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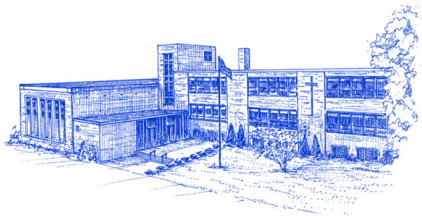

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Eucharist/Eucaristía

Saturday:	5:00 pm (English)
	7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday:	10:00 am (English)
Sunday:	8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
	& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays:	12:05 pm Monday thru Friday (English)
	7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holy Day Masses
Times and languages will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas
Los horarios y el idioma será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Baptism
You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am. Only Parish members will be allowed to register.

Religious Education
If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at the rectory.

Reconciliation /Reconciliación:
Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm (English).
A priest is available upon request or by appointment.
Sábados 6:15pm-7:15pm (Español). Un sacerdote estará disponible con cita .

Matrimonios:
Los preparativos deben hacerse al menos (6) SEIS meses por adelantada. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos. Para major infomación pueden llamar a Rosie al 347-318-2110.

Quinceañeras:
Los preparativos deben hacerse al menos (6) SEIS meses por adelanto. Solo se ofrece a nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos. Para mayor información pueden llamar a Rosie al 347-318-2110.

Bautismo
Debe de inscribirse en la oficina y presenter la acta de nacimiento del niño/a. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicará para darle seguimiento a este proceso. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases de preparación y reflexionar sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora (3) Tres meses. La ceremonia del bautismo es cada primer y tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00pm. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a los hijos de nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos.

Educación Religiosa
Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a Natalia a la rectoria.

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Today's Readings
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 4, 2022

Weekly Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday – September 3

5:00pm~ Personal Intentions of Zoe Winter- Renazile — *Offered by:* Elza Renazile

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – September 4

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Luis G. Denis — *Offered by:* Ayala, Rivera & Torres Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – September 5

12:05pm- † NO MASS

7:00pm- † NO MASS

HAVE A BLESSED LABOR DAY

Tuesday – September 6

12:05pm- † Lucille Leslie — *By:* Theresa Simmonds

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – September 7

12:05pm~ Birthday Blessings for Erin Loughran Talaid — *Offered by:* Talaid Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – September 8

12:05pm~ Personal Intentions — *Offered by:* Angie Varrassi

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – September 9

12:05pm- † Daniel & Mario Mayala, Antoinette Jean Paul & Genson Zamor — *Offered by:* Mireille Maitre

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – September 10

5:00pm- † Louise Obermayer — *Offered by:* Family

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – September 11

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Mamie Tori — *Offered by:* Annette Esposito

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

~ Our **Bread & Wine** is offered this week ……

~ Our **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **A Blessed School Year**… at the request of the **Obermayer Family**

~ Our **Memorial Candle** burns this week for …….

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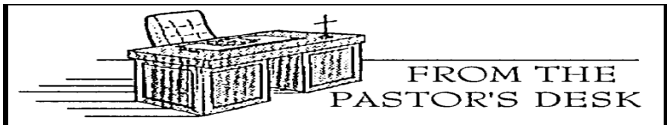
COLLECTIONS - August 27 & 28: $ 4,117.

We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.

"The Christian style, without a cross, is not Christian, and if the cross is a cross without Jesus, it is not Christian. The Christian style takes up the cross with Jesus and goes forward. Not without the cross, not without Jesus" (Pope Francis).



"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge"
(Psalm 90)

How beautiful it is to sing with the psalmist that "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge". It is even more beautiful if we put it in the context of this weekend dedicated to human labor, Labor Day. It is the Holy Spirit who brings us together to praise God and celebrate this Eucharist. To sing that the Lord has been our refuge is somehow to proclaim God's holiness that is manifested daily in our human work. That is why this Sunday is a worship of praise to give thanks to God for the working world and each one of the workers, paid or unpaid. Together we want to praise God who makes himself present at work. May this Eucharist be our strength to work in the vineyard of the Lord helping to spread Christ's message to all who are hungry for his Word.

Today when we listen to Saint Paul's advice to Philemon it is good to acknowledge in its proper context the idea of the salvific message. Philemon was for Paul his "brother in Christ". Socially, Philemon was the former master of his slave Onesimus. Slavery was politically correct and acceptable in Roman society at the time. For Paul the former slave Onesimus had become "his beloved son". A reading today makes us see primitive Christianity as an inclusive religion in which both free and slaves were welcomed equally as "brothers in Christ." Although Paul seems to put Onesimus's physical integrity at risk (he could be executed for being away from his former master), he trusts Filemon's spiritual and moral integrity, which will not only welcome him back into his home but will even set him free. The first believers, free or slaves, were called to put faith first and to act according to the new life found in Christ. Let us pray to Christ himself to help us fight against the new forms of slavery that oppress us and that do not allow us to place Christ and the needs of our brothers and sisters as the norm of life and service.

Following Jesus is always radical. It was yesterday in a society that accepted slavery and it is today when the rights of the most vulnerable are still not respected. For Jesus the disciple has to "take up his own cross every day and follow him". That teaching yesterday as today raises alternatives of which Jesus was aware. Scripture tells us that upon hearing these words "some stopped following him." Jesus does not promise us a life without suffering but on the contrary, taking up his own cross and suffering taught us the way of obedience.

Let's remember that Jesus preached love. Far from a literal reading of today's passage where Jesus tells us about "hating father and mother" the real teaching is about LOYALTY. In that same context "hate" means not putting Christ first or that his commandment of love is the one that should lead our lives. Let us pray that in a world of free brothers and sisters in Christ we may all be servants of those who have less and thus carry our cross every day……. **Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalms 90:3-6, 12-13, 14-17
Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

September 11: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
I Timothy 1:12-17

LABOR DAY WEEKEND/HOLIDAY - The Parish Office will be closed next this **Monday, September 5th** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON THIS DAY.**

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Everyone is invited to a Mass offered in celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary on **Thursday, September 8th: 12:05pm** (English) **& 7:00pm** (Spanish). When we celebrate His mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. We thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

MASS HONORING 9/11 VICTIMS – 2022 marks the 21st Anniversary of 9/11. We will gather on **Monday, September 12th** at the **12:05pm** Mass to remember, honor and pray for the victims and loved ones affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We also remember those who have been killed and injured in the wars that followed 9/11. We will also pray for peace and for protection of our first responders. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE - CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - A CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE RICHMOND COUNTY ORCHESTRA – Friday, September 23, 2022 at 7:30pm. The Richmond County Orchestra (RCO) was founded as a not for profit organization in 1998 by local Staten Island musicians and Maestro Alan Aurelia. The orchestra has brought professional presentations of the classical arts to the greater Staten Island community. In addition to performing throughout Staten Island it also played at the Guggenheim, Metropolitan and Jewish Heritage Museums, and in Washington Square Park, and Carnegie Hall. $10 Tickets will be available at the Rectory.

50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING - The 50/50 drawing is held on the last week of every month. 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package or any envelope marked 50/50 can be used. $5.00 is needed to win, be sure to get your entry in soon and GOOD LUCK. Congratulations to our AUGUST winner **Frank Peters,** winning $240.

2022 – 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – **Classes are starting soon!** Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can visit our Parish Rectory or register online on our Parish website. It is a two-year program for each sacrament; children entering the 1st grade should now be registered for First Holy Communion classes and children entering the 6th grade should now be registered for Confirmation classes. The child's baptismal certificate is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – *A journey of faith.* If you age 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic, or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, contact the rectory and leave a message for Colin.

2022 CARDINAL'S AUNNUAL APPEAL

This past year our parish family has experienced a lot of change. And despite the challenges, we continue to feed, clothe, help serve those in need in so many ways right here in our local community. Your participation in this effort will allow us to support our mission, and address areas of key importance in our beloved Church.

Our Parish goal is **$28,000** for this year's Appeal and to date we have received **$12,478** in pledges/gifts.

We are asking everyone to please consider completing the response envelope you received in the mail, in the Church lobby or fill one out online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. For more information, you can also check out our parish website. You are welcome to bring it to mass next weekend or bring it to our parish office. A response from every member of our parish family, would be a tremendous blessing from God. If you have already joined this important effort, we deeply appreciate your commitment. We thank you for remembering – "all that we are" and "all that we have" are gifts from God and your commitment to sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our community of faith here in our Parish and throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

MGN ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP - NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Friday, September 16th from 8:00pm-9:30pm. Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for the Zoom link or visit www.mgoretti.org for more information.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Regis High School of Manhattan is an all-scholarship Jesuit Secondary School for Catholic boys. They are inviting all students and their parents to their Staten Island Admissions Night on Tuesday, September 20th - 7:00pm at St. Joseph Hill Academy (850 Hylan Blvd.) and an Open House on Monday, October 10th at 1:00pm-4:00pm at Regis H.S. (55 East 84th St, NYC). For additional information, please call 212-288-1100, x2057. Email: edimichele@regis.org.

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