

September 1st, 2019 † 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Fr. James



The following is from the writings of St. Rose of Lima whose feast day was recently celebrated by the Church: "Our Lord and Savior lifted up His voice and said with incomparable majesty: 'Let all men know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. Let them know that the gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase. Let men take care not to stray and be deceived. This is the only true stairway to paradise, and without the cross they can find no road to climb to heaven.'"

"If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! Without doubt they would devote all their care and concern to winning for themselves pains and afflictions. All men throughout the world would seek trouble, infirmities and torments, instead of good fortune, in order to attain the unfathomable treasure of grace. This is the reward and the final gain of patience. No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him."

Understanding how suffering can possess redemptive power for us is a mystery. However, Jesus told His disciples, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (*Matthew* 16:24). In following Jesus, we do have opportunities each day to do things like taking the trouble to assist someone and thereby bearing a cross. When we do such things, the grace of God increases within us and so does the joy and delight of knowing we've done something good, which is to say, something God-like!

In Heaven, that joy and delight will be infinitely magnified for us and its experience will last forever!

Your Servant in Christ,

Father James

THANK YOU for remembering your Parish with your contributions when you are away on vacation or when weather prohibits your attendance at Mass. Your continual financial support is essential and greatly appreciated by our Parish Community.

MASS Intentions

☒ Saturday/Sunday, August 31/Sept. 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 p.m. Open Intention
8 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Michael Sandor
11 a.m. † Gail Boutross Scott

☒ Monday, September 2 Labor Day

9 a.m. (L) Laura & Ken

☒ Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

7 p.m. For the Protection of Unborn Babies & Their Families

☒ Wednesday, September 4

7 p.m. (L) Aline English

☒ Thursday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

9 a.m. † Perry Faraldi

☒ Saturday/Sunday, September 7/8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 p.m. People of the Parish
8 a.m. † Loretta & James Bernardo
9:30 a.m. † Ray Kayne
11 a.m. † Dr. John Titus

This Week's Activities

Monday, September 2

☒ Labor Day, Parish Office is closed.

Wednesday, September 4

☒ "A Gathering" 7:30 pm (Church Hall)

Friday, September 6

☒ First Friday Adoration 3pm-7pm (Church)

Sunday September 8th

☒ Faith Formation Classes begin.
Grades 1-7 -The Grade School 9am-10:40am
Grade 8 - The Upper Room 9:05am-10:50 am

Sunday September 15th

☒ Faith Formation Class
Grade 9 -The Church Hall 9:05am-10:50 am

Offertory Contributions

Offertory Collection for 8/25/19: \$3,042.

"There is more joy in heaven over a converted sinner than over a righteous person standing firm."

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~Pope St. Gregory the Great

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy Father through your generous donations.

Parish and Diocesan News

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SANCTUARY LAMP Offerings will be accepted for those who wish the sanctuary lamp by the tabernacle to burn in memory of a loved one or for the intentions of someone living.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Parishioners of St. Joseph are welcomed and invited to donate flowers for the sanctuary of our Church. Flowers can be either donated in memory of a loved one or for the intentions of someone living. Please call MaryJean at the Rectory Office if you would like to contribute to the adornment of our sanctuary.

MASS INTENTIONS Parishioners are invited to request that a particular Mass be offered for a deceased loved one or for the intentions of someone living. Please contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements and to receive a Mass card. Alternatively, if a Mass has an open intention, which will be indicated in the bulletin, you are welcome to see Father James before any of the weekend or weekday Masses to request an intention.

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS Another school year has arrived. Starting **Sunday, September 8th**, Grades 1-7 will meet at the Grade School from 9:00am -10:40am. Grade 8 will meet in the Upper Room from 9:05am-10:50 am. There will be a parent meeting during class time. **NOTE:** Grade 9 begins on September 15, in the Church Hall from 9:05am-10:50am. and there will also be a parent meeting during class time as well.

A WALKING PILGRIMAGE In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage called, "**The Way of St. Juan Diego**" on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish in Annandale. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio at 6 pm. For more details or to register online please visit www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage.

IN ADDITION on this special day, our Church will have **Eucharistic Adoration** from 12 noon until 5 p.m. If you have one hour to spend with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, please contact Eileen Chrobak at: (908) 482- 0802.



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday September 6th, from 3 p.m.- 7 p.m. we will have First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7 p.m. All are invited to spend time with Our Lord. We must

have someone present in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament at all times during Adoration. If you have one hour a month to spare, please consider signing up. Contact Eileen Chrobak at: (908)-482-0802. "**Could you not watch one hour with Me?**" **Mark 14:34**

A Gathering All women of the parish are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 4th to come together in reflection and prayer. We will meet in the Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anne McGovern at Atm6886@gmail.com or 908-216-3791.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS There will be an information evening on **Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:00pm** in the Immaculate Conception Annandale Parish Hall (lower level of the Church), to provide an overview of the current immigration situation, the recommendations from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and aid being provided through Catholic Charities.

The 4th weekly winner of the K-Club is **Chris Dietrich**. If you would like to participate the dues are \$40 for the new 2019-20 K-Club. For more information visit: www.kofc10627.org/k-club.html



SECOND COLLECTION Next weekend, September 7 & 8, there will be a second collection for our Holy Father, Peter's Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide Pope Francis with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

MUSIC MINISTRY Please consider joining the Church Choir. All voice parts are needed. Music experience is a plus, but not necessary and singers High School age and older are welcome. Rehearsals are Tues. evenings after the 7:00 p.m. Mass and the choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and at special liturgies throughout the year. Please contact Dee Savare at 908 638 4336 or dasavare72@gmail.com with any questions or if you need additional information. **COME JOIN US!!!**



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