



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ September 17, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

God's mercy for us is meant to be at the heart of how we think and act toward each other. It's meant to be the characteristic that sets us apart. It's the best way we can reveal God's love and invite people to taste it themselves. May we all taste this mercy more deeply so that we can become more merciful as well.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Sept 16	4:30 PM	+IRENE PILIPAJTIS ~ <i>Sisters, Marge and Dianne</i>
Sun.	Sept 17	7:30 AM	+MSGR. PETER P. DORA ~ <i>Marge Prihoda and Sandy Chatlos</i>
		9:00 AM	+IRENE and +EDWARD KRIZ ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+ANNA P. DVORSKY BUDA ~ <i>Grandson Hank Burke Jr. & Family</i>
Mon.	Sept 18	7:30 AM	+CIACCI and +FEDA FAMILIES ~ <i>Catherine Ciacci</i>
Tues.	Sept 19	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Wed.	Sept 20	7:30 AM	+JOHN RODKO, JR. ~ <i>Parents</i>
Thurs.	Sept 21	7:30 AM	+KATHERINE and +EDWARD BARICKO ~ <i>Sr. Joseph Therese</i>
Fri.	Sept 22	7:30 AM	+IRENE SINANIS ~ <i>Rita McManus & Family</i>
Sat.	Sept 23	8:00 AM	+ANN and +ANTHONY ZEFFIRO ~ <i>Lynette Baroni</i>
		4:30 PM	+EDWARD and +IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael and Stephanie Dunn</i>
Sun.	Sept 24	7:30 AM	+LAURA and +AMEDEO VIETRI ~ <i>Daughter, Nancy and Grandson, Dan</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE, +ANTOINETTE and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+EDWARD and +MARY JABLONSKI ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:

Pham Loc, John Mako, Robert Sulik,

Mary Frances Tierney, Dolores Zimmerman

Dear Parishioners, to accommodate the various prayer intention requests that we receive; we have added a **Prayer Board** in addition to our bulletin Prayer Corner. The Prayer Board will be placed at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine in Church. **Prayer CORNER intentions listed in the bulletin** are for immediate concerns, such as hospitalizations.

These names will be included in the bulletin for one month.

The Prayer BOARD placed at Our Lady's Shrine, will be a listing of parishioners who wish to be remembered in their fellow parishioner's prayers and these names will remain on the Prayer Board in Church until the parishioner calls the office to remove their name. **Please call the parish office 203-375-5815 if you wish to be included on either the Prayer Corner or the Prayer Board.**

Yours in Christ, Fr. Andy

We welcome into our Parish Family **Evan Edward Pivarnik**, who was Baptized in our church last weekend.

This weekend, we welcome the National Slovak Society, attending in a body at the Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, September 22, for a diocesan professional development day.

The Apple Prayer Intention project continues. Please stop by the Church Vestibule for a paper Apple Prayer card. The Apples will be displayed in the Church Vestibule during the month of Sept.

Faith Formation Program ~ September 17 – Students – Catechetical Sunday ~ Living as Missionary Disciples
September 24 – “Working Class – Meet the Teachers” – Students (Parents join at 11:30 AM on church lawn.)

On Sunday, September 24 at 11:30 AM, all parishioners are invited to stop by the campus lawn to greet Fr. Andy, Sr. Joseph Therese, the teachers and assistants and say hello to our young people as we seek to **“Build memories for our children through our Church Community”**

Today is Catechetical Sunday. The 2017 theme is “Living as Missionary Disciples.” Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. 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 in being a witness to the Gospel. **We thank Sr. Joseph Therese, DRE; our Catechists, Emilie Frattaroli, Carol Kascak, Beth Madar, Armand Majewski, Donna Martin, Steve Taccogna; Confirmation Coordinator Janet Wrabel; Assistants Justin Ickowitz, Jessica Martinez, Charles Ricco, Gina Ricco, Joseph Ricco; and Office Coordinator, Debbie Ricco.** *May God abundantly bless the HNJ 2017 Faith Formation Program's teachers, children and families.*

What does “Catechetical” mean? Though we are most familiar with the word “catechism” being associated with a book of questions and answers, its root meaning is much broader. It means **“to echo, to ring out, to resound.”** It means to **acknowledge, restate, and live out the gift of faith entrusted to us.**

Youth Choir News: The Youth Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, at 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft. New Members are invited to join.



It is a beautiful and fun way to share your talent and be involved in the parish community. Please take a flier from one of the church entrances for more information.



The Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on September 24 ~ please join us

The next meeting of our HNJ Men's Society will be on Thursday, Sept 21 at 6:30 PM in the School Meeting Room.

The Stratford Knights of Columbus Council #2370 will hold a FAMILY PASTA DINNER Thursday, September 21 6:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall. Admission is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, paid at the door. Open to all. Menu includes Ziti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. **Reservation only please, by calling Chip Krafnick at (203) 375-8930 by Monday, September 18.** Please do not call after 7:00 PM. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item for K of C Food for Families Drive.

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will hold their next General Meeting on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM in the School Meeting Room

Dear Friends in Christ, on Oct 11th we will be hosting our final Lord's Kitchen obligation for 2017. Please help by contributing your time or money for this worthy cause. Contact Armand Majewski 203-521-5915 or Toni Majewski 203-520-5117 if you plan on helping serve or prepare the meal on that day. Your monetary contributions must be in an envelope marked Lord's Kitchen but checks should be made out to Holy Name of Jesus church.

"Let us not become weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Galatians 6-9.

Our Holy Name Quilters are back! Every Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall, until winter. New volunteers are always welcome – just stop by. Sewing skills are not necessary. **The Quilters are accepting New Washable Blankets for children, which will be sent to a Children's Hospital in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey.** You may drop these donations off at the Hall when the Quilters meet, or the parish office, Monday through Friday or the Church Vestibule on the weekends.

Project Rachel – Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? Call our confidential phone line to find out about our upcoming Days of Prayer and healing for women, men and siblings at 203-895-3554 or 203-416-1619. You can also email us at projectrachel@diobpt.org. (September 22-24, Siblings Weekend Retreat) (September 30, Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession) (October 7, Men's Day of Healing) (October 7, Women's Day of Healing.)



As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools. Anon

Evangelization Corner Anger is a spontaneous emotional response to injury. To deny that we sometimes feel angry when offended is foolish and harmful. However, to nurse our anger is to harden our hearts so that we shut ourselves out of the life of love that animates Christ's Body and delights the human spirit.

The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal
As of September 10, we have received contributions from 157 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 5 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 3 gifts of \$500, 51 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 101 gifts of \$1-\$75 for a total of **\$20,689**. We thank all the parishioners who have contributed and encourage those who have not yet made their donation to this year's appeal to please do so now. **OUR GOAL is to reach \$35,000 before the end of December 2017.**
*****IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENVELOPES – PLEASE USE THE WHITE ENVELOPES AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES LABELED "HNJ ANNUAL APPEAL 2017"*****

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Sept. 10, 2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,306
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day\$	859
Total Weekly Income	\$ 6,165
Shortfall	\$ 4,835

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 11	\$ 121,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 111,040
Shortfall	\$ 9,960

Online Giving please visit our website hnojchurch.org and click on the green OnLine Giving icon found on the left hand side of the web page.

Lauralton Hall in Milford will host an Open House 2017 on Sunday, October 1 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 14 or Saturday, October 21 at 8:00AM. Pre-register for the exam online at www.lauraltonhall.org. **Also, we invite 8th grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student from October 4 through December 8.** Any questions, call our Admissions Office at 203-877-2786 ext. 144.

From the Bishop's Office: The 10th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's conference ~ "You Will Be My Witnesses" is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave in Bristol. The conference seeks to build up Christian camaraderie among the men who attend so they in turn can become more faithful fathers, husbands, brothers, sons and disciples. This is accomplished through presentations, seminars, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and a closing celebration of the Eucharist. This year, I will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 4:00 PM. Speakers include Bishop Caggiano and Raymond Arroyo of EWTN. Tickets are \$45 at catholicmen.org or call 860-484-7950