

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time † October 20, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Oct. 21
8:30 a.m.	Teresa DeLeonibus by Angela DeLeonibus
Tuesday	Oct. 22
	St. John Paul II, Pope
8:30 a.m.	Mary Quinn by husband, Jerry
Wednesday	Oct. 23
	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
8:30 a.m.	John & Margaret Lombardo by Leonora S. Ianuzzi
Thursday	Oct. 24
	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
8:30 a.m.	Arturo Allegra by Michael Darmante
Friday	Oct. 25
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	Oct. 26
4:00 p.m.	Fr. Michael McNamara by Anna & Paul Burke
Sunday	Oct. 27
	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eric Giubileo by Mother, Mitza Giubileo Leonard Fordellone by Roseann Fordellone
10:00 a.m.	Mary Quinn by husband Jerry

Candle & Flower Offerings

The Sanctuary Candle is offered for the People of the Parish.

The Sanctuary Flowers are offered for the People of the Parish. The flowers before the Blessed Virgin Mary are for the Intentions of Heidi Cortese by a friend. The flowers before St. Joseph are offered in loving memory of Paul Sabella by Angela Buffa.

IMPORTANT MASS NOTICE

Please be advised that on Saturday, November 16th, the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at the parish in Fr. Congdon Hall at 4:00pm instead of the Performing Arts Center at the Middle School. An additional Mass will also be celebrated at 5:30pm in the church hall to accommodate the number of people. By law, we can only accommodate 250 people at a given Mass. Consider worshipping with us at another Mass. Sunday Masses will be at 8:00am and 10:00am at the Performing Arts Center per usual.

Thank you for your patience during this time.

PARISH CALENDAR

Oct. 20	FAS Mtg. 12:00 – 2:00 pm Hall
Oct. 21	Raffle Drawing – 9:15 am in Hall
Oct. 22	Prayer Shawl – 1:30 pm Hall Room 5
Oct. 23	Scripture Study – 9:00 a.m. Hall Room 5 RE – Grade 7 – Lifenet – 6:00 pm Hall
Oct. 24	Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. Hall
Oct. 28	Men's Spiritual Group – Hall Room 1
Oct. 30	Scripture Study – 9:00 a.m. Hall Room 5
Oct. 31	All Saints Day Vigil – 7:00 pm Hall Choir Practice – After Mass in Hall
Nov. 1	All Saints Day – Mass 9:00 am Hall
Nov. 2	All Souls Day
Nov. 4	K of C Meeting – 6:30pm - Hall
Nov. 5	Religious Education - Monthly- Gr. 3-7 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Scripture Study – 9:00 a.m. Hall Room 5 Religious Education - Monthly- Gr. 3-7 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 8:00 pm



Daily Readings

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Sunday - Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday - Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday - Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday - Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday - Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday - Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday - Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9



The collection amount for the weekend of Oct. 13th was \$ 10,323. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!



Office Hours

The office is open Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us each Wednesday morning after the 8:30 am Mass in Father Condon Hall for reflection and discussion focusing on the scripture readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome



HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you have learned it, and from infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that those who belong to Jesus may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

When is the last time you opened your bible at home, or listened with great attention as the scriptures were proclaimed at mass? When did you reflect on God’s word, during the week after hearing it at liturgy, or heard a text which was familiar to you? When did you think it might be helpful to attend a bible study?

The words above which Paul wrote to Timothy are invitations to us, so we can grow in our faith. The teaching reminds us of growing after first communion, confirmation or our marriage. We continue to grow older, are we growing in holiness? Pope Francis’ exhortation offers us the beatitudes as the path for holiness. The bible in your living room has allergies. It is allergic to dust. Please open it read it and heed it!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Schedule 2019-2020

Saturdays: 10:30 am – 3:00pm

Mondays-Wednesdays: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings by appointment only

Religious Education Office is closed on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays

Reminders for October

October 23 LifeNet – Grade 7 (6 - 7:15 pm)

Reminders for November

November 5 Monthly Obligation – Grades 3-7
6:00 – 7:30 pm

November 6 Monthly Obligation – Grades 3-7
6:00 – 7:30 pm

November 19 2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat
6:00 – 7:30 pm – one parent must attend

November 20 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
6:00 – 9:15 pm - one parent must attend

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ED

Dear Parish Family,

The Peace of the Lord be with you this day!

On Tuesday, November 15th I traveled to Sloan in Middletown to meet with my neurologist regarding the latest results of my MRI of the brain. The good news is that the three lesions earlier detected were dissolved with the radiation treatment. Unfortunately, another lesion has grown in circumference and I will once again need radiation treatment. This will take place as quickly as possible. I already have a scheduled meeting with my oncologist at Sloan in the City on October 24th, so we are hoping that I can be fitted for my helmet for radiation on that day and then have radiation treatment soon after. At this point MSK should just keep my helmet on a shelf in the radiation department!!! I no longer get emotional when given news of this kind; this is my life at this stage and I have grown in acceptance of my circumstance. I simply need to be closely monitored and undergo treatment. I am grateful that Dr. Piotrowski speaks candidly with me regarding this disease. Based on this latest finding, it is likely that this type of cancer will return, but she is confident that these lesions are responding to radiation.

Thank you for your prayerful support. Keep those prayers for healing coming my way. I truly believe that the peace and calmness I am experiencing through this all is largely due to the power of your prayers. As always, I assure you of a remembrance in my daily prayers. I’ll keep you posted when I will undergo radiation treatment. I also managed to lose two pounds so you need to pray that I get fattened up before the winter!!!

Pax,
Fr. Ed

HISTORIAN WANTED



Nativity of Our Lord is seeking a Parish Historian. Responsibilities will include cataloging historical

information on the parish and keeping an ongoing accurate and comprehensive record of future parish events and news. Must have writing and computer skills. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 609-371- 0499 ext. 10.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

During the renovation of the church, morning Mass will be celebrated 8:30 a.m. downstairs in Father Congdon Hall. Please respect this space since it will be our Chapel with the Eucharist present in the tabernacle.



Weekend Masses will be celebrated at:
Monroe Township Middle School Performing Arts Center (PAC)
1629 Perrineville Rd, Monroe Township, NJ 08831
Saturday 4:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Important Information on Parking

Handicap parking is permitted in the bus lanes however please park head first into the spots. **DO NOT PARK ON AN ANGLE. DO NOT FOLLOW THE DIAGONAL LINES.**

Side Doors

You are still welcome to visit the chapel located downstairs in the Hall throughout the day. The side doors will be open Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm.

Church Envelopes

If you attend another Church because of our renovation, kindly drop off your weekly envelope at the main office or drop it in the mail.

Scheduled Mass Intentions

If you have a 9:00 am weekend Mass intention (scheduled from July to December), it will now be scheduled at 8:00 am along with the 7:30 am intention. Thank you for your patience.



Food Pantry

Due to the renovations of the Church, kindly drop off all food donations directly to the Monroe Senior Center at the receptionist desk, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. May we continue to serve our brothers and sisters for the sake of Christ.



PRE-SCHEDULING FOR THE 2020 MASS BOOK

The 2020 Mass Book will open on **October 24, 2019** for the pre-scheduling of your **Masses on the form that was inserted in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago. If you need extra forms, please pick one up in the office.** You may have **one Sunday or Holyday Mass and one weekday Mass.** Your **completed** Mass list should be delivered between 9:00am - 11:30am and 1:00- 3:30pm to the office on **October 24th ONLY.**

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT EARLY SUBMISSIONS

The scheduling of the Masses will be on a first come first serve basis—similar to our number system. **No phone requests will be accepted.** There will be an opportunity for First Choice and Second Choice. If your requested Mass is not available, you will be given a date closest to your request of your first choice. The confirmed date will be emailed to you.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The St. Vincent DePaul Society together with the Companions of Pauline will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for approximately 20 families this year. We will be collecting food and frozen turkeys for these baskets the weekend of November 16th and 17th. Canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing and canned cranberry sauce would be very much appreciated. On Saturday, November 16th, Mass will be held in Father Congdon Hall and food and turkeys can be brought there. On Sunday, November 17th, we will have a truck outside the Middle School Performing Arts Center to collect food and turkeys. Gift cards to supermarkets are also always welcome. More details to follow, as always, thank you for your generosity!

CONSECRATION OF OUR DIOCESE

The consecration of the diocese to Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place during the celebration of Holy Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00pm. **The Bishop is requesting that we send five parishioners to represent our parish on this special day. If you would like to attend kindly, contact the parish office, 609-371-0499 x10.**

This is an historic event for our diocese and with Our Lady of Guadalupe as our guide, may she champion for us all the graces of heaven to set out on a journey of discipleship, ushering in a new moment of fruitful evangelization for our entire diocese.

MINISTRIES

St. Vincent De Paul Society: If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 8, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. **All calls are handled in strict confidence.**

Food Pantry: After all you have given, just be your usual generous selves. Please see instructions under the church renovation section. We thank you.

Fair Trade: Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate is available in Fr Congdon Hall during the week. Call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963 with any questions or requests. Thank you for your continued support of fair trade.

Prayer Shawl: Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 22nd downstairs in Room 5.** Join us as we create shawls for the sick and homebound members of the parish (and beyond!) New members are always welcome. Questions? Call Liz Coulston at 732-561-4139 or Dorothy Kopil at 609-655-8138.

Caring Meals: The Caring Meals group delivers soup year-round to our homebound parishioners and provides short-term help to parishioners who are recuperating from an illness or hospital stay with deliveries of home-cooked meals. If you like to cook or know of someone who could benefit from either of these two services, please call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963.

Helping Hands: Do you need a helping hand with minor tasks around the house? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact Esther Wolff by phone at 732-521-6019.

Rosary Group: Please join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:50 a.m. to recite the Holy Rosary **downstairs in the Hall.** Please respect this space since it will be our Chapel with the Eucharist present in the tabernacle.

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

MSG Geoffrey Marshall - US Army
John Pisapia - US Navy
Ryan Shelton, Capt.- US Army
Nicholas Palmer. US Army. Afghanistan
Col. William Thomas Baden - Air Force
Lt. Christopher J. Freeland - US Navy
1st Lt. Steven Snyder - Air Force
Daniel Knowles - Coast Guard
Justin Joseph Laguna - Air Force Reserves
Michael Ernst - Air Force Reserves
Lt. Yvonne Zirrit - US Navy
Capt. Bradley James Tobasco - Air Force

We would like to pray for family members of those in our parish who are in the military. Please submit names to admin@nativitymonroe.org



We Celebrate Wedding

Milestones

25 Years

Nilo & Menchie Natural

50 Years

Robert & Marie Anselmo

Joseph & Grace Arieno

Joseph & Margherita Caccavo

Roger & Katherine Connolly

Wayne & Theresa D'Angelo

Bruce & Judith Tamarin



The Knights of Columbus is not only a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

The Knights of Columbus have a proud heritage. Any Catholic man can share in this heritage and build for an even greater future by affiliating himself with this forceful, effective fraternal organization.

To learn more, scan the QR code and include the Council number. Or contact Chancellor Tony Casciano, (908) 208-7613 tonycasciano58@gmail.com

Vivat Jesus!



OFFICE OF SCHOOLS

*Attention Middle School Students & Families,
Come and see what we are really about!*

2019 High School Open House & HSPT Dates

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Open House - Sunday, October 20, 2019 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

HSPT: Saturday, November 2nd

Friday, November 8th & Saturday, November 9th

Students must pre-register for the Entrance Exam at
stjoes.org/admissions

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL

Open Home — Sunday, October 27, 2019 Noon - 4:00 PM

HSPT dates: Saturday, November 2nd

Saturday, November 9th

Open House & HSPT registration:
ImmaculataHighSchool.org/OpenHouse

MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY

Open House - Sunday, October 27, 2019 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

HSPT: Saturday, November 2nd

Sunday, November 17th

Pre-register at: mountsaintmary.org/_admissions

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is
convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward,
especially when all the temptations of our busy and
materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride
and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle
may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God did not
call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

Mother Seton Regional HS
One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066

Saturday Science/Engineering Day at MSR

November 2 – 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Girls in grades 6-8 invited to experiment in our labs!

MSRHS presents its annual musical
"All Shook Up"

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 8, 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10 – Students/Sr. Citzs.: \$8

For information call 732-382-1952 or visit website at

www.motherseton.org

"The Future is Hers"



METUCHEN CURSILLO
MOVEMENT
www.metcursillo.org

A N N O U N C E M E N T

METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKEND FALL 2019

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement will be holding their next
Cursillo Weekend in the fall at the **BLUE ARMY SHRINE**
in Asbury, NJ.

THE WOMEN'S WEEKEND is scheduled for
November 14-17, 2019.

THE MEN'S WEEKEND is TBA.

**Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday
afternoon.**

Bishop Checchio has called the Metuchen Cursillo
Movement "an international Catholic evangelical
apostolate", and has assigned Rev. Fr. John Primich as its
Spiritual Advisor. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning
"short course," - a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo
Weekend is an "**Encounter with Christ**".

For details and to download an application, log on
to www.metcursillo.org or you may contact the Lorri
Casabianca at lorri.casabianca@gmail.com or (732) 738-
1796. You may also contact Lucille Hess, Lay Director, at
lhess@metcursillo.org.

**Space is limited so please submit your registration
asap!**

FLOWERS & CANDLES

For those who wish to remember their loved ones or pray
for a special intention, we have the following available:

Candle intentions: These are 7 day votive candles in the
church Sanctuary, before the statues of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Blessed Pauline or St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Anthony
(\$15).

Church flower offerings: \$50 per basket on either side of
the tabernacle, \$35 per tray placed near the Blessed Virgin
Mary or St. Joseph statue.

Purgatorial Society enrollments: Members share in the
graces of all Masses celebrated in our Church. In addition,
a Mass is celebrated each month on the 1st Friday for one
year for those enrolled. (\$25).

Donation cards: Your gift (any amount) to the
Bereavement Ministry, Church Building Fund, Music
Ministry, Social Justice Ministry or St. Vincent de Paul
Society is gratefully acknowledged in memory or in honor
of your loved one.

Stop by or call the parish office for more information 609-
371-0499 ext. 10.