September 16 & 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 noon
Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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Parish Staff:

Mrs. Marie Winterson
Parish Secretary
Virtus Child Protection Coordinator

Mrs. Kathie Bernitt
Bookkeeper

Mrs. Bethany Berard
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Mrs. Maria C. Bovich, Principal
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Beforecare & Aftercare Available
Tuition Assistance Available

Matrimony

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to speak with a priest and to schedule Pre-Cana Formation and a wedding date.

Baptism

Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

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"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the ***"king"*** who has forgiven our debts. We are the ***"servants"*** whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that ***"wicked servant"*** who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, ***"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"*** (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to ***"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."*** But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and ***"debts"*** when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

"Fan Into Flame"
Holy Redeemer Parish Retreats

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 23rd, & 24th

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Friday the 22nd, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Holy Redeemer

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Saturday the 23rd, 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Bowie

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Sunday the 24th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Holy Redeemer

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Suggested donation: $40.00 per person

Are you looking for an opportunity to enrich your faith, to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ – to fan into the flame the gift of God?

Holy Redeemer is developing weekend retreats, led by Father Mark and Father Matt with others in the parish, centered on witness talks, small group discussions, and time for silent reflection and prayer. Encounter Jesus in a new way, and grow in your relationship with Him and His Church! To learn more or to sign up, contact Bob Wassmann at 301-345-7098 or at bob.wassmann@verizon.net.

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1: 6-7

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Important Date - Mark Your Calendar!
Orientation Meeting for Pilgrims:
Sunday, September 24th, 5:30 p.m., Library

This Sunday!
School of Religion Open House

Our School of Religion program offers faith formation on Sundays for children in preschool through 8th grade. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please stop by the **lower school hallway after the 8:00 a.m. Mass or 10:00 a.m. Mass this weekend** to take a tour and receive more information on our program. Please contact Mrs. Berard in the parish office or e-mail her at bberard@holy-redeemer.org if you have any questions.

This Sunday!
Catechetical Sunday

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at Holy Redeemer, we have many catechists and volunteers who share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of our parish and school, specifically serving in our Sacramental Preparation Programs, Adult Faith Formation, and School of Religion. Thank you to each of our catechists and volunteers for showing us how to live our faith! Please keep them in your prayers throughout this coming year.

This Sunday!
Community Sunday

Please join us for coffee, donuts, & juice **next Sunday, September 17th following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 noon Masses in the Four Seasons Room.** This Community Sunday is hosted by the Holy Redeemer Parish Council and the Finance Council.

Confirmation Preparation

The Confirmation Family Information Night will take place **this Sunday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room.**

All eighth graders and their families who want to be a part of the Confirmation preparation at Holy Redeemer are expected to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berard at the parish office or via e-mail at beth.berard@holy-redeemer.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Begins Monday!

This Monday, September 18th is the start of our inquiry sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Goretti Room/Youth Center. These inquiry sessions are opportunities to learn about the foundational teachings of the Catholic faith. We encourage non-Catholics as well as adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation to attend these sessions. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends and family who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to join us as well.

The inquiry sessions will take place on September 18th, September 25th, and October 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Goretti Room.

Please give the parish office a call if you have questions or e-mail Beth Berard at bberard@holy-redeemer.org.

Holy Redeemer Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night is **Friday, September 22nd from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** This is an annual event where our parking lot is transformed into a carnival! We will have new inflatables, a dunk tank, a train, games, food and lots of fun! This event is open to the community, so please bring your friends and neighbors!

Knights of Columbus, College Park #2809
Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser

During **the weekend of September 23rd & 24th**, members of Knights of Columbus Council #2809 will be holding its Tootsie Roll fundraiser **at both entrances of the church after all Masses**. Your donation will support the James E. Duckworth Regional School in Beltsville. The Duckworth School serves students with disabilities, ages 5 through 21 from the communities of Adelphi, College Park, Hyattsville, Laurel, Beltsville and Mt. Rainier.

Council #2809 has been a supporter of the Duckworth School since the late 1970's. Your donation for the Tootsie Rolls will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Virtus "Protecting God's Children"

Our second Virtus Training classes will be offered on **October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room**. To register for this class please go to www.virtus.org.

From the Music Office

Holy Redeemer Choir films at The Shrine

On Thursday evening, September 21st at 7:30 p.m., the Holy Redeemer choir will sing at the taping of the TV Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Come support the choir and be a part of the TV Mass congregation! The broadcast of The Sunday Mass not only offers the eternal banquet of Christ's Love to homebound Catholics, but also makes this central celebration of the Church's life available to any viewer with an open heart. Two Masses are offered at 7:30 p.m. in the Crypt (lower) Church. The Sunday TV Mass is broadcast locally every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW Channel 50.

Sing the Psalms

The communion antiphon for the Sunday Masses is from Psalm 96, ***"Bring up your sacrifices and come into his courts; adore the Lord in his holy temple,"*** with verses from Psalm 32.

From the School Office

Holy Redeemer Restaurant Night

Our first Holy Redeemer Restaurant Night will be **Wednesday, September 20th from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the newly opened Potomac Pizza in The Hotel in College Park**. Mention Holy Redeemer at checkout for either carryout and dining room purchases. We hope to see you there!

Holy Redeemer School Walkathon

The 5th Annual Holy Redeemer School Walk-a-thon will take place on **Tuesday, October 31st.** This is our school's largest fundraiser! Our goal is to raise $15,000 for a new Music and Performing Arts Center at Holy Redeemer School. We raised over $13,000 last year. Students who participate will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. There are also prizes for those who secure a business/corporate cash donation. Please consider supporting the Walkathon by sponsoring a student or making a donation which can be left in the parish or school office in an envelope marked "Walkathon Donation." Donations are also being accepted through our PayPal account at https://www.paypal.me/HolyRedeemerSchool. Please add "Walkathon" to the notes when you send your PayPal donation. Thank you!

Harvest Bazaar 2017

Harvest Bazaar Crafters Pre-Sale

It's almost Fall! Time to decorate your home for the Autumn holidays!!

Our Harvest Bazaar Crafters have been working hard since last Winter on crafts to sell at our upcoming Harvest Bazaar (November 10th & 11th).

Our Crafters will be holding a Special Pre-Sale of their fine Crafts on the Mezzanine on the weekend of *Saturday, September 23rd & Sunday September 24th* *following all Masses.*

Get first pick & spruce up your home for the Fall!

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From the Parish Office

Thank you, Mrs. Hunter!

This weekend at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we are honoring ***Mrs. Susan Hunter***, who was our School of Religion preschool catechist for over thirty years. This past May, Susan retired from this volunteer position. Mrs. Hunter built our Preschool School of Religion program into what it is today, and has taught hundreds of children who've attended this faith formation program throughout the years. Her love for the Church and for the Lord radiated through her teaching and work. We will miss seeing you in the halls and classroom every Sunday, Mrs. Hunter. Your legacy and work will impact our School of Religion program for years to come and will live on in the lives of many! Today, especially, we thank you for your ***"yes"*** to serve our Church in this special way. May God bless you and your family abundantly!

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday:	Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

HAVE YOU BEEN *thinking of joining the Catholic Church?*

Do you have friends or family you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?

Were you baptized into another faith, but find yourself drawn to the Catholic Church?

Were you baptized, but missed out on receiving Eucharist or Confirmation?

COME AND SEE what the Catholic Church teaches and why.

Ask questions, hear from converts, meet parishioners.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with **three Inquiry sessions**:

- **Monday, September 18, 2017**
- **Monday, September 25, 2017**
- **Monday, October 2, 2017**

Each is held at **7:00 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti Room**. (Follow the signs through the Interior Mezzanine.)

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20

We hear this command straight from Jesus right before His Ascension. It is a command He gives to all Christians and it is the work of this parish. ***If you go, therefore, and find them and invite them, we will teach them and baptize them.*** Our School of Religion and Rite of Christian Initiation start soon. We depend on you to pray for and accompany your friends and family members who might be called by God to a closer communion.

Please contact Beth Berard (Director of Religious Education), Fr. Matt, or Fr. Mark with any concerns or questions.

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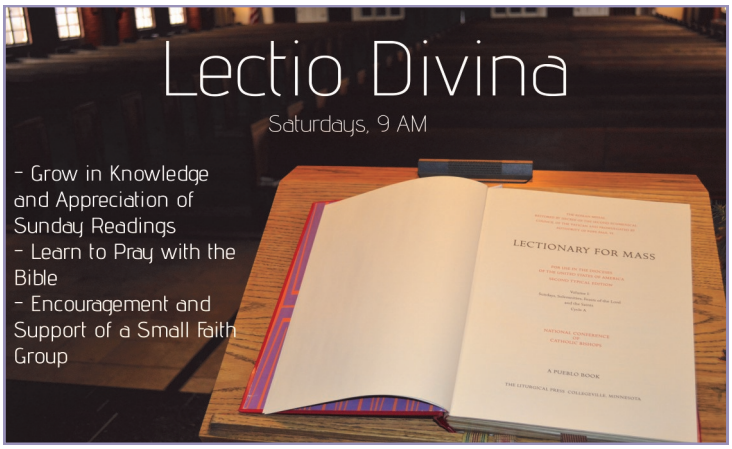
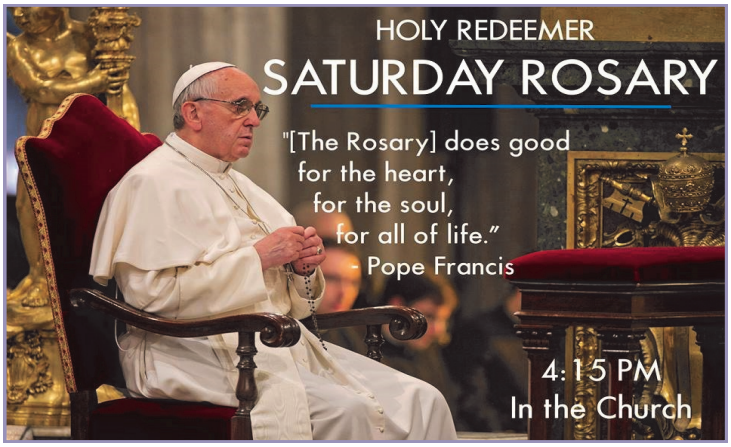
Weekly Prayer Opportunities





In Your Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL & INFIRM

Helen Barnes, friend of Mary Katherine Theis
Rudolph Nelson, brother of Roy Nelson
Mary Santilli
Paula Shrewsbury, friend of Kris Abell

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Al Collins, brother-in-law of Mary Katherine Theis
LaVere Henderson
Denise Smith

Mass Intentions

For the Week of September 17, 2017

Saturday, September 16, 2017
8:30 a.m. **Homer & Rosaria Evangelista, RIP**
requested by the Sosing Family
5:00 p.m. **Rose Hilda Walker, RIP**
requested by Flore Gooch

Sunday, September 17, 2017
8:00 a.m. **Deborah L. Krug, RIP**
requested by Pat Krug
10:00 a.m. **Margaret Callaghan, RIP**
requested by Joan Laskey
12:00 noon **Kathleen Grabenstein, RIP**
requested by Bob & Carol Martin

Monday, September 18, 2017
7:30 a.m. **Polly Nelson, RIP**
requested by Ken Nelson

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
7:30 a.m. **John Earl Lucas, RIP**
requested by Gregg & Carol Savard

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
7:30 a.m. **Michael Brown, RIP**
requested by Laura Donnelly

Thursday, September 21, 2017
7:30 a.m. **Polly Nelson, RIP**
requested by the Nelson Family

Friday, September 22, 2017
7:30 a.m. **Laura McGrath, RIP**
requested by Nancy Schultz

Saturday, September 23, 2017
8:30 a.m. **Ed Grosskurth, RIP**
requested by Kathy Schoffstall
5:00 p.m. **Gary & Leo Myzick, RIP**
requested by Em Myzick

Sunday, September 24, 2017
8:00 a.m. **Special Intentions of Leo Weisgerber**
requested by Joan Weisgerber
10:00 a.m. **All Parishioners**
12:00 noon **Marie Milligan, RIP**
requested by Lisa Nelson

Stewardship

Collections

September 10, 2017

Hurricane Relief: $4,306.25 (9/3 & 9/10)

Offertory Collected $9,404.00
Budget Goal: $9,000.00
Surplus/Deficit: $404.00

Same Sunday 2016: $10,395.00

THANK YOU!