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September 11, 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Francis J. Samoylo, Pastor

Date: **Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Where: **Putnam Valley Town Park**
Oscawanna Lake Road
Putnam Valley

Time: **After the 12:00 Mass**

Admission: **Free (donations accepted)**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY ~ September 11

5:00 p.m. Vigil Zaida Rodriguez
8:00 a.m. Ian Mendoza (living)
10:00 a.m. Elisabetta Iozzo
11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon For Our Parish & Parishioners

MONDAY ~ September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00 a.m. Terry Underwood

TUESDAY ~ September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Nicola Aiello

WEDNESDAY ~ September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. Lily Tong

THURSDAY ~ September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 a.m. Lily Tong

FRIDAY ~ September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Lily Tong

SATURDAY ~ September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Francesco Rania
5:00 p.m. Doris Susa

WINE and HOST MEMORIAL

A donation of $25 for the hosts and wine offered at Mass may be given as a memorial to a loved one. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.

BURNING of the TABERNACLE CANDLE

A donation of $25 will provide for the weeklong burning of the tabernacle candle in memory of loved ones Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: The Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14) -*Year C*

Psalm: I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19) -*Year C*

2nd Reading: Christ came to save sinners. (Timothy 1:12-17) -*Year C*

Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. -*Year C*

Gospel: There will be great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:1-32) -*Year C*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request.
Contact the rectory to add someone.

Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, Annamaria DeScisciolo, Thelma Doebbler, Justin Fedele, Robert Gillick, Matthew Hempel, Alex Hetsko, Courtney A. Irwin, Diane Kelly, Mauva Kelly, Maureen Kemple, Colleen Kennedy, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna, Leah Meenaghan, Corazaon Mendoza, Valentino Mendoza, Eva O'Hagan Murphy, Vivian Pabon, Fr. Frank Samoylo, Pete Samoylo, Mary Sellazzo, John Simuneck, Theresa "Terry" Simuneck, Matthew TosoLini, Brigid Velluzzi

IN MEMORY OF 9-11-01

We remember all the innocent lives lost.

We ask God, our ever faithful and loving Father, to watch over their souls and grant peace to the grieving. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~PASTOR'S NOTES~

September 11, 2022

We remember the tragic day 21 years ago when our country was attacked by Muslim terrorists. I'm sure we all knew someone who perished. This day should be a reminder to us that we should always pray for the deceased and remember that we do not know when our own time on this earth will end.

In our sorrow we can take consolation from our Blessed Mother Mary (Feast Day September 15th) who suffered the loss of her divine so on Calvary. The month of September in the Catholic Churches is dedicated to our Sorrowful Mother. Her seven sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, that her own soul a sword shall pierce (Lk 2:35); the flight into Egypt, to escape the slaughter of the Holy innocents (Mt 2:13); when Jesus was lost (Lk 2:46-48); the meeting on the way to Calvary; Mary at the foot of the cross (Jn 19:25-27); receiving Jesus in her arms (Jn 19:38); and the burial of Jesus (Lk 23:55-56).

It would be good to contemplate our Lady's sorrows this month and always. Matthew Hanley wrote the following article in *The Catholic Thing*:

< The Gospel of St. Luke tells us several times (in chapter 2 alone) how much Mary had to keep in her heart. At the joy of the Nativity, she treasured what the shepherds came to say, and pondered it all in her heart. At the joy of finding Jesus in the temple (after the anguish of being separated from Him – which we all experience through sin), she kept His words and actions in her heart, even if she did not understand everything He was doing.

Our Lady of Sorrows,
El Viso del Acor, Seville

But Mary also had to hold ominous things in her heart at least since the day Simeon told her that "a sword will pierce through your own soul also." This first of Mary's seven sorrows magnifies by way of dreaded anticipation the most bitter of sorrows to come. Most of us recognize in hindsight that worry or anxiety about some future event is often worse than experiencing it. Possessing certain knowledge of future agony to be inflicted upon the child she loves naturally as her own son and supernaturally as her God must have compounded exponentially the anguish of the crucifixion itself.

St. Alphonsus Liguori's splendid discourse on Mary's Sorrows – a veritable tour de force which contains his own reflections and a compilation of observations from other saints – is somewhat lengthy, but to read even a brief portion of it selected at random is to perceive more keenly the magnitude of Mary's sorrows, which is to say the magnitude of her love, and to be moved by her epic heroism – the furthest thing imaginable from an "epic fail," to use that trendy phrase *du jour*.

He cites revelations given to St. Bridget which indicate that Mary did know what was in store for her Son; earlier than we might suppose, then, "began her great martyrdom." Liguori stresses that Mary's martyrdom was greater than any other by virtue of its duration and its intensity. Not only was her martyrdom drawn out over time by the anticipation, witness, and searing memory of the crucifixion, Mary suffered hers not in body but in the depths of her heart and soul.

Martyrs down through the centuries were able to endure impossible physical torment with remarkable equanimity. Think of St. Lawrence, being grilled over an open flame, announcing he was done on one side and ready to be turned over, and being tortured, declaring "*mea nox obscuram non habet sed omnia in luce clarescunt*" – my night has no darkness but all things break forth in light because they were "inebriated with the wine of Divine love." Yet this very love of God which consoled the martyrs in their trials was itself the source of Mary's own particular martyrdom: "the love she bore Him" – not a cruel tyrant – "was her only and most cruel executioner."

Though we may appreciate that Mary suffered more greatly in her heart and soul than even viciously persecuted martyrs, an underappreciated reality for the rest of humanity, all of us not spared of the effects of original sin by virtue of the Immaculate Conception, is that moral sufferings that afflict the heart and soul are vaster than physical sufferings. John Paul II notes in *Savlifici Dolores* that they are also less reachable by therapy (N.5). In our age of unprecedented

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health and longevity, great attentiveness to physical well being is paired with relative neglect of this much deeper pool of human suffering which Christ, who came to call not the righteous but sinners, alone can heal.

"On the tree of the Cross," St. Francis de Sales wrote, "the Heart of Jesus beheld your heart and loved it." Is there a more succinct explication of why the Church insists on proclaiming without compromise the value of each individual life in the public square? Christ's self-emptying act of love on the cross is "a shocking mystery," John Paul II wrote in his 1987 encyclical on the Mother of the Redeemer (*Redemptoris Mater*).

Although Mary, in witnessing the crucifixion, experiences what might seem to be the complete negation of the promises the angel gave her at the Annunciation, she holds firm; her faith was greater – more enlightened – than that of the disciples who fled (N. 18). At the foot of the Cross, Mary "is perfectly united with Christ in his self-emptying." John Paul II describes this, in one riveting line, as "perhaps the deepest '*kenosis*' of faith in human history." (Kenosis refers to that act of self-emptying).

Mary so identified with her Son – the spurned man of suffering who bore our pain, was pierced for our sins, and heals us by his wounds, as Isaiah, sometimes called the fifth evangelist, so unforgettably put it – that she was "satisfied rather to endure any torment than that our souls should not be redeemed, and be left in their former state of perdition." Liguori goes on to write that Mary's "only relief in the midst of her great sorrow in the Passion of her Son, was to see the lost world redeemed by His death, and men who were His enemies reconciled with God."

Such manifest greatness makes the phrase "Mary is a loving Mother" – true as it is – seem like a wild understatement.

By virtue of the "immense love" Jesus feels for His mother, regularly honoring Mary's sorrows can reap immense spiritual benefit. Many Catholics, however, may not be aware that Mary promised (through St. Bridget) specific graces to those who recall her seven sorrows – including peace within families, constant protection, and visible help at the hour of death.

You'll want to take a look at these consoling graces – and to take a moment to remember Mary's sorrows today. Perhaps every day.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Frank Samoylo

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults, or **RCIA**, is a series of classes that presents an adult with the basic fundamental teachings, practices, customs and devotions of Catholic Christianity. Classes (informal) begin Wed. Sept. 28, 2022, from 7-8:30 in the Church Rectory.

RCIA is for:

- Those not Baptized
- Those Baptized in another religion, but now desire to be Catholic.
- Catholics who were Baptized, but have not received Communion and / or Confirmation.

Are you or is someone (s) you know considering becoming a Catholic? We are all called to evangelize and directing interested people to RCIA is a great way to grow the faith. Please contact the rectory if you or someone you know is interested: (914) 737-4705.

The St. Columbanus **Knights of Columbus** **Council # 14991** is accepting new members.

Our Council is very active in the parish and community. Some of the activities we are involved with:

-Raising and donating $15,000 yearly for local charities.

-Extensive work maintaining the Martyrs Mission Church as well as St. Columbanus itself, which saves the parish thousands of dollars yearly.

-Offer a free breakfast or brunch to the parishioners about every two months.

-Assemble the Christmas Crèche each Christmas.

-Help run the annual Parish Picnic.

-Weekly volunteer activities at the Putnam Valley Food Pantry, including food pickup, storage and distribution.

-Maintains the Clothing shed at St. Columbanus.

-Maintains the food donation bins in the Church.

Our community needs involved, Catholic men. Give back to the Lord. If you are interested contact Sean in the parish rectory (914) 737-4705.

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A Prayer for a Family

O dear Jesus,
I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family.
May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.
I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary,
loving Mother of Jesus,
and our Mother,
pray to Jesus for our family,
for all the families of the world,
to guard the cradle of the newborn,
the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,
holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,
assist us by your prayers
in all the necessities of life.
Ask of Jesus that special grace
which He granted to you,
to watch over our home
at the pillow of the sick and the dying,
so that with Mary and with you,
heaven may find our family unbroken
in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Amen.

BAPTISM

Please welcome into the faith the following who were Baptized on August 21st:

Anneliese Marie Ural
Liam Vincent Hogan

May the Lord watch over Anneliese and Liam and grant them a strong faith.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected after next week's Masses. Please place your items in the bins located in the front or back of the Church. **Canned goods are preferred.** Please check the expiration dates as the Food Pantry cannot give out expired food. Expired food becomes an extra job for the volunteers to dispose of. Thank you for your generosity to this much needed cause.

ADORATION

As a reminder St. Columbanus offers Adoration every **Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** and every **First Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,** then again **8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.** (Nocturnal Adoration). As Catholics we believe that Jesus is fully present in the Eucharist in body, blood, soul and divinity.

Adoration is a quiet prayer time to contemplate this and show our devotion to God. During Adoration the Eucharist is put in Monstrance atop the altar and parishioners are welcome to come and sit before the Lord in silent prayer.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

O God, you have made us the church of your dear Son. Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you.

Grant that our common life and work may be an example to all about us. Guide our Pastor and his assistants in their work.

Acknowledge the intercessions of St. Columbanus, our patron, and keep us secure in your love.

Amen.

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Parishionership

Are you new to the Parish? Have you been attending Mass and forgot or haven't gotten around to registering? Are you a young adult who never registered under your own name after graduating H.S.? Please fill stop by the rectory or follow the link on our website www.StColumbanusParish.org to register. It is important to belong to a Parish and a requirement for such things as becoming a godparent or confirmandi sponsor, getting married, baptizing your child and obtaining a letter of freedom to receive sacraments (ie. marriage) elsewhere.

Thank you to our parishioners who have pledged to our Renew + Rebuild campaign.

As a reminder, please contact the campaign office should you have a change in circumstance, credit card, or have any questions about your pledge and/or payment schedule.

Some parishioners have stated that they have sent in a check that was not cashed. Please reach out to the campaign office and speak with them to resolve this.
Campaign Office:
(646) 794—2008 or
renewrebuild@archny.org

PARISH PICNIC

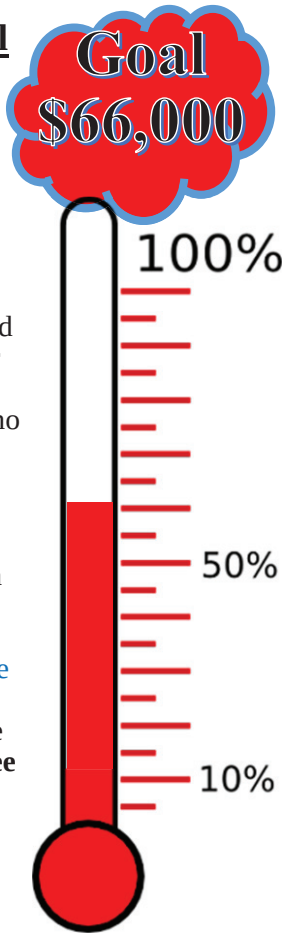
Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Where: Putnam Valley Town Park
Oscawanna Lake Road
Putnam Valley

Time: After the 12:00 Mass

Admission: Free (donations accepted)

St. Columbanus' Appeal Status (9/2/2022)



Goal	$66,000
Pledged	$40,955
# of Donors	147
Percent to Goal	62%
Average Gift	$279

As of today, our Parish has raised $40,180 in pledges towards our goal of $66,000.
Thank you to the 147 families who have contributed.

We have only $25,905 to go!

Join your fellow parishioners in supporting the Cardinal's Appeal today via:
www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate

In addition, did you know that the Appeal can benefit from **employee matching gift programs**?
Take advantage of this benefit to double your donation and help us meet our parish goal!

You can use the QR code below to make your donation. Hover over the code with your cell phone's camera; click the link. Remember to select the radio button for 'direct my gift to my parish' and select St. Columbanus. Thank you! St. Columbanus Pray for Us.

the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Church of the North American Martyrs MISSION Church

55 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY
Mass Time:
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday	~ Columbiettes Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Monday	~ Adoration 7:00 p.m.
	~ Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	~ Altar Server Practice 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	~ Bible Study
Saturday	~ Confession 4-4:45 p.m.

Parish Giving

Saint Columbanus Parish (*St. Columbanus Church & North American Martyrs Mission Church*) needs your support on Parish Giving!

Make your offertory contribution today at StColumbanusParish.org - click: Parish Giving

REMINDERS

Parishioner: You should register to be a parishioner under your own name at 18 years of age, whether or not you live with your parents/ guardians.

Sponsors: You must be a registered parishioner, under your own name for at least 6 months in order to request a sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation. The only exceptions are 14-17 year olds, who should be registered under their parents.

Marriage: You must begin the preparation process at least 6 months prior to your wedding date.

Baptism: There is a mandatory baptism class. God-parents need sponsor eligibility forms.

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