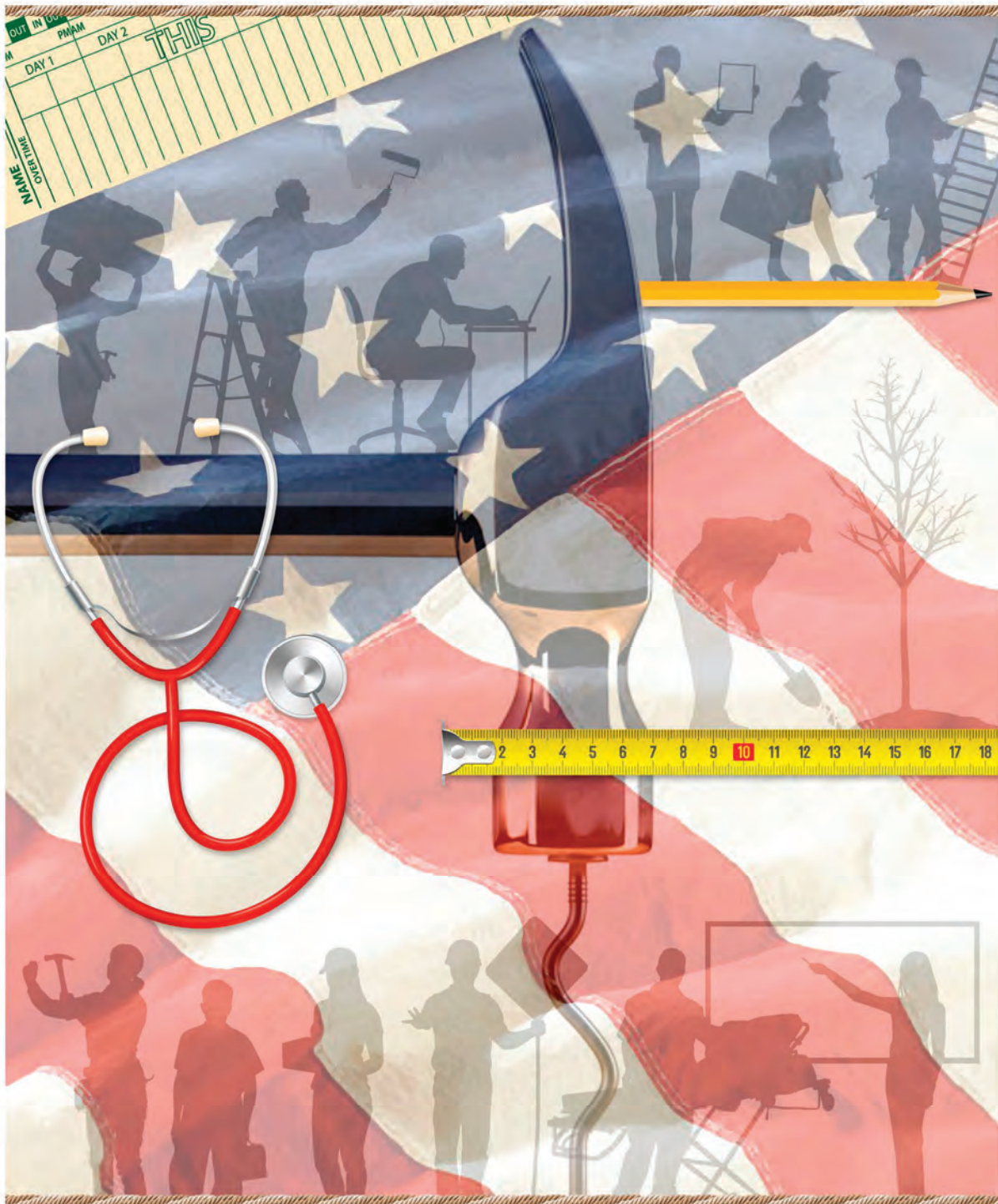


CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

GOD BLESS OUR WORKERS



St. Clement Pope & Martyr
Rockaway Township, New Jersey



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



September 3, 2023

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday - September 2	
4:30pm	Catherine Jugan (Elekes) Michael Pendrak (Pendrak) (Reilley) Donald L. Robinson (A. Robinson)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday - September 3	
8:30am	Patricia Maguire (Geldzhaler) Dorothy Popivchak (Duerr)
10:30am	Martin T. Meeks (Cherunsik) Blessed Souls in Purgatory (Rodriguez) Special Intention: Colton Farrell (Mondino)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Monday - September 4	
9:00am	No Liturgy
Tuesday - September 5	
9:00am -	Parishioners
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Wednesday - September 6	
9:00am	No Liturgy
Thursday - September 7	
9:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Friday - September 8	
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Ros & Miyares Families (Ros)
Saturday - September 9	
4:30pm	Catherine Jugan (Elekes) Anna Biase (Biase) Nannette Rodriguez (Engle/Veloso) Florence Woomer (Rao) Jose Baez (Engle/Veloso)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday - September 10	
8:30am	Patricia Maguire (Morton)
10:30am	Irena Bogush Antoni Lipec Zbigniew Salabaj (Salabaj) Blessed Souls of Purgatory (Rodriguez)
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Ferguson, Rane, Wilson & Julia Garcia, Steve DaSilva, Inaru Moctezuma, Dave DiPolis, Lillian Peluso, Ralph & Francis Anderson, Cassie & Alice Collins, Joseph Martino, Moira Noriega, Steve Shaw, Arden & Elisa McPhearson, Juan R. Labady, John Krsulic, Walter Delinsky, Daniel Mulhaul,, Kevin Bellini, Laura K, Agnes D, Maria Finocchiaro, Eli Durkin, Sally Smith, Lance Wiedman, Dominic Nicastro, Colton Farrel, Carol Andreazza, Paul Verhoest, Mini Agront, Gloria Agront, Michelle Reznik, Michael Palermo, Kathy Tarr, Dylan Evans, Dennis Tomala, Alex Marrese, Andrew, Lucy & Miguel Veja, Lucy Lanno, Alison Sorrentino, Kamil Nowak, Marion Kump, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Nancy Gaynor, P.J. Ferrone, John & Virginia Cummo, Maria Metzger, Deacon Hank Hyle, Anne Kopet, Elvira Hernandez. **If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the Parish Office 973-366-7095.**

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH



If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please call the Parish Office (973-366-7095) or Irene Byrne (973-714-1941) Monday thru Friday to arrange to pick up pre-packed bags of food. All information is confidential.

REMINDER

There will be **no 9am Mass on Monday** and the Parish and Religious Education Offices will be closed

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 11, 2023.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Therese of The Child Jesus (the Little Flower) on Sunday, October 1st at 1:15pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Mountain Lakes. Reverend Michael Parisi, the Pastor of the parish, will be joining the Bishop as well. It is not a mass; it will be a presentation about our Blessed Saint Therese. There are countless numbers of people who have a great devotion to her.

Our Bishop in the Diocese of Paterson has a wonderful gift to connect with the people. He has been referred to as the "People's Bishop." Just as Pope John Paul was known as the "People's Pope" and Princess Diana as the "People's Princess." He is a marvelous speaker and is truly an inspiration and a treasure to the Diocese of Paterson. He is just what Jesus ordered!!

You don't want to miss his presentation and our marvelous music program for that afternoon. It will be a memorable event. Mark your calendars – come join us for a faith filled agenda. You will be filled with hope and divine guidance.

Any questions please call Carol Bsarany 973-271-9252. WE REQUEST THAT YOU BE PROMPT FOR THE EVENT. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

SAINT CECILIA SENIOR CLUB TRIPS

September 12th casino trip and September 13th Italian Festival trip has been cancelled due to not enough registrations. Money will be refunded to those who registered and paid.



NEWS



All parents of registered students should have received their child's schedule in an email. If you did not receive your child's schedule, please contact the Office of Religious Education. Sunday classes begin on 9/10/23.



Shopping for "Back to School" clothes? Pack up all the outgrown items and donate to the St. Clement clothing drive fundraiser on 9/10/23. All proceeds will go toward St. Clement Religious Education programming and community service projects. Thank you for your help!

Confirmation students!

Get a head start on earning **Service Hours** by volunteering to work a shift at the clothing drive! Parents can sign their child up online through the volunteer link that was emailed.



Children's Liturgy (Liturgy of the Word for Children)

is held weekly during the 10:30 am Mass. This is a special class for children **ages 4 through first grade** to come together and learn about Jesus on their own level. Fr. Gio invites the children to gather, prior to the First Reading, and the Children's Liturgy Catechists walk the children to the Chapel for class. *Parents are welcome to attend with any child who might not be comfortable going on their own at first.* Catechists bring the children back into church during the offertory. Children's Liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for our youngest Parishioners to begin developing their own relationship with Jesus while affording parents the quiet focus sometimes needed to foster their own. Check out the Children's Liturgy bulletin board in the gathering space to see what they have been working on!

Prayer for a New School Year

O God, as we begin a new school year, we ask for your blessing to be upon us.

Fill our minds with curiosity and wonder.

Open our hearts to friends, old and new.

Give us courage to include those who are different from us.

Help us find peace when we are anxious and confidence when we are afraid.

Remind us to be kind – always kind.

Keep us safe.

Surround us with your love and guide us with your light,

on this first day of school and all through the year ahead.

Amen



Fundraiser for St. Clement Religious Education

Date: **Sunday Sept. 10, 2023 ONLY**

Sorry, we cannot accept donations earlier!

Time: **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

Where: **Under the tent in front of Connery Hall**

All donated items should be in good, usable condition.

What's being collected:

- **clothing of any size** (except NO winter clothing at all)
- **shoes of any size** (except NO winter boots or high heels)
- **accessories such as purses, belts, hats, and backpacks**
- **linens such as sheets, towels, curtains, comforters, and bedspreads**
- **toys** (stuffed and hard toys BUT must be 14" or smaller)

Place all donations in tall kitchen sized trash bags (no boxes please)

What happens to the donated items? The company we are using, *Millennium International Textile Inc.* **does not shred** donated items. The clothing is sorted and exported to those in need, some to the poorest areas of the world and some to over 200 local and national charities within the United States. Many of these recipients live in very warm climates which is why winter clothing is not needed.

St. Clement's Religious Education will be paid by the pound and use the funds toward this year's community service projects.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:21-27

The Bible tells us when we live for Jesus on earth, eternal life awaits us in Heaven.

©2023 Bon Venture Services, LLC

THE CROSS ROOM



The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear it's weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told.

As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you brought in." -Unknown

- Draw your own Cross Room pictures -



Taking up a cross doesn't mean we carry a real cross like Jesus did, it means "follow Jesus". We are told doing so is sometimes hard work or great labor, but it is a labor of love for Jesus, with great rewards.

In the Cross Room story the man thought his labor was too great. What did he learn?

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



**Robert "Bob" Sperry
G. Sperry & Sons
MEMORIALS &
CEMETERY LETTERING**

Gies Bros.
67 N. Bergen St. • Dover, NJ 07801
973-366-3466 • Fax 973-366-9754

**John J. Fitzpatrick, CPA
FITZPATRICK
FITZPATRICK &**

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
390 ROUTE 10 WEST • RANDOLPH
973-366-9606 • Fax: 973-366-9603

Robert E. Kanapaux
MANAGER
N.J. Lic. No. 3215

Melissa A. Kanapaux
DIRECTOR
N.J. Lic. No. 4523



20 Keller Avenue • Rockaway, NJ 07866

973-627-0075

www.rockawayfuneral.com



AUDIO • REMOTE STARTER • ALARMS
LIGHTING • TIRES/RIMS • IGNITION INTERLOCK

973-537-9443

317 ROUTE 46 WEST • DOVER

WWW.NJCARSTEREO.COM

**ROOFING • CHIMNEYS
MASONRY • GUTTERS**

We Find & Fix Leaks!



Family Owned/Operated • Lic. #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured • 20+ Yrs.
732-589-9967 *Serving All of New Jersey*

\$800 OFF
Any New Roof Replacement

15% OFF
Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter,
Masonry Repair & SENIORS

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

Help the
ASPCA
put a stop
to animal
cruelty.



ASPCA
ASPCA.ORG
WE ARE THEIR VOICE.®

www.aspca.org

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

BUY LOCAL • BE FLEXIBLE • BE GENEROUS



NEED A LAWYER? INJURED ON THE JOB?



MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.

Personal Injury
Workers' Compensation
Social Security Disability



★ CALL FOR A FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION ★



CERTIFIED BY THE SUPREME
COURT OF NEW JERSEY AS A
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
LAW ATTORNEY

(973) 326-8902

222 RIDGEDALE AVE • CEDAR KNOLLS
315 BROAD STREET • BLOOMFIELD



S. Templeton Tuttle - Founder - Dover

TUTTLE FUNERAL HOME

Dean T. Tuttle, Founder - Randolph Twp., N.J. Lic. No. 2405 • Dean G. Tuttle, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3987
Todd M. Tuttle, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4344 • Ralph S. D'Agostino Jr., Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4329

272 Route 10, Randolph Township, NJ 07869

(973) 366-7400

If the lights are flashing,
no passing.

It's Not a Suggestion, *It's the Law.*



**ALWAYS CALL
BEFORE YOU DIG**



www.Call811.com



Mark McGroarty
Owner/Operator

484.886.5111

NGRemodelEnt

@gmail.com

Kitchens - Baths - Basements
Roofing & Siding
Patios - Additions - Decks

*Any Job
Big or Small
All Interior &
Exterior Modifications*



"You Deserve The Best"

• Only the Best in Outdoor Power Equipment •

973-627-8005

344 US Highway 46

Rockaway

