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Sunday, September 17, 2023



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



Saturday	September 16
5:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Deborah Morales
Sunday	September 17
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Hilda Manlegro Nabua
10:30 am	Sp. Int.: Aaron Manuel—Birthday
12:00 pm	Gerald McGowan
1:15pm (Español)	Jose Horacio Valencia
Monday	September 18
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Julita N. Brioso
7:30 pm	Jesus T. Singson
Tuesday	September 19
7:00 am	Ruben Rivera
9:00 am	John & Nora Reilly
7:30 pm	Regan Grafal
Wednesday	September 20
7:00 am	Danny Ibera
9:00 am	Juana Maria Sanchez
7:30 pm	Sally & Stanley Jendrysik
Thursday	September 21
7:00 am	Katherine & Richard Ascolese
9:00 am	Dominic E. Francisco
7:30 pm	Cecile Anderson
Friday	September 22
7:00 am	Intentions of Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
9:00 am	Paz Masip
7:30 pm	Jesus Rivera
Saturday	September 23
7:00 am	The Protection of the Unborn and Their Families
9:00 am	In Honor of St. Gertrude
5:30 pm	Lolita Capati Flores
7:00 pm (Español)	Arnoldo Cabrera
Sunday	September 24
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Ken Rowland—1st Anniversary
10:30 am	Frank, Sally & Annette DeMaggio
12:00 pm	Loretta Marie Borrows Giordano
1:15pm (Español)	Intentions of Ariella Mendoza



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Penance - Saturdays: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church.

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony - Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance.
Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.

St. John's Book Club



All are welcome to join the St. John's Book Club, which will meet on Monday, September 25th at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month, when they discuss a variety of "books that make you think." If you are interested, contact Rosemarie Flood at roflood@yahoo.com or 201-384-3601. **Here's what's coming up:**

September 25 -- *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life*
by Joanna Weaver

Feel free to invite a friend to join us -- all are welcome!

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Dennis Ryan
in your prayers.



Adults seeking to enter the Catholic Church, either unbaptized or baptized in another denomination, are invited to inquire about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults preparation program which will begin in the Fall. This program is also open to baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation. For more information, contact Deacon Jim for English or Fr. César for Spanish at the rectory 201-384-0101.

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



A few years ago, Pope Francis, shared some meditations on mercy, in *Misericordiae Vultus* (The face of Mercy). Reflecting on the Gospel of today's Mass, he said:

"In the parables devoted to mercy, ...we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.

In reply to Peter's question about how many times it is necessary to forgive, Jesus says: "I do not say seven times, but seventy times seven times" (Mt 18:22). He then goes on to tell the parable of the "ruthless servant," who, called by his master to return a huge amount, begs him on his knees for mercy. His master cancels his debt. But he then meets a fellow servant who owes him a few cents and who in turn begs on his knees for mercy, but the first servant refuses his request and throws him into jail. When the master hears of the matter, he becomes infuriated and, summoning the first servant back to him, says, "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Mt 18:33). Jesus concludes, "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart" (Mt 18:35).

This parable contains a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are.

In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offenses becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves". The words of Pope Francis bring to mind something that happened this week.

This past Monday September 11th, I was at a Firehouse in the Bronx to celebrate Mass with the firefighters as we marked the twenty second anniversary of that dark day in the history of humanity. Nearly three thousand innocent people died on 9/11/2001, including 343 members of the NYFD. A friend of mine, Frank Palombo was one of them, a Brooklyn Firefighter who died in the South Tower when it collapsed, leaving a wife and ten children. At the time his oldest was 17yrs old, and the youngest was just a baby. One of his sons is now a priest, and two others are NY Firefighters.

A few months after 9/11, Frank's widow - Jean - told me that he would have rushed into those burning buildings even if they were full of terrorists. He would have given his life to save them. I was shocked when she said that. I was also edified. Why? Because Frank was a man who had experienced forgiveness. He was a man who knew what it meant to have his debts cancelled. He was a son of God.

Pope Francis continues: "At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7).

"As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other".

Fr. Sean

Del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



Hace unos años, el Papa Francisco, compartió algunas meditaciones sobre la misericordia, en *Misericordiae Vultus* (El rostro de la misericordia). Reflexionando sobre el Evangelio de la Misa de hoy, dijo:

"En las parábolas dedicadas a la misericordia, ... encontramos el núcleo del Evangelio y de nuestra fe, porque la misericordia se presenta como una fuerza que vence todo, llenando el corazón de amor y trayendo consuelo a través del perdón.

Respondiendo a la pregunta de Pedro sobre cuántas veces es necesario perdonar, Jesús dice: "No digo siete veces, sino setenta veces siete" (Mt 18, 22). Luego continúa contando la parábola del "siervo despiadado", quien, llamado por su amo a devolver una gran cantidad, le ruega de rodillas por misericordia. Su amo cancela su deuda. Pero luego se encuentra con un compañero que le debe unos centavos y que a su vez le ruega de rodillas por misericordia, pero el primer siervo rechaza su petición y lo arroja a la cárcel. Cuando el amo se entera de la cuestión, se enfurece y, convocando al primer siervo a él, dice: "¿No has tenido misericordia de tu compañero, como yo tuve misericordia de ti?" (Mt 18, 33). Jesús concluye: "Así también mi Padre celestial hará a cada uno de vosotros, si no perdonáis de corazón a vuestro hermano" (Mt 18, 35).

Esta parábola contiene una enseñanza profunda para todos nosotros. Jesús afirma que la misericordia no es solo una acción del Padre, se convierte en un criterio para determinar quiénes son sus verdaderos hijos.

En resumen, estamos llamados a mostrar misericordia porque primero se nos ha mostrado misericordia. Perdonar las ofensas se convierte en la expresión más clara del amor misericordioso, y para nosotros los cristianos es un imperativo del que no podemos excusarnos". Las palabras del Papa Francisco traen a la mente algo que sucedió esta semana.

El pasado lunes 11 de septiembre, estuve en una estación de bomberos en el Bronx para celebrar la misa con los bomberos al conmemorar el vigésimo segundo aniversario de ese día oscuro en la historia de la humanidad. Casi tres mil personas inocentes murieron el 9/11/2001, incluyendo 343 miembros de la NYFD. Un amigo mío, Frank Palombo fue uno de ellos, un bombero de Brooklyn que murió en la Torre Sur cuando se derrumbó, dejando una esposa y diez hijos. En ese momento su hijo mayor tenía 17 años de edad, y el menor era solo un bebé. Uno de sus hijos es ahora sacerdote, y otros dos son bomberos de Nueva York.

Unos meses después del 9/11, la viuda de Frank - Jean - me dijo que Frank se habría recurrido a esos edificios en llamas, incluso si estaban llenos de terroristas. Él habría dado su vida para salvarlos. Me sorprendió cuando ella dijo eso. También fui edificado. ¿Por qué? Porque Frank era un hombre que había experimentado el perdón. Era un hombre que sabía lo que significaba que sus deudas fueran canceladas. Era un hijo de Dios.

El Papa Francisco continúa: "¡A veces parece difícil perdonar! Y sin embargo, el perdón es el instrumento colocado en nuestras frágiles manos para alcanzar la serenidad del corazón. Dejar ir la ira, la ira, la violencia y la venganza son condiciones necesarias para vivir alegremente. Escuchemos, pues, la exhortación del Apóstol: "No permitáis que el sol ponga sobre vuestra ira" (Ef 4, 26). Escuchemos sobre todo las palabras de Jesús, que hizo de la misericordia un ideal de vida y un criterio para la credibilidad de nuestra fe: "Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque obtendrán misericordia" (Mt 5, 7).

"Como podemos ver en la Sagrada Escritura, la misericordia es una palabra clave que indica la acción de Dios hacia nosotros. No se limita a afirmar su amor, sino que lo hace visible y tangible. Después de todo, el amor nunca puede ser solo una abstracción. Por su propia naturaleza, indica algo concreto: intenciones, actitudes y comportamientos que se muestran en la vida diaria. La misericordia de Dios es su amorosa preocupación por cada uno de nosotros. Se siente responsable; es decir, desea nuestro bienestar y quiere vernos felices, llenos de alegría y en paz. Este es el camino que debe recorrer también el amor misericordioso de los cristianos. Como ama el Padre, también lo hacen sus hijos. Así como él es misericordioso, nosotros somos llamados a ser misericordiosos unos con otros".

Fr. Jean

Did you know?



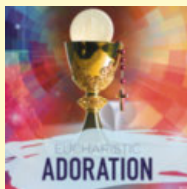
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Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
12pm—6:30pm



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

"Come to me all who labor and are burdened" is the theme for the 2023 Catechetical Sunday observed on September 17.

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- Luke 10:20

Saturday, 7 October 2023
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St. John's Food Pantry

Shoprite of New Milford invited St. John's food pantry to hold a food drive on Sat 9/23 and Sun 9/24 (10am to 2pm each day). If you'd like to assist in collecting food for needy families, please contact Joe McHale (phone or text: 201-655-1073 / email: joemc1217@gmail.com)

If students want to serve community service hours by working at St. John's food pantry, please contact Joe McHale. As always, we appreciate your generous donations to assist needy families. However, at this time we have sufficient quantities of canned soup, canned vegetables and canned applesauce. **Please consider donating other items such as: kids cereal, adult cereal, pasta, sauce, mac&cheese, tuna, peanut butter and jelly.**

Thank you!

The Weeds and the Wheat

Saturdays at 10:00 am

Our newest parish ministry, 'The Weeds and the Wheat', is up and running. If you are a gardener or would like to help beautify the grounds of our parish with shrubbery and flowers, you are welcome to join us. Let us make our parish an aesthetically pleasing, inviting place. For more information, please contact Reyna Berroa at 646-924-6229 or r1balberto22@gmail.com

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Domingo, Septiembre 17:

La clase de bautismo será en el edificio del Parish Life después de la bendición final. Por favor dirigirse a la puerta por el costado del sagrario y una persona los acompañará.



Próximamente en unas semanas, **Octubre 7 y 8** habrá venta de comidas después de todas las Misas para recaudar fondos para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe que se celebrará el 12 de diciembre. Estén pendientes de los detalles en los próximos boletines.



El Domingo de Catequesis

es una magnífica oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el papel que cada persona desempeña, en virtud del bautismo, en la transmisión de la fe y en el testimonio del Evangelio.

Este año, la Iglesia celebrará el Domingo de Catequesis el 17 de septiembre, y el tema del 2023 es: "Vengan a mí todos los que están afligidos y agobiados"

(Mateo 11:28).



Los adultos que buscan entrar en la Iglesia Católica, ya sea sin bautizar o bautizados en otra denominación, están invitados a preguntar acerca de nuestro Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (R.I.C.A) programa de preparación que comenzará en el otoño. Este programa también está abierto a los católicos bautizados que no han recibido la Primera Comunión o Confirmación. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el Diácono Jim para Inglés o con el Padre César para Español llamando a la Rectoría.



Ven y Ora

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Horario de esta semana:

martes, miércoles y
jueves 12pm—6:30pm



Grupos Parroquiales

La Palabra ~ lunes, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Legión de María ~ martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center de 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro ~ martes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm

Emaús Mujeres ~ miércoles, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres ~ miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ jueves, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ viernes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ tercer viernes del mes, iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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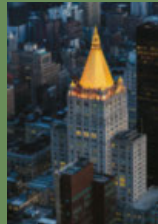
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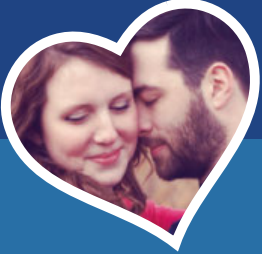
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