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September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps. 95

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE and REMEMBRANCE

PATRIOT DAY

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here - the heroic first responders: our firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XVI

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Son of man,
I have made you
a watchman for the
people of Israel;
so hear the word I
speak and give them
warning from me.

Ezekiel 3:17



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Did you ever stop to ponder and appreciate the wisdom of *The Peanuts*? On one occasion while reading *The Gospel of Peanuts* I read a short comic of Charlie Brown having a conversation with Linus. It goes like this:

Linus: When I get big, I'd like to be a prophet.

Charlie Brown: That's a fine ambition. The world can always use a few good prophets...

Charlie Brown: The only trouble is that most of them turn out to be false prophets.

Linus: Maybe I could be a sincere false prophet.

Of course, there is no such thing as a "sincere false prophet," but Charlie Brown's first observation has not lost an ounce of relevance: "The world can always use a few good prophets."

Actually, if you are familiar with the teachings of Vatican Council 2, we have heard quite often Pope Francis and his predecessors emphasize that: the church ought to be prophetic, church documents and religious congregations need to be more prophetic, etc., always implying that there is a shortage of prophets today. As a matter of fact, if you ask people the question in 2023 "Who are the modern prophets for you?" You may end up hearing the names of folks like: Carlo Acutis, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Pope John Paul II, Tim Tebow, Mother Angelica, Oscar Romero, & Jason & Christa Everett.

If we look back at biblical times, it is truly impressive to see how privileged Israel has been, with no fewer than 15 writing prophets, including giants like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and so many others who, without writing a single line, have shaped the history of their people (Deborah, Samuel, Elijah, and Elisha, to mention just the most famous). And yet, all these prophets had quite a hard time getting a hearing from their contemporaries. Their message was too challenging and disturbing for their audience:

"Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist - or they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezek 2:4-5).

So the real question is not so much: "Do we have the prophets we need for our times?" as: "**Are we willing to listen to their message?**" **Peace & Blessings, Fr. Leo**

Family Promise Walk-In Dinner



Our Parish Family will be hosting our first post covid family promise walking in feeding ministry on **Friday, Oct. 6, 2023**.

The dinner menu for our return debut is penne & meatballs with veggies, salad & dessert.

Who is Family Promise? Family Promise has been

committed to feeding the hungry since 1991. Over the past 32 years we have served well over 1.3 million meals. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of Family Promise volunteers, the Walk-in Dinner program has not missed a single day. Even a global pandemic could not stop this program from delivering on its promise to feed our neighbors in need!

We are currently providing dinner for an average of 175-200 guests per day.

The shelter has approximately 50 residents. The remainder of the meals are distributed at the loading dock to those in need from the greater community, including families. All shelter residents are now served on plates. All other meals are packed to go.

A team of eight volunteers per day is scheduled in advance for the following week. If you would like to assist your parish and attend the **organization meeting on Sept. 5** please call or email the parish center.

Menu & Supplies: 13 large deep trays of Penne with Marinara (*4 covered by Amici's Maywood*), 6 large deep trays of medium size meatballs in sauce, 5 Large deep trays of garden salad, bread, dessert (brownies & fruit), bottled water, napkins & utensils.

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sep. 9

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sun., Sep. 10: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Peter Sherry, his wife Mary

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Morin & Busanic families, req. Nick & Mary Morin

5:30 p.m. Giuseppe Mazzara, req. his family

Mon., Sep. 11, Patriot Day

7:30 a.m. Mirna Arroyo Pinillos, req. Aida & Rich Aronson

Tues., Sep. 12: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 a.m. Sr. Clare DiGregorio, req. the Uber family

Wed., Sep. 13: St. John Chrysostom

7:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for Johnny's new job, req. Linda & Dan Conway

Thurs., Sep. 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 a.m. Gregory Healy, req. his sister, Cathy

Fri., Sep. 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 a.m. Leo J. Butler, Jr.

Sat., Sep. 16: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 a.m. Angela Bonfiglio, req. Anthony & Rosa Grippo

5:00 p.m. Kay & Andrew Butka, req. their family

Sun, Sep. 17: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Carol & Suzanne Holzli, req. their loving family

5:30 p.m. Courtney Schraer, req. NJ Heist Golden Elite Team

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Week of September 2-3, 2023

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	\$ 1,405.00
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	\$ 822.00
11:00 a.m.	\$ 1,229.00
5:30 p.m.	\$ 405.00

Assumption	\$ 5.00
Assessment	\$ 26.00
Church in Africa	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 96.00

***Electronic Giving \$3,234.32**

***Seasonal Expenditures \$237.00**

Total \$7,469.32

Why we have Maintenance / Seasonal Collections?**

The seasonal / maintenance collection assists the parish to pay for various projects and maintenance. As the Spring & Summer months have blossomed we are responsible for the care of the parish plant improvements as well as HVAC costs. **The seasonal collection assists to pay our utility bills. So needless to say, this is where your contributions are restricted.** It should be noted that these funds are **not assessed by the Archdiocese as they are restricted**



Faith Formation 23-24 is looking forward to the start of our new year!

Our first session begins on either **Sunday, October 1st @ 9AM or on Monday, October 2nd at 6:30PM.**

Please visit the parish website, under faith formation for important information. If you have questions or still need to register, please contact Lynn Ciccia at 201-261-6322 x 105.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY
DINNER NIGHT**



**ALONG WITH
"FOREVER YOUNG"**
**AS OUR EVENING
ENTERTAINMENT**
SAT., SEPTEMBER 30TH
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THE 5PM MASS
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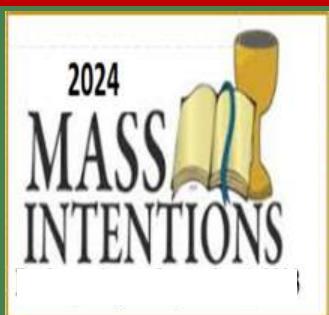
One Night With You



**Featuring Anthony Liguori as Elvis
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Save The Date
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7pm-11pm
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This Fri., Sep. 15, 2023, 9:00AM to 1:00PM & 2:00PM to 4:00PM @ the Parish Center you may reserve Mass Intentions for the Year 2024. Please remember to bring your intention requests to the Parish Center. There will be limit of two weekend Mass intention requests per family (any combination of Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Masses.)

Memorials for 2024 will also be available at this time. You can remember your loved ones by dedicating the sanctuary lamps, the altar candles, and the bread and wine and used during our liturgical celebrations. **Offerings are: Mass \$10, Sanctuary Lamps \$15, Altar Candles \$15, Bread \$25, Wine \$25.** There are also isolated masses and memorials still available for 2023.



- * All must have been baptized & received First Holy Communion
- * A young person who has willingness to serve and to grow in their faith

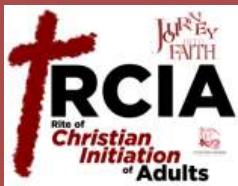
We invite all young people and their parents to join us for one of the "Come and See' Altar Server Ministry Nights On Tuesday, 9/12 OR Thursday, 9/14 7pm-8pm in the Church.

Who can be an Altar Server:

- * Any boy or girl 4th Grade and up



Congratulations to Michael & Victoria on the occasion of their daughter's baptism this weekend! May Eve Marie be drawn ever more deeply into the mystery of the Christian way of life through the example of her loving family!!! Fr. Leo



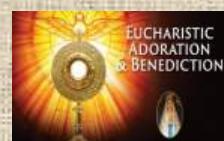
Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more? Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If you ("or someone you know") answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join us as you discover more about your Catholic faith. The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home. The invitation is always open – RSVP when you are ready!

On behalf of the Parish Family of Annunciation, we look forward to welcoming you. For more information please call the parish center (201-261-6322) or email info@annunciationchurch.org



- Saturday, Oct. 7: Healing Mass @ 11am followed by Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec. 2: Advent Wreath Social - Following the 5pm Mass.
- Sun., Dec. 10 @ 5:30pm: Parish Lessons and Carols with wine, cheese & hors d'oeuvre to follow.
- Tues., Dec. 12 @ 7pm. Parish Family Advent Recollection in Song & Scripture with Deacon Anthony Liguori
- * Sat., Dec. 16: Advent Women's Day of Recollection with Mary Jo Armen. Time to be announced.



All are welcome to the Church of the Annunciation Prayer Group!

Our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish center chapel. During this time, we are nourished with scripture and encouraged in our daily struggles with a reflection. Together we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, invoke the angels and saints and adore Our Lord, while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us every Wednesday @ 7pm in the Parish Center chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.



To Everything there is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven." Eccl. 3:11

"A Time To Be Healed"

Michael K., Susan Felzner, Walter Wyssenski, Janet Mooney, Stephen Long, John Dudyshyn, Carol Reger, Toni Miles, Rose Morehouse, Robert Ditommaso, Chris Sweisberger

"A Time to Mourn"

Bonnie LoGiudice

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Memorials

The sanctuary lamps were donated this week in memory of **Elaine Mischler** by her family.

The altar candles and altar bread were donated this week in memory of **Sr. Clare DiGregorio** by Chris, Jim and Judy.

The altar wine was donated this week in memory of **Robert Binder** by his loving sister, Sabrina.



Monthly Wedding Anniversary Blessings at Church of the Annunciation



At each of the Masses on the last weekend of each month we would like to offer a prayer of blessing upon all couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary. Please call the Parish Center to advise us of your name, how many years you will be celebrating and which Mass you will be attending with your family.

Blessings for all **September** Wedding Anniversaries will take place on September 23-24.



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