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WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (*Sunday Vigil*) at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Misa en Español: Todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm

CONFESIONS: Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (*or by appointment*)

ADORATION: First Friday of the Month (*after the 12:05pm Mass*)

OTHER SACRAMENTS: Please contact the Parish Center

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

Dorothy Bosi, Dorothy Sidnam
and Gerard Woodring

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
was given in loving memory of:

Dan Coranoto



The hosts and wine,
which will become the
Holy Body and Precious
Blood of our Lord, were given
in loving memory of:

George Hayek

*May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/4	5:00pm	George Hayek Kevin Bent
Sunday September 5th	8:00am	Bishop Joseph Francis Arays Loureiro
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Doctor Henry McCabe George Hayek
	11:30am	Oscar & Alcira Ortiz Lexi Faye
Monday 9/6	9:00am	<i>For the unemployed</i>
Tuesday 9/7	12:05pm	<i>Intentions of Geronimo and Gorospe families</i> <i>Intentions of Judy Brennan</i>
Wednesday 9/8	12:05pm	Viola D'Elia Paul Braneky
Thursday 9/9	12:05pm	Mary Greed Diane Longo
Friday 9/10	12:05pm	Michael Rooney Carol Dalton
Saturday 9/11	5:00pm	Joan Picanco Ann Csepela
Sunday September 12th	8:00am	Maryann Saunders <i>For protection of unborn children in the womb</i>
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Pedro Rodriguez Maryann Peragino
	11:30am	Lexi Faye David Hesson

"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

We pray for all those who are in need
of the Lord's healing presence:

Dorothy Charette, Geoffrey Crann, Father Angelus Croce,
Archie DeMartino, Katie DeSantis, Peggy DiBello,
Kathie Fetchko, Theresa Fusco, Frances Gely, Michael Hartnett,
Agnes Hayek, Janet Kelly, Patricia Lane, Elaine LeFever, Anthony
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Mike Palumbo, Delores & Rich Pleconis, Fran Sanzo, Sandra Scabet,
George Scarpa, Eleanore Shaffer, Gloria Steets, Delia M. Sutton, Emma Testa,
Noelle Thibault, Irene Towey, Daisy Valentin, Ricky VanSaun, Cathy Veluta,
Donald Van Riper, Joe Zayac and Rita Zimich.



MARIAN FLOWERS

Each month a floral memoriam which will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. During the month of September, the flowers will be in memory of **Mills and Plevyak Families**. We pray that the Lord of all goodness will continue to bless them with His grace and peace.

If you are interested in reserving future months,
please contact the Parish Center office.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

WEEKLY DONATIONS



August 29, 2021

Collection \$6,330
Online Giving \$1,447

Total Donations:
\$7,777

We are very close to our weekly budget of \$10,000.

We remind you each week of our weekly budget with the hope that you will prayerfully consider making a specific sacrifice in order to keep your church running smoothly and that all our bills are paid. Thank you so much for those who have given so generously throughout the years as we kindly ask that those who can afford more to prayerfully consider being more generous! **Thank you!**

R.C.I.A.



Have you never been baptized, and feel drawn to the Catholic faith? Are you a Christian and would like to be a part of the Catholic faith? Is it time for you to complete your Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation?

R.C.I.A. is the process of welcoming adult members into the Catholic community.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a sacramental process of conversion that will help you travel on your spiritual journey and follow Christ in your life.

If you would like more information, please call Deacon Tom and Joanne Zayac at 201-317-6306.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Saint James 2:14-18
Saint Mark 8:27-35

OUR FOOD PANTRY

Each and every week, we are so grateful for your dedication and generosity to those in need.

As a reminder we will be closed on Wednesday, September 8th. We will reopen on **Monday, September 13th** from 10:00am-12:00 noon.

This week we ask that you please remember the following items when you are doing your own shopping:



- Pop Tarts (any kind)
- Granola bars
- Canned Spinach
- Cake Frosting/Cake Mixes
- Bisquick
- Sugar
- Deodorant (men & women's)
- Toothbrushes (adult & children)
- Cat/Dog Food
- Cat/Dog Treats

Your generosity makes all the difference in the world!

Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry Volunteers

LABOR DAY

**MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 9:00AM
IN CHURCH ON LABOR DAY!**



THERE WILL BE NO 12:05PM MASS

**THE PARISH CENTER OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED
SO THAT OUR STAFF CAN ENJOY THE HOLIDAY
WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

FATHER ST'S HOMILY

As Catholics, we certainly are a “religion” of sights and sounds. Saint James tells us in today’s Second Reading that: *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”* The word “religion” comes from the Latin word which means “to bind.” So, I guess the first question which arises is: **What are we “bound” to in our lives and in our religion?**

As I mentioned, our Catholic faith is a religion of sights and sounds; from the statues and icons in our church, the stained-glass windows, the crucifix, even the vestments I wear at Mass, to the gestures and prayers we listen to each and every week. ALL of them have a distinct and proper reason and meaning for each and every one of these external things which we do.

In today’s Readings, we are given a blueprint of how we are to deal with the externals of “religion” and how we are to go beyond them.

In our First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses gives his people the “statutes and decrees” of the Lord and cautions them not to “add or subtract” anything to them. For by observing them, the other nations will see their wisdom and intelligence and hopefully recognize the Lord who is the giver of these laws. So, the purpose of the religion’s rules, regulations and rituals, is to emphasize the **relationship** which lies behind them. The purpose of our Catholic “religion” is not to be bound to the mere rules and regulations of the hierarchy of our Church, but more importantly, to “be bound” to a **personal relationship** with God, in and through His Son, Jesus Christ.

In the Second Reading from the Book of James, we heard that God: *“Has planted a word of truth”* in each one of us. And it is from this word that we are to respond to God. Therefore, true “religion” is all about imitating God by how we love, how we serve and how we are just with those around us.

This is the same issue that Jesus debates with the Pharisees and scribes in today’s Gospel as they criticize Him for allowing His followers to not abide by the purification rituals, which they made up over the years. I find it interesting that the very warning that we heard in the Book of Deuteronomy, where Moses commanded the Jewish people *“Not to add or even subtract”* to the laws of God, these Pharisees and scribes have done actually that.

Once again, Jesus sets them straight by clearly calling them hypocrites! By paying lip service to human traditions, they miss the real purpose of their “religion” whereby external actions should match the behavior which comes from a heart that should be in union with God. Again, it is about a **relationship** and not merely following and observing the laws of Moses or even the laws of our Catholic Church. Loving and serving both God and our neighbor is what is at the heart of our Catholic faith.

As we have heard about the Eucharist over these past few weekends in Saint John’s Gospel, today may be a great day to reaffirm our faith, to acknowledge what our “religion” is truly all about; “to bind” ourselves to words and gestures, to signs and symbols, and reality and truth, which all must be grounded and centered on a **relationship** with God and with all those we encounter in our daily lives.

Once again, we beautifully prayed in today’s Psalm: *“The one who does justice, will live in the presence of the Lord.”* We can’t be just only in our words and not have the deeds to back them up. That is why the Lord has given us the Eucharist, the only “religion” in the world where God feeds His people directly with His own Holy Body and Precious Blood; not just a sign and symbol, but a reality and a truth.

So what are you bound to in your lives? What does your religion mean to you? Are you just following the rules and regulations of your faith with the hope that God will reward you at the end of time for your faithfulness to following the letter of the Law?

Or will you trust in Him by having a real relationship of love, trust and hope so that we no longer have to worry about what we put into our bodies, but more importantly, what comes out of them?

Do you want to get more out of your “religion?” Maybe, you need to understand what “religion” truly means and then and only then, will you put more into having a special and personal relationship with God. Not an easy task, but that is what we are “bound to,” that is what we practice each and every week, that is what our “religion” is all about.

This past week, I was in Rhode Island to visit my 92-year-old mother. Many people have said “I hope you enjoyed your vacation Father!” Trust me, dealing with my Mom and my family was anything but a vacation! However, it was a time to rekindle my relationships with my sister and her children as well as my Mother (no matter how many times I have to repeat myself and remind her of my name), for it was not only as her son, but as a priest, that I had the obligation of following the Law of Moses which prescribes that I should *“Honor my mother and father.”* Following this law was easy, because of a **relationship** that I already had with my Mom, my sisters and my nieces and nephews.

All relationships are work, some more than others. But at the end of the day, where we spend our time, and our love, will truly define where we spend the rest of our lives in eternity. Maybe it is our “religion,” maybe it is our guilt, maybe it is our obligation, whatever the motive may be, following the **Law of Love** truly covers a multitude of sins. At the end of our lives, I pray that the Lord will never call us “hypocrites” but rather say instead: *“Come you who are blessed by my Father, come inherit the kingdom of God which has been prepared for you since the beginning of time. For whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me.”* May our lives and words always match and be supported by our actions, **for this is our “religion.” This is our relationship! This is our faith!**

CLARIFICATION

To clarify Father's announcement at the end of all Masses this past weekend, it was the intention of Saint Joseph Church, as a result of the recent decision of our sister parish to start sanitizing their church once again and holding some Masses outdoors, that we will continue to sanitize our parish after each and every celebration in order to avoid the possible outbreak of the pandemic here in Newton.

It was never intended to infer, suggest or relay that Our Lady Queen of Peace Church had an "outbreak" of the virus in their parish. It was only the intention of Father to assure each and every member of our parish of their safety with the assurance that we are taking every possible precaution in sanitizing our church (as we have been doing for months).

We are sorry that some people were confused about the message and therefore, the reason for this clarification. Let us continue to pray for all those infected and affected by the pandemic, especially our First Responders and those who care for the sick and dying.

Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation classes (Grade 1-8)
will begin on Monday, September 13th
from 4:05-5:20pm.**



HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN



The Columbiettes are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the **United States of America**. Please support this endeavor to pray **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS**. Please ask family

members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Mary's to help in obtaining this goal.

All Hail Mary counts can be e-mailed to:
hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

Our tally so far is: 257,562

SISTER PAMELA SURESCA



Sister Pamela Rose Suresca is the daughter of Dusty and Dennie Suresca and a sister to Von Bryan and Stephanie Suresca. She was born and raised in New Jersey, where she came to learn and love her Catholic Faith through a charismatic family ministry called *Missionaries for Christ*. There she encountered Jesus in the Eucharist and grew her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints. At the ripe age of 9, Sister Pamela met a Carmelite nun for the first time. After watching many takes of the Sound of Music, nuns became her heroes! During this encounter she remembers a feeling of awe and desire, wanting the peace, joy, and spirit this nun had. But God's time and His adventures, pale in comparison to the expectations of this nine year old.

As a young woman, trying to embrace her "feminine genius" in a culture of gender fluidity, she became an advocate of holistic formation for young women. She clung to her relationship with Mother Mary and sought mentorship from other Catholic women who had accompanied her throughout her life. She became involved in youth ministry, Catholic leadership formation, and the education of Theology of the Body through the chastity movement, LivePure.

Sister Pamela graduated from Loyola University, Chicago with a Bachelors in Education. Responding to God's call to serve the Church, she became a pro-life missionary for six years on college campuses all over Illinois, working with women with unplanned pregnancies and accompanying them throughout their journey. This changed Sister Pamela's life in ways that helped her grow in sacrifice, service and prayer.

The Lord brought her to University of Illinois Urbana Champaign where she worked with the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco at the Catholic Newman Center. She was immediately attracted to their Salesian joy and love for the young. In His mercy, the Lord continued to draw Sister Pamela to Himself. Eventually she found herself in front of the Blessed Sacrament and heard the cry of her heart to belong totally, fully, and completely to the Lord at the service of the Church. Through that experience of mission and serving the young people, Sister Pamela discerned a vocation to religious life with the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco.

With great joy and trusting surrender, Sister Pamela continues her journey in initial formation at Sacred Heart Center where she is a first year Novice.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Paterson invites anyone who will celebrate their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, to join Bishop Sweeney for a Solemn Anniversary Mass at the **Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Paterson** on Sunday, November 7th 2021 at 3:00pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office before the deadline of: **Thursday, October 7th!** Further information will follow from the Diocesan Office of Family Life once you have registered at the parish.



HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS THIS WEEKEND

PROCESSIONAL

"All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live. A place where Saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: **R.**

R. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!

Let us build a house where Prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a new. Here the Cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R.**

Let us build a house where Love is found, in water, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **R.**

PSALM RESPONSE

"Praise the Lord my Soul."

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures: He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come: 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

COMMUNION

"You Are Near"

R. O Lord, I know You are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and You lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, You have searched my heart, and You know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death, keeping me from harm. **R.**

Where can I run from Your love? If I climb to the heavens You are there; if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find You there. **R.**

You know my heart and its ways, You who formed me before I was born, in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, in my mother's womb. **R.**

RECESSIONAL

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

My life flows on in endless song. Above earth's lamentation I hear the clear though far off hymn that hails a new creation. **R.**

R. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **R.**

What though my joys and comfort die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth. **R.**



DIOCESAN PRAYER OF SAINT JOSEPH

O Blessed Saint Joseph,
foster-father of our Savior,
we the faithful of the local Church in Paterson
come before you on this Holy Year
dedicated to you.

During this year, we ask your fatherly protection and guidance. Continue to watch over our parish families throughout the diocese, and, in particular, those named in your honor and loving memory.

As you always protected the Holy Family,
protect our families and friends
in this time of need.

As we consecrate our families in your honor,
pray for us, and lead us to your Son,
who promised to be with us always,
even until the ends of the earth.

We pray through Him whom you watched over
as your own child, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY

This week we pause to remember our fallen heroes:
Lakiesha Tucker, Randolph Boyd, Jr., Roger Mitchell,
Kenneth Kirkland, Steve Urias, Harminder Grewal,
Whitney Cloud, Christopher Wilson, Darryl Goodrich,
Jr., James Morgan, Dennis Bennett, James Henry,
Brandon Ard, Dennis Dixon, Sean Hryc, Harry
Hutchinson and William Diaz
who were all killed in the line of duty this past week
or suffered complications from the pandemic.



We pray that they may now be resting
in the peace of God's heavenly kingdom
and may all their good deeds have gone with them!

FATHER BRIAN TOMLINSON

OFM CAP.

Confessor, spiritual advisor and friend.
Gone to his eternal reward.

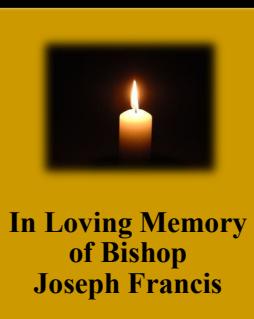
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"The Lord is close to the
broken-hearted.
He rescues those whose
spirits are crushed."
Psalm 34:18



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Lord's people who are
in need. Practice
hospitality."

Romans 12:13



I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in One, Holy, catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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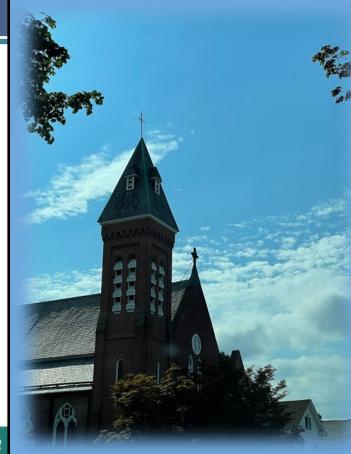
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-Matthew 21:13a



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