-Person - limited to first 50 participants or
Virtual Streaming live on One to One Learning's FACEBOOK page.

Tickets: \$30 For further information:
845-512-817; clpangel59@gmail.com
Send check to above address
or use Pay-Pal at www.one2one-learning.org

*Dear young people, do not bury your talents,
the gifts that God has given you! Do not be
afraid to dream of great things!*

Pope Francis

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Eyes of A Child

I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel. Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine

power to bring prosperity. Like Satan's temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory. Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who



say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself

means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a "living sacrifice." Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him. That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom--and much sleep--when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

September 1 is recognized as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” — Pope Francis

CANTICLE OF THE SUN

O most High, almighty, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures; and especially our brother the sun, which brings us the day, and the light; fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor:

O Lord, he signifies you to us!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars,
which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather,
by which you uphold in life all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, which is very serviceable to us,
and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire, through which you give us light in the darkness:
and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty, and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth, which sustains us and keeps us,
and yields divers fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for God's love's sake,
and who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are they who peaceably shall endure,
for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no one escapes.
Woe to him who dies in mortal sin!

Blessed are they who are found walking by your most holy will, for the second death shall have no
power to do them harm.

Praise you, and bless you the Lord, and give thanks to God, and serve God with great humility.

St. Francis, 1182-1226

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

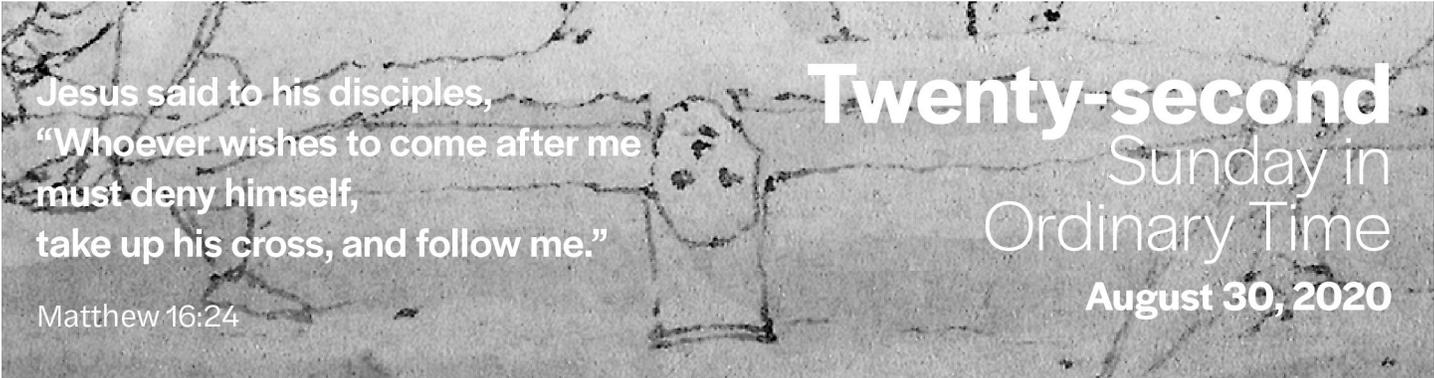
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my
heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

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August 30, 2020

SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God’s service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is “too strong,” and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our “crosses,” into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a “living sacrifice.” Let’s offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let’s unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus’ tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can’t solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus’ words today penetrate our hearts: “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7–9
Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
Romans 12:1–2
Matthew 16:21–27

Sketch, *Martyrdom of Saint Peter*, 1598/99

Andrea Boscoli

Italian, c. 1560–1608

Chicago Institute of Art (CCO)

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God's Word For Children

Try to sound out the words in the rectangles.
Then use the word bank below to write each word onto the blanks.
When you are done, read the message.

Let God _____

_____ in _____ the _____

God wants you _____ !

Word Bank

be person you
into change to

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Jesus said a disciple should
"take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).
Look at this tricky picture from all angles
and count the number of crosses.
Write that number in the heart.