

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: September 13, 2026



PRAYER AT GROUND ZERO

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 fire fighters, 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

¹⁹⁰ Benedict XVI. Prayer at Ground Zero,
New York - April 20, 2008

September 11, 2001
September 11, 2026

*May we never forget the memory of those
whose spirit shines in the darkness!*

*We thought it would be nice to share
this bulletin cover with you
for the past two weeks!*

God Bless America!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 13th; Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 St. Benedict Parish
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Vazquez and Halpern Families
"Deceased and Living"
11:00 Patrick Francis Mooney
5:00 Santo Terrasi
"Happy Heavenly Birthday"

MONDAY, September 14th; The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast

8:30 Cosmo Saccoccio

TUESDAY, September 15th; Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 Angela and Domenico Pirraglia

WEDNESDAY, September 16th; Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 Alfonsina Carino

THURSDAY, September 17th; Saint Robert Bellarmine; Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:30 Anne Russell and Mary O'Sullivan

FRIDAY, September 18th

8:30 Barnard and Perez Families
"Living"

SATURDAY, September 19th; Saint Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 John Myers
4:00 Armando Cabral

SUNDAY, September 20th; Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Mary C. Traina
8:00 Vergilio Domenick Masella
9:30 St. Benedict Parish
11:00 San Benedetto
5:00 Mercedes Mejia de Liza and Augusto Liza Ugaz

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE, AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

Antonio and Maria Boiano
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Rosa and Nunziato Pilla

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Theresa Irving

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

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Catechetical Sunday September 20, 2026

At the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 20th, we will Bless the Catechists, of our Religious Education Program, recognizing their vital role in faith formation!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for 2026-2027 is open.
Visit the Parish website: stbenedictchurchny.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for GRADES 1 - 8

Wednesday session 4:15pm to 5:45pm OR
Sunday session 10:30am to 11:45am
Classes meet at St. Benedict's School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Pre-K and Kindergarten

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level 1 (ages 4-6)**

Sunday session #1 10:30am to 11:30am OR
Sunday session #2 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Classes meet at the Convent

NOTE: this class is NOT offered on WEDNESDAYS.

If interested in a tour of the atrium (classroom)
email Maria Pirraglia at:

reled@stbenedictsschool.com

FIRST DAY of CLASSES:

Wed, Sept.23, 2026 and Sun, Sept 27, 2026

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

This is an Invitation to ALL Adults who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend weekly classes here at **Saint Benedict's Rectory beginning Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 7:00pm.** If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. Any questions, please call 718-828-3403, X101 or go to: Rectory@stbenedictchurchny.org. Thank you.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: Monday through Friday at 8:30am
Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm
(Saturday Evening Vigil)
Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 5:00pm

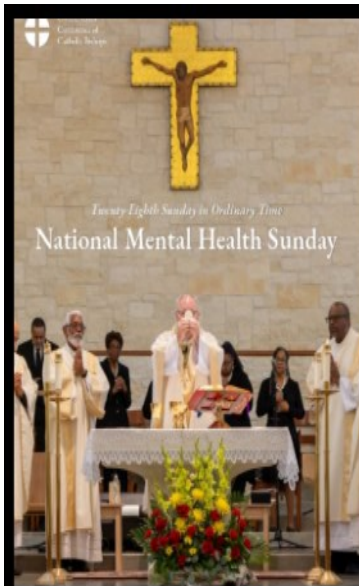
Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of Our Parish and their Grieving Families:

Alma Rivera

Message from Fr. Pergini,

Thursday, Sept 11, 2026: After twenty-five years of the unforgettable tragic event of Sept 11th, we all think of that tragic day. Still today, after twenty-five years we go through that painful memory of terror and death. We must always remember what happened and share this tragic event with young generations who have only heard or have seen what happened on Sept 11, 2001. We pray for those innocent victims who lost their lives and we do pray for their families that go through this painful experience every year. Sept 11, 2001, it was a Tuesday and it was one a beautiful September morning. It was blue and sunny skies with a pleasant breeze. It was a gorgeous day! I was scheduled to celebrate the Holy Mass at 12pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Arthur Avenue area, near Fordham University, in the Bronx. The sad news of that day spread very fast. In our parochial school of Our Lady of Mount Carmel the students were devastated. We went into every class trying our best to calm them down. I spent time with them until Noon. The school is a few blocks from the church. I had to run to celebrate the Noon Mass. As I walked into the sanctuary to start the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I saw a huge crowd of the faithful in front of me. In the back of the church were policemen and firemen attending the mass. It was very unusual for a daily Holy Mass to have such a big number of people attending. I could touch the pain of the crowd, and the crowd could touch the pain which I deeply felt into my soul. They all looked at me in those moments to be consoled in Christ. As the opening prayer was said and the time for reading came, I went to sit in my chair. In my mind came the images of fire and smoke, the planes hitting the twin towers, the innocent people instantly dying, others trying to escape the terror of death. The pain of those tragic moments, the agonizing image of thousands of people dying in flames and smoke and the unspeakable pain of their families were very powerful in my mind. In those moments of tears and pain I felt that Christ was crying with us. Silence, pain, suffering, and tears. I found rest only in Christ trying to take refuge and hope in Him. I read the gospel and briefly said a few words of what happened and placing ourselves and others only in the power of Christ in His Mercy and Love, and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. During the consecration, again, the image of those who tragically died in those terrible flames and smoke, and those who were running down the steps to escape death, and those who jumped from the windows to escape the flames. Here we are, after 25 years of that tragic day, we're thinking back and remembering in our prayers and thoughts. It is still today a shock to remember how quickly that beautiful September morning turned into deadly smoke and flames and brokenness, as our life was changed for-

ever by the terror of Sept 11th. Saint Pope John Paul II, said about Sept. 11th, "even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say." What a powerful statement to reflect the redeeming value of the mystery of Christ! What a consoling moment for all of us to think on this 25th Anniversary when pain and suffering become unbearable for so many people. And yet, we are united with Almighty Father who is all-powerful, through Christ who becomes the Divine Guest every time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated on the altar. It is this great divine Eucharistic power that must penetrate the depth of our souls. In this powerful mystery of our existence the consoling promise of the eternal pledge promised at our baptism, gives us hope, meaning of our suffering and pain. We pray for peace and conversion of those who violently think and act against innocent people, as they thought and caused the tragedy by taking innocent human lives. Yes, indeed, we are people who hope in eternal life not simply a hope for the future, in which we can take refuge and find some rest for our minds and souls, but our hope for ETERNITY becomes a guiding discipline for our present. The words Saint Pope John Paul II who went to Heaven four years after this tragedy consoles us that evil and death do not have the final say. The final words belong to Christ, our Eternal Lord and Savior. AMEN. On this twenty-fifth anniversary of Sept 11, 2001, our very sad memories, may we take refuge and consolation in the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament remembering those who have died, those who sacrificed their lives to save the lives of the victims of Sept 11th, and their families. We also think and pray for those who recently have died around the world of terrorist attacks, especially the persecuted Christians in the Middle East and Africa. Every year on Sept 11th the sounds of the toll bell at 8:46am reminds all of us to pause for a moment in prayer. In those powerful moments of silence and the sad sound of the toll bell will unite us with those who have died and the sufferings of the families who lost their dear ones on that tragic event. The younger generations who were born after September 11th must know about this tragedy. We, as adults, must speak about what happened and what is happening around the world. We must tell the story, the painful story that many of us lived and went through this painful experience. Let us pray for them now and always! Also, we have the command from Christ to pray for our enemies! May the power of the Eucharist touch the hearts of our enemies, and they may come to know the power of Christ of Love and Mercy! May we as Catholics be faithful to the Divine Truth and God's commandments! May our minds and souls today and always be thirsting for the living God. Eternal Rest Grant unto them Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine upon Them! May They Rest in Peace. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us sinners! Amen!



SAVE THE DATE
October 11, 2026

(the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**National Catholic
Mental Health Campaign
& Mental Health Sunday**

Recommended by the USCCB
to break the stigma around mental
illness, offer spiritual accompaniment
to those who struggle, and to highlight
mental health awareness and healing.

Catholics are invited to pray the
National Mental Health Novena From October 10 to 18

Digital resource links

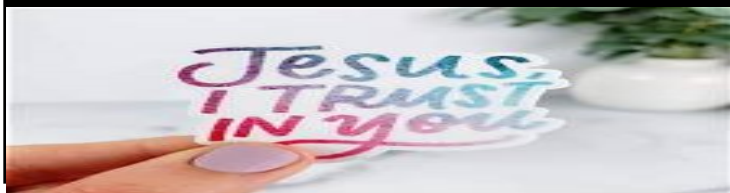
USCCB Campaign & Reflections: usccb.org/healing-and-hope

Daily Novena : usccb.org/mental-health-novena

Catholic Mental Health Ministers: catholicmhm.org

Catholic Charities Wellness Resource: catholiccharitiesusa.org/publications/whole-hearted/

If you or a loved one are carrying the silent weight of anxiety,
depression, or grief, please know that you are a beloved child of God,
and you are never alone.



The Bible Study Group resumed last week.
They meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Convent
downstairs. They will be discussing
Genesis, Chapter 18.

Welcome Back to Bible Study!

BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO
Monday, September 21, 2026

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, Pa
Depart 8:00am from the Bruckner Blvd side
Depart 4:00pm from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip (No Refunds)

THERE ARE NO MORE SEATS AVAILABLE!!!

Bring your own lunch

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!
May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!

Sr. Claire Regan, Stacey Addario, Joseph Abbate, Louis Amend, Donna Antonacci, Yselsa Arroyo, Gustavo Bardana, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Jack Bonacorso, Kathleen Bowers, Joseph Brenner, Wendelin Brenner, Walter Buddington, Peter Burnett, Amy Buscamonte, Caceres Family, Diane, Georjina Cales, Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita, Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Louis D'Annunucci, Debbie, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Darielle Deviccaro, Angela Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, Emily DiNardi, John DiNardi, Margaret Dionisio, Dorothy DiPierro, Pat Eaccirano, Sandra Edwards, Sean Fagan, Barbara Farrell, Melissa Fonseca, Francisco Fernandez, Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez, John Fernandez, Filomena Fidanza, Christopher Filardi, David Fisher, Anthony Fortunato, Roseann Frattini, Debra Ann Garcia, Richard Garcia, Sr., Richard Garcia, Jr., Rose Gettenberg, Ralph Giorgio, Hope Mercedes Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer, Gordon, Marion Gruber, Frank Hinz, Jr., Sharon Holzapfel, Donna Inzano, Eileen Jeninngs, Edward Kennedy, Paul Korngold, Stephanie (Tyko) Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell, Manuel Larino, Elise Lawle, Luis Gabriel Leal, Geraldine Lee, Mary Alexandra Lee, Virginia Lee, Frankie Lettera, Jessica Lettera, Francine Lettley, Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Adrienne Malave, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga Martinez, Robert McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Annette Matranga, Denise McPadden, Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie Madonna Muccino, Paula Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy, Oyola Family, Maylee Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr., Juana Perez, Aida Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe, Michael and Robert Prokop, Linda Ranallo, Kim Rappold, Richard Reale, Joshua Reaser, Philip Rebia, William F. Reilly, Maritza Resto, Frank Riegel, Phillip Rivera, Joanne and Walter Robinson, Mario and Nelson Roman, Antonette Roublick, Sylvia Russo, Angela Dello Russo, John Russo, Carl Saglimbeni, Ann & Dave Samhammer, Peter Samoylo, Ashley Saucedo, Ada Scanga, Margaret Geddis Schmidt, Nicolai Soriano, Maria Soto, Edward Spar, Lois Stabile, Virginia Strasser, Theresa Stanton, Ramon Surita, Pasquale Tartaglione, Jennifer Tully, Stefanie Ural, Teresa Bosquez Valdez, Fran Walsh, Loretta White

+ Babies/Children +

Amber, Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Brayden, Brinley, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Crosslyn, Declynn, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Erma, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpini, Eli, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Harry, Jr., Hayden, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin, Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden, Maizy, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Noah, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

In Loving Memory of John Myers

Our family wants to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has reached out with messages of love, prayers, and support during this incredibly painful time. Your kindness has brought us immense comfort.

We invite family and friends to join us as we honor and celebrate John's remarkable life and legacy.

Service Details:

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: St. Benedict Church

This loss is profound and we continue to pray for strength during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping us in your hearts.

With love, Anne Myers

Join Our Choirs!

When you sing, you pray twice

Our first practice is Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

Youth Choir - Weekly Rehearsals:
Wednesdays from 2:45pm until 4:00pm
Mass Schedule: Sundays at 9:30am

Adult Choir - Weekly Rehearsals
Wednesdays from 7:15pm until 8:30pm
Mass Schedule: Sundays at 11:00am

**OCTOBER 4th will be the
FIRST SUNDAY CHOIR MASS**

Meet in the Choir Room:

Youth Choir at 9:00am & Adult Choir at 10:30am

Anyone interested in joining, please see Anne Myers for details.

Looking forward to a great Choir Season!

Prayer for The United States of America!

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river.

Amen!

St. Benedict's School Registration

If you are thinking about what school to place your child in for this September, one way to show love to your children is to offer them a catholic school education. So, please feel free to contact St. Benedict School at your convenience to set up a tour. **Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is OPEN and we have availability in all grades.** If you are looking to apply you may do so by going online to our website at:

stbenedictschoolbx.org and clicking APPLY NOW. SBS serves grades PK-3 students all the way through 8th grade. PK classes are curriculum based and 8th graders are guided and prepared to enter high school. PK-3 must be aged 3 by 12/31/2026 and PK-4 must be aged 4 by 12/31/2026. **Financial aid for the 2026/2027 school year will be available to the families with students FULLY REGISTERED and ENROLLED in grades KINDERGARTEN through 8th grade and is on a first come, first served basis.**

You may contact the school at 718-829-9557 for further information about our school and to set up a one-on-one tour.

**St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone
Retreat will be October 2nd and 3rd 2026**

Cornerstone is a 27-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other women in our Christian community. All meals (including dinner on Friday night) will be provided. Applications with more details are now available in the back of the Church, and in the rectory. **The retreat is free but registration is required** — No walk-ins. For more information, please call or email Women's Cornerstone at: 862-236-4074 or email: sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com

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**St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone Retreat will
be October 23rd and 24th 2026.**

More information coming soon!



The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit

We want to bring your attention to an exciting new opportunity launching next year: the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit. This program allows taxpayers to support K-12 tuition and education scholarships at zero net cost. There are extra flyers at the rectory!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, October 2, 2026** from 8:00pm until 8:00am. We are always in need of volunteers especially our male parishioners for overnight. You can volunteer for 1 hour, 2 hours, 3 hours, etc. It's up to you. Many, many thanks!

God Bless you!

Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 13th

While we honor our grandparents daily, take an extra moment to appreciate all the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring into our lives.

God Bless All Grandparents

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

I will go peacefully to the Catholic Church. For faith is so important to our salvation I will seek it where the faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.

~~~Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



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## Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

### U.S. Air Force:

1<sup>st</sup> Class Airman Eric Bosco, General Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, 1st Airman Darren Morello, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

### U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, Jason Engeldrum, Sgt. Pedro Flores, Pvt. Anthony Grieco, Jr., 2nd Lt. Christopher Hackett, Johnny Jiminez, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Corporal Jenna Kuhl, Sergeant First Class Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Private Patrick W. Mooney, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Reverend (Captain) Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Sidney Antonio Kearns Rodriguez, Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi San Juan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Renee San Juan, Colonel Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

### U.S. Coast Guard:

Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, YN3, Ryan T. Moreno, CS3; Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

### U.S. Marine Corps:

Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, Liam Deenihan, Parris Island Boot Camp; 1st Lieutenant Ryan E. Dengler, Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik Mango, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, In Basic Training Daniel Smith Peters; Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro, Reserves; Pvt. 1st Class, Jason R. Wager

### U.S. Navy:

Chief Petty Officer Laurence Bueno, Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Petty Officer Gillen, LCDR Jennifer Groger Widman, ABH3 (AW) Christopher Hough, Ensign Brandon McGaughan, Jordan McKay, Active Reservist, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lieutenant Commander Victor Schaefer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas.

### Spiritual Readings for the Wk of Sept. 13, 2026:

**13 SUN TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130)

**14 Mon** Feast The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

**15 Tue** Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop

**16 Wed** Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Memorial 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 (445)

**17 Thu** Weekday [Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church] 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

**18 Fri** Weekday 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

**19 Sat** Weekday [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM] 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

**20 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133)