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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 17, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

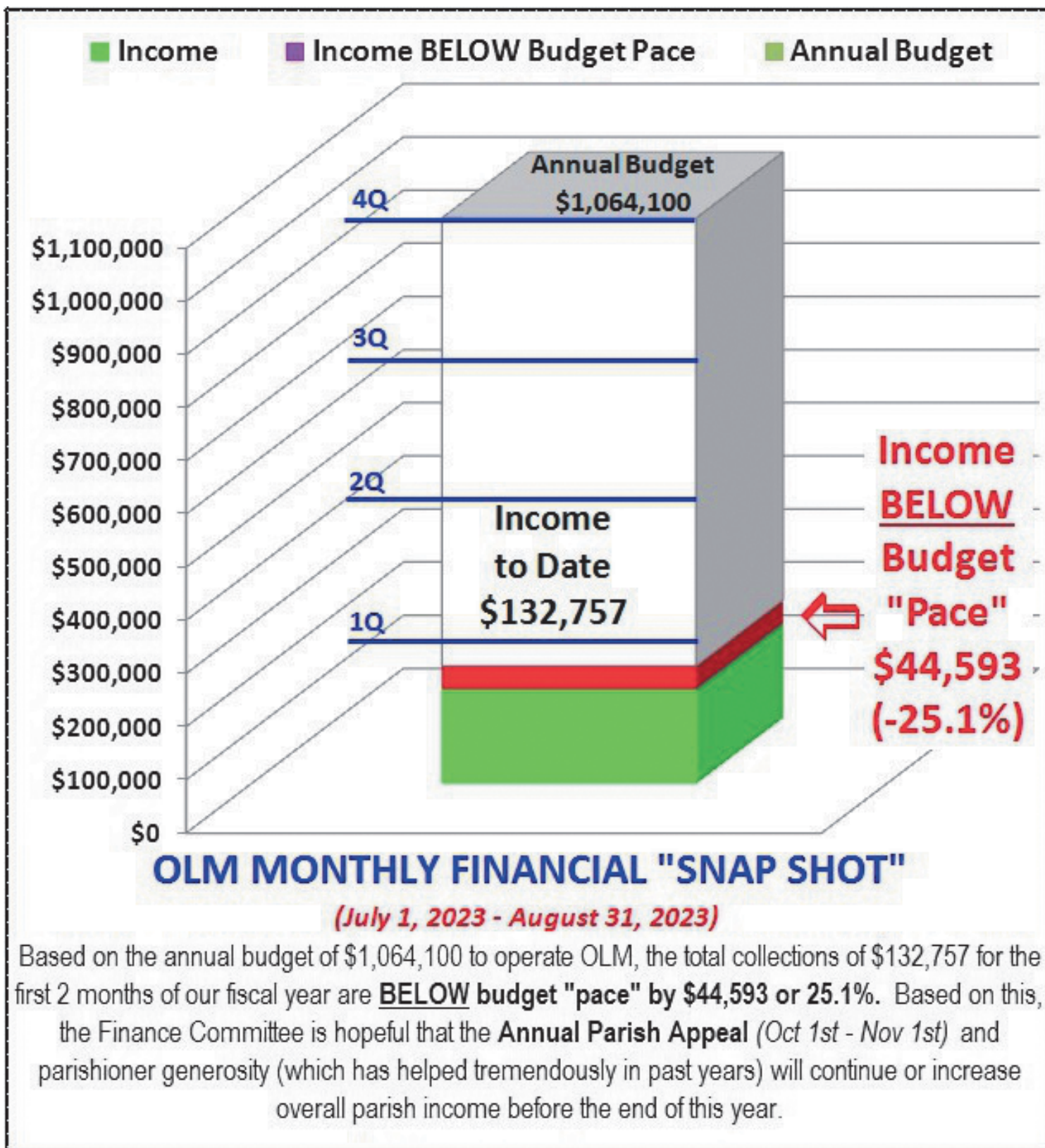
Join Us For Mass

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil- 5:00 PM Church

Sunday- 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions- Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days- 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church



Second Collections for the Month of August, 2023

**Assumption
Diocesan Assessment**

**\$1,082.00
\$695.00**

Welcome Safety Officer Rob!



We welcome Robert D'Ambola, our new Safety Officer.

Officer Rob will be assisting our Parish Catechetical Leader and catechists during the hours of Faith Formation with any and all concerns relating to the children.

Robert has spent over 45 years involved in law enforcement, Emergency Management and corporate security. He holds a BA in Law/Justice from Glassboro State College (Rowan University), a Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command.

Robert held many ranks in the Summit Police Department including Detective Sergeant, Traffic Lieutenant, and finally Patrol Commander. He was assigned to the Union County Narcotics Strike Force and Union/Essex Auto Theft Task Force. The latter assignment was during the period when Newark, New Jersey held the dubious honor of "Stolen Car Capital of the World." Robert remains a certified Instructor by the New Jersey Police Training Commission and has taught at the John H. Stamler Police Academy for over 35 years, the last 28 as the Ethics Instructor for all Police Recruit classes that pass through their doors.

After retiring from the force, Robert became Chief of Security, Certified Business Continuity Professional & Emergency Planner for a global publishing company. His office was directly on the Hudson River waterfront with a front row seat of the New York skyline. It was here Robert was able to witness the "Miracle on the Hudson" when on January 15, 2009, US Airways jetliner, flight 1549 was forced down into the frigid Hudson River directly outside his office building. He later was Director of Security and Emergency Management for an urban hospital and then moved on to work with one of the top Healthcare Networks in the country as an investigator and instructor. He served as the volunteer Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for Clinton Twp. during the Covid pandemic.

In his spare time he was the Cubmaster of Pack 175 in Cranford and then Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 75. He served as Eagle Scout Coach for several Boy Scout Troops in Union County. His own two boys attained the rank of Eagle. He married his high school, sweetheart 47 years ago.

Scripture Readings For the Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday | Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday | Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday
1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday | Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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September 30, 2023 (Saturday)

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Start: 8:00 AM

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Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 17 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM** William Liggett
r/o Anne & Paul Weisgerber
- 10:00 AM** Martina Schmalz Palmer
r/o Mom & Dad
- 11:30 AM** Peter Sepesi
r/o John & Carol Tobin

Monday, September 18

- 9:15 AM** For the Intentions of Jessica Horton
r/o Mom & Dad
For the Intentions of Fr. Sean Kenney
r/o The Crane Family

Tuesday, September 19 *St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

- 9:15 AM** Jerome Kelble
r/o Office of Faith Formation

Wednesday, September 20 *Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

- 9:15 AM** John E. Gunnello
r/o Paul Weisgerber

Thursday, September 21 *St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

- 9:15 AM** Robert Dela Fuente
r/o Emma & Dino DeBorja

Friday, September 22

- 9:15 AM** Diane Ferguson Saksena
r/o Her Husband

Saturday, September 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

- 9:15 AM** Vincent DiGeronimo
r/o Stephen Dutko
- 5:00 PM** Giuseppe Farro
r/o Silvie Farro

Sunday, September 24 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM** John O'Donohue
r/o John O'Donohue
- 10:00 AM** Diane Ferguson-Saksena
r/o Dr. Sanjeev Saksena
- 11:30 AM** Thomas Dalton
r/o Kathy Dalton

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel
burns this week in loving memory of

Mary Fine

at the request of
Fine Family



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

Susan Leidner

Daughter of Robert, Sister of Eileen MacKenzie, Anton "Tony" Leidner, Patricia "Patty" Leidner, and Robert Leidner

Giacomo D'Avella

Husband of Rosa and Father of Saverio and Felice

Arthur Monteiro Rosa

Husband of Ana and Father of Arthur, James, Michael, Lisa Ruane and Kathleen Bubnowski

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



September 17, 2023 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Miles for Mothers

Fun-Run/Walk

Sunday | September 24th, 2023
at Dunham Park, Basking Ridge
12:00 PM-2:30 PM

A day of family fun! BBQ Lunch, Give-a-ways. Opportunity for Student Service Hours. \$30 Registration Fee. Students and Children 12 and under are FREE. Visit www.InspireFamilyLifeCenter.com for more details. Inspire care for Mothers and Families EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

Knights of Columbus Welcome Back Breakfast

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast, served to over 135 parishioners after each Mass on September 10th.



The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist



Many women that attended our previous study on Mary, Queen of Heaven loved the deep look into Mary's role in history and expressed their Thirst to continue this type of study. Exploring Jesus through the Eucharist was one of their suggestions. Join us

for Fellowship and lively discussion as we continue to grow in our faith.

Session Begins: Tuesday, September 26 (remaining sessions: 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21)

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Fr. Peter Room – Main Church Foyer (In person - No video feed)

Come Explore with us The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist and learn:

- The Truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist
- The origins of the Eucharist in Sacred Scripture
- The Eucharist's profound role in the life of the Church & its members

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Saint of the Day
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Saint Robert Bellarmine



When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain.

His most famous work is his three-volume *Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith*. Particularly noteworthy are the sections on the temporal power of the pope and the role of the laity. Bellarmine incurred the anger of monarchists in England and France by showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. He developed the theory of the indirect power of the pope in temporal affairs; alt-

hough he was defending the pope against the Scottish philosopher Barclay, he also incurred the ire of Pope Sixtus V.

Bellarmino was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that “he had not his equal for learning.” While he occupied apartments in the Vatican, Bellarmine relaxed none of his former austerities. He limited his household expenses to what was barely essential, eating only the food available to the poor. He was known to have ransomed a soldier who had deserted from the army and he used the hangings of his rooms to clothe poor people, remarking, “The walls won’t catch cold.”

Among many activities, Bellarmine became theologian to Pope Clement VIII, preparing two catechisms which have had great influence in the Church.

The last major controversy of Bellarmine’s life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. He delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution against putting forward—other than as a hypothesis—theories not yet fully proven. This shows that saints are not infallible.

Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621. The process for his canonization was begun in 1627, but was delayed until 1930 for political reasons, stemming from his writings. In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized him, and the next year declared him a doctor of the Church.

Reflection

The renewal in the Church sought by Vatican II was difficult for many Catholics. In the course of change, many felt a lack of firm guidance from those in authority. They yearned for the stone columns of orthodoxy and an iron command with clearly defined lines of authority. Vatican II assures us in *The Church in the Modern World*, “There are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday and today, yes, and forever” (#10, quoting Hebrews 13:8).

Robert Bellarmine devoted his life to the study of Scripture and Catholic doctrine. His writings help us understand that the real source of our faith is not merely a set of doctrines, but rather the person of Jesus still living in the Church today.

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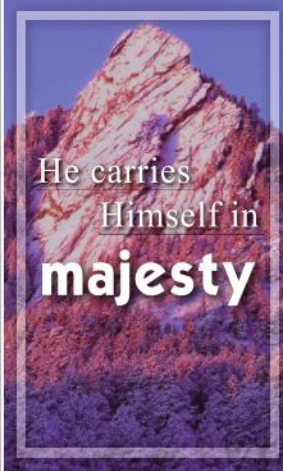
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