

September 15th, 2019 † 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Fr. James



Just now, I came in from the vegetable garden after harvesting my crop of leeks. Next on my list is potato leek soup. With the weather cooling down, it's that time of year. I admit that the potato leek soup that I made last year for one of our Friday dinners during Lent was a disaster; but that's because I used vegetable broth instead of chicken broth. Never again! So here's the recipe for the soup.

Clean three large leeks and cut them into ¼ inch slices. Then cook them slowly over medium heat for about 10 minutes in 3 to 4 quart thick-bottomed pot in 2 tablespoons of melted butter while stirring occasionally until the leeks are soft. Be careful not to brown the leeks. After the leeks are softened, add four cups of chicken broth, two pounds of potatoes cut into ½ inch cubes, a pinch of dried marjoram, one bay leaf and one or two sprigs of fresh thyme (you may substitute ½ teaspoon of dried thyme). Some people will want to add 1 ½ teaspoons of kosher salt, but I never do. Once you've added all of the ingredients, increase the heat to high to bring them to a simmer; then lower the heat to maintain a low simmer and cook for about 20 minutes, until the potatoes are cooked through. Once the soup is ready, remove the bay leaf and thyme sprigs. Purée about half the soup in a food processor and then mix the two portions together. When serving the soup, add Tabasco sauce and white or black pepper according to your taste, next sprinkle with chopped fresh parsley and enjoy!

I have found when I use leeks from my garden, potatoes from a friend's garden, and homemade chicken stock, the soup comes out far better. One might even be tempted to go so far as saying it turns out Heavenly, if I don't say so myself!

Your Servant in Christ,

Father James

"You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother. God is one and Christ is one and His Church is one; one is the faith and one is the people cemented together by harmony into the strong unity of a body. If we are the heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ; if we are the sons of God, let us be lovers of peace." ~ St. Cyprian, feast day Sept. 16th

MASS Intentions

☒ **Saturday/Sunday, September 14/15** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 p.m. Open Intention
8 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Ray Kayne
11 a.m. (L) Mark Mueller

☒ **Monday, September 16** **Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian**

7 p.m. † Raymond Kayne

☒ **Tuesday, September 17** **St. Robert Bellarmine**

7 p.m. † Perry Faraldi

☒ **Wednesday, September 18**

7 p.m. (L) Joseph John & Family

☒ **Thursday, September 19**

St. Januarius

9 a.m. (L) Frank Drzewiecki

☒ **Saturday/Sunday, September 21/22** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 p.m. † John Guastella Sr.
8 a.m. † Theresa Masler
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. † James Austin

This Week's Activities

Sunday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 17

☒ Choir Practice 7:45pm (Church)

Wednesday, September 18

☒ Movie Night 7:30 pm (Church Hall)
Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Thursday, September 19

☒ Holy Hour for Life 7:30 pm (Church)

Saturday, September 21

☒ 9 Mile Pilgrimage Walk 10am-8pm
☒ Eucharistic Adoration 12pm-5pm (Church)

Offertory Contributions

Offertory Collection for 9/8/19: \$3,972.-
Peter's Pence Collection \$768.-

"We must recognize prayer as one of the greatest duties of life."

~St. Bellarmine, feast day Sept. 17th

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Parish and Diocesan News

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 Parish 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.

CHOIR IS STARTING Please consider joining us. All voice parts are needed. Music experience is a plus, but not necessary and singers, High School age and older, are welcome. **First rehearsals will be Tuesday, September 17th after the 7 p.m. Mass.** The Choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and at special liturgies throughout the year. Contact Dee Savare at (908) 638-4336 or dasavare72@gmail.com COME JOIN US!!!

MOVIE NIGHT Join us on **Wednesday, September 18th** after the 7 p.m. Mass for the viewing of, "Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message" in the Church Hall. Light refreshments will be available.



BIBLE STUDY Father James and Andrew Rispoli will be hosting an 8 week DVD Bible Study Program titled, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" beginning on **Tuesday Sept. 24** after the 7pm Mass in the Church Hall. This Bible Study will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. For more information, contact Father James at (908) 638-6211 ext.2 or Andrew Rispoli at: Drewrispoli@comcast.net. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

The 6th weekly winner of the K-Club is **Debbie Bernardo**. 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



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Faith Formation

On **Sunday, September 29th**, Faith Formation classes will meet. Grades 1-7 meet at the Grade School from 9 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Grade 8 meets in the Upper Room and Grade 9 meets in the Church Hall from: 9:05 - 10:50 a.m. We look forward to seeing you.

THE WAY OF JUAN DIEGO The 9 Mile Walking Pilgrimage will take place **this Saturday, Sept. 21st**. Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale.

IN ADDITION on this special day, if you can't make it to the Pilgrimage but would still like to do something spiritual, our Church will have **Eucharistic Adoration** from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Please consider spending one hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, if you can please contact Eileen Chrobak at: (908) 482- 0802.

R.C.I.A. For those who are not Catholic but are considering the possibility of becoming Catholic please contact the Parish Office to find out more about the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church. For those adults baptized Catholic who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office for more information on how you can receive these sacraments.

SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOTIC CONCERT WANTED, WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES You are invited to be our honored guests to attend the Second Annual Patriotic Concert supporting our veterans. Guests will receive two complimentary tickets. The musical extravaganza is on **Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 pm**, in the North Hunterdon High School Theater, 1445 Route 31 South, Annandale. Tickets for the event are \$40 each and may be obtained by mail at P.O. Box 265, Lebanon, NJ 08833 or call 908-878-9431 or via email at veteranconcert@gmail.com.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY If you or someone you know is in need of prayers please contact the Parish Office at 908 638-6211, ext.1. Your name and/or loved one will be added to the Prayer Chain List and will be prayed for on a daily basis.



He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.