Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

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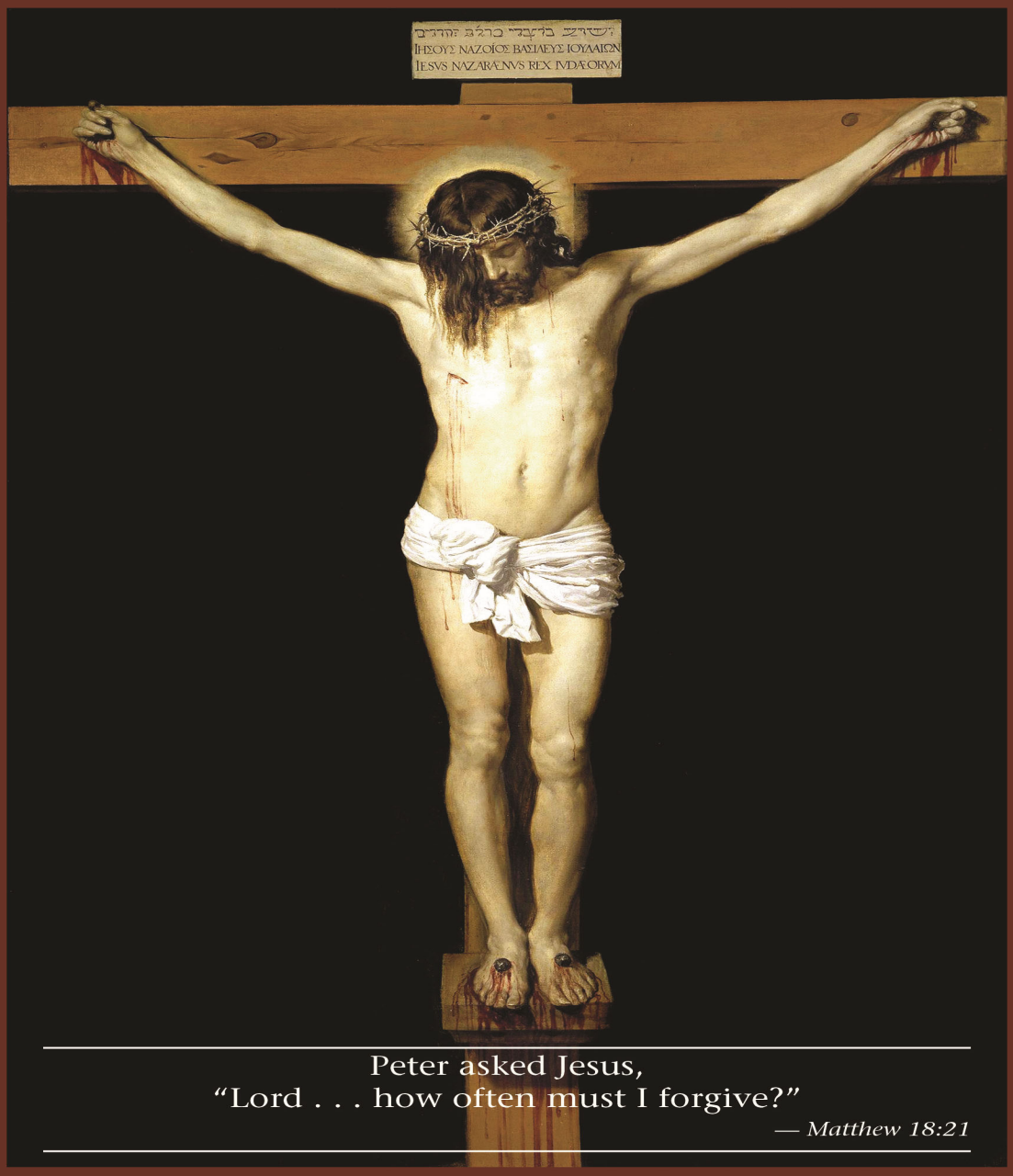
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



Peter asked Jesus,
"Lord . . . how often must I forgive?"
— *Matthew 18:21*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 12
5:00 Gary Mioli, req. The Mioli Family
5:00 Bob Cassidy, req. Mary Ann Cassidy

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 13
7:30 Marilyn Callahan, req. Tom and Helen Sites
7:30 Joseph Bonino, req. Martha Cassens and Family
9:30 Bob Cassidy, req. Mary Ann Cassidy
9:30 John McKenna, req. Mary Ann Cassidy
11:30 For the People of the Parish

MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 14
8:30 James Devine, req. Joe and Pat Donnelly
8:30 James Whelan, req. Mike and Margaret McMahon

TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 15
8:30 Domingos and Conceicao Fernandez, req. Philip and Dorothy Fernandez
8:30 Antinio and Luiza Catarina, req. Philip and Dorothy Fernandez

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 16
8:30 Peggy Briggs, req. Pat and Joe Donnelly and Family
8:30 Betsy Evans, req. Pat and Joe Donnelly and Family

THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 17
8:30 Edo Barzelatto, love. Maryann
8:30 Mary Beckert, req. Mary O'Malley

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 18
8:30 Brendan O'Boyle, req. Carole and Kevin O'Boyle
8:30 Maria Hroncic, req. Grandchildren: Ava, Tiana and Colin

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 19
5:00 For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 20
7:30 Edward and Kathleen Clark, req. Mary Clark
7:30 Marilyn Callahan, req. Cris and Wayne Hall
9:30 Gil Muller, req. Religious Education
9:30 James H. Sansum, req. Carole and Kevin O'Boyle
11:30 Gil Muller, req. Religious Education
11:30 Angie and Rocco Marone, req. Grace and Dave

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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@sttheresecresskill.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
Interns
Br. Geovanny Martinez Morales, O. Carm.
Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
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 who have died, especially
Anthony Colannino
Eileen Rinaldi
may they be at peace with God.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of
Mary Cognata
at the request of
The Barbieri Family

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.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

A Grandparent is one who
strengthens you
with prayer,
blesses you with love &
encourages you with hope.

The Nittany Quill

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The Knights of Columbus Council 7647 is supporting a young man, Brendan Clark, in his Eagle Scout Project.

Brendan is seeking to grow awareness/participation in a national registry - DKMS, whose mission is to fight blood cancer through a national registry of potential donors.

He would like to give a brief Zoom presentation explaining, in detail, the cause and how we can help.

Please email Grand Knight John Frattini at jfrat1105@gmail.com to be added to the invitation list. The date and time of presentation will be sent out in the near future.

Thank you for considering to
help in this life saving mission.

STAR-FEST XI
-UPDATE-

STAR-FEST XI will be held
Sunday, September 20 at 3:30pm

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 our event will be streamed virtually on One to One Learning's FACEBOOK page. Information on virtual connection will be provided for those who sign up.

A raffle for restaurant gift cards will be open to all those who purchase tickets and will be drawn virtually.

Tickets: $30
For further information:
845-512-8176; clpangel59@gmail.com

Send checks to:
Marydell Faith And Life Center
640 North Midland Avenue
Upper Nyack, NY 10960
or use Pay-Pal at www.one2one-learning.org

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
— Sirach 28:2

OPEN HOUSE

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LET BC COME TO YOU

Bergen Catholic High School will share a virtual Open House on Tuesday, September 22nd. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website.

TOURS

Attention Prospective 8th grade families

Bergen Catholic will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families Monday-Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a minimum of 10 families will be permitted per day.

For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

St. Joseph Regional High School
40 Chestnut Ridge Road Montvale

Sunday, September 27th at 11AM

Visit the SJR Campus, meet faculty, staff and coaches, speak with teachers and students, and learn about our academic and athletic programs, scholarships, and financial aid. Discover what makes St. Joseph Regional High School a unique high school experience!

Reserve your spot: SJRNJ.ORG

My dear Savior, repose in my heart. It belongs to You.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins. Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money.

Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around?

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Peter asked, "Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13 2020

GOD'S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

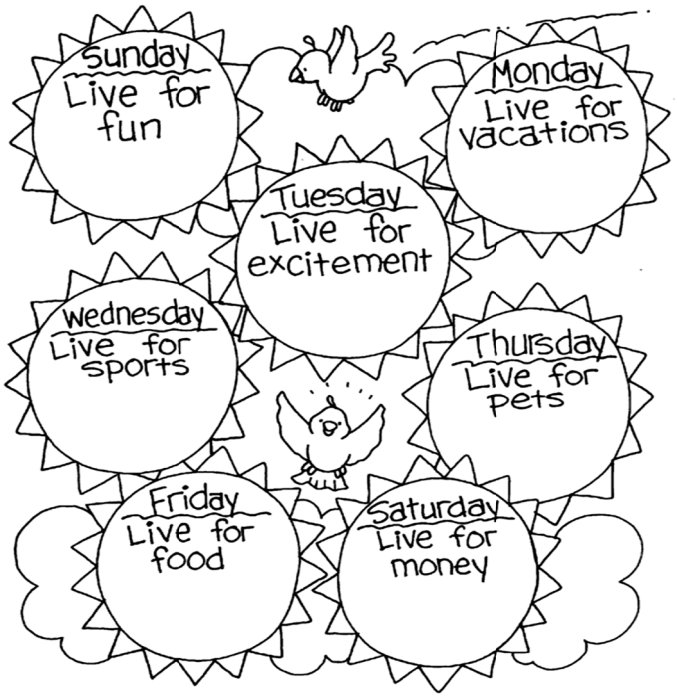
The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35

God's Word For Children

Each day, we choose again
what is most important in our lives.
The days of the week are shown below with ideas of
what we could live for. In each sun, cross out the last word
and write "the Lord" beneath it. As Paul told the Roman people
(Romans 14:7–9), it is the only way to lasting happiness!



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We should always forgive others, because God always forgives us.
That's why Jesus told Peter to forgive his brother
not seven, but seventy-seven times.
Circle the two numbers in each box that add up to seventy-seven.

65 12 22 59 = 77

29 43 10 34 = 77

26 48 51 17 = 77

8 69 5 = 77