

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 23, 2018

Scripture Meditation: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. (Mark 9:31) What a remarkable statement! As he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples—and us—that he will be handed over. This is what Jesus intended all along. He came as God’s gift to us. He left it up to us to decide how we were going to receive him. Even today, God continues to hand Jesus to us. At every Mass, on every altar, in every Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands as God’s gift of salvation. None of us are worthy to receive him. None of us accept him as fully as we should. But that doesn’t stop him. He still gives himself to sinful men and women. He still offers his salvation to us. Let’s return his gesture and hand ourselves over to him. *“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. Please keep speaking your words to me so that I may be healed.”* Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2018*

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Sept 22	4:30 PM	+HAROLD BURKE, SR. ~ <i>Wife, Eleanor & Family</i>
Sun.	Sept 23	7:30 AM	+EDWARD and +IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael & Stephanie Dunn</i>
		9:00 AM	+THE DECEASED MEMBERS of the RYAN FAMILY ~ <i>The Saranich Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+FRANK and +ELIZABETH KRAJCIK ~ <i>Daughter, Mary Ann</i>
Mon.	Sept 24	7:30 AM	GOD’S BLESSINGS for JOE WINGARD
Tues.	Sept 25	7:30 AM	GOD’S BLESSINGS & HEALTH for GEORGE CEDENO, JR. ~ <i>Flor Soto and Son, Andrew Soto</i>
Wed.	Sept 26	7:30 AM	GOD’S BLESSINGS & HEALTH for JOHN SCOTT ~ <i>Mom</i>
Thurs.	Sept 27	7:30 AM	+FRANK ZIZA ~ <i>The Ziza Family</i>
Fri.	Sept 28	7:30 AM	+MSGR. THOMAS GREEN ~ <i>Guild of the Mother of Jesus</i>
Sat.	Sept 29	8:00 AM	+LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS of the COOPER & WALSH FAMILIES
		4:30 PM	+IRENE PILPAJTIS, <i>Anniversary ~ Sisters, Marge & Dianne</i>
Sun.	Sept 30	7:30 AM	+BARBARA TRACY ~ <i>Richard Baloga & Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+MSGR. THOMAS GREEN
		11:00 AM	+GEORGE, +ANTOINETTE and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the intentions of the following people and may God bless them; Irene Bielen, Kathleen Bielen, Eleanor Burke, Barb Demsky, Pat Krekoska, Heidi Sullivan, John Velky

Our weekday 7:30 am Masses (Monday – Friday) and Saturday 8:00am Mass are celebrated in the Convent Chapel.

Holy Hour ~ Each Thursday 11:00am to 12:00 noon in the Convent Chapel. *“This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist.” St. John Paul II*



First Banns of Marriage:
Laurie Rios and Richard Crocker

On Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 noon, the Convent Chapel will be dedicated as Saints Cyril & Methodius Chapel. All are invited to this dedication of the parish chapel in honor of the over 60 years of service provided by the Sisters of Cyril and Methodius. *“Everything fades away, but not our gratitude. We shall always pray that God will abundantly bless those who have been so good to us.” St. John Bosco*

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Faith Formation Program:

Sept 23 ~ Children’s Lesson

September 30 ~ Children’s Lesson

Please note: regular class time - disregard calendar note.



First Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Sunday, October 7 at 10:15am in the Convent Chapel. This is a required meeting for parents whose child is in the second year of Faith Formation and desire their child to receive First Holy Communion in 2019.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation? *“Come and See”* An Inquiry Session will be held this Sunday, September 23 in the Parish Center after the 11:00 am Mass.



Blessing of the Animals: Saturday, October 6 at 1:00pm on the campus lawn. All animals and their owners are welcome!



*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*





Cecil Frances Alexander

My Installation Mass has been postponed due to the Bishop’s schedule. The new date will be announced.

God bless you, Father Mariusz

The Slovak Alliance will hold their General Membership Meeting this Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 pm in the Covent Community Room – 2 Mary Avenue (corner of Mary Ave. and Barnum Ave.) Any one of Slovak/Slavic decent or is married to a Slovak/Slavic is invited to attend and become a member. For more info: Marta Suychak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214.

Save the Dates!
Men's Pasta Dinner on October 20
and Men's Nite Out on November 17.
More details to follow.

The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will open their 2018-2019 season on Wednesday, October 10 with Mass at 6:15 pm in the church, followed by a buffet dinner meeting in the parish hall. 
(Guild members only) Cost is \$12.00 per person. Menu consists of cavatelli and broccoli, chicken cordon bleu, kielbasa & sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes with cheddar cheese, roasted vegetables, salad, rolls & butter. Coffee, tea and dessert. Reservations should be called into Nancy Vietri, 203-685-8147 before the cut-off date of October 7. All dinners must be paid for in advance via the collection basket marked "Guild Opening Dinner", or dropped off at the parish office.



Lauralton Hall in Milford will host an Open House on Sunday, September 30 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, Oct. 13 or Oct. 20 at 8:00am. Pre-register for the exam online at www.lauraltonhall.org. 8th Grade girls are invited to spend a day as a shadow student from Oct. 2 through Dec. 7. Call the Admissions office 203-877-2786 ext.125.

Open House at Fairfield Prep: Fairfield Prep invites all seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to an Open House on Sunday, September 30 from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about what Fairfield Prep has to offer. For directions to Prep and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, visit the Fairfield Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org and click on the Admissions page.

Open House - St Joseph High School – Saturday, October 14: St Joseph High School will host their Fall Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 1pm-4pm. Come see what makes St Joes so special! Registration information can be found at sjcadets.org/visit or by calling (203) 378-9378 x308. All are invited to attend.

Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Women's Day of Prayer & Healing - Begin your healing journey and experience God's mercy! The Diocese of Bridgeport's Project Rachel Ministry is hosting an **Entering Canaan Women's Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, October 13.** For information and confidential registration call Maureen at 203-895-3554 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org

Music Notes - A Note from Nina DeMasi

Adult Choir News If you like to sing, please consider joining our Adult Choir. **All voices needed, men and women.**

Youth Choir News If you are in Grade 4 – Grade 12 and like to sing, please come join our Youth Choir. The Youth Choir rehearses most Wednesday evenings, 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in the Convent Chapel and will sing at the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass on the first Sunday of every month, as well as for special holiday Masses and at our annual Christmas Eve Pageant.

Questions? Please see Nina DeMasi after any Mass.

Holy Name of Jesus Annual Appeal ~ Thank you to everyone who has made a donation ~ your loyalty and generosity to HNJ is greatly appreciated. **The monies collected will go towards the repair of the Church gutters which will commence this fall.** If you haven't yet donated, please consider a gift, large or small, to help with the costly upkeep of our five parish buildings.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Sept. 16, 2018

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

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,871
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 858
Total Weekly Income	\$ 5,729
Shortfall.....	\$ 5,271

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 12	\$ 132,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 143,221
Surplus	\$ 11,221

Life Line Screening - Tuesday, October 2 in the HNJ parish hall: Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? *Sudden numbness, difficulty speaking, severe dizziness, loss of coordination, sudden loss of vision, sudden intense headache, brief loss of consciousness.* **Protect your health by participating in the Life Line health screenings.** To register and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word *circle* to 797979. Or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Women's Retreat: Our world pulls us outside of ourselves in many ways and prevents us from enjoying living life in the present moment. Women are invited to a space of reflection, discussion, music and prayer that will assist us in coming back to ourselves, and to the peaceful, healing presence of God within and around us. Join Betsy Redgate, Janine Kyburz and Maria Aguirre for a retreat on **Saturday, October 13 from 8:00-1:30pm at Our Lady of Peace Church in Stratford, beginning with Mass in the church.** Cost is \$30 and includes light breakfast and lunch. For information or to register contact Maria at (203) 258-6326 or email virtuehealthLLC@gmail.co

Evangelization Corner:

It would take the disciples a long time to understand that Jesus' fundamental service was to choose the humiliation of his Passion and shameful Death in order to deliver us to life. Jesus' choice challenges our priorities, as do James's words in today's Second Reading. In the Eucharist, let us empty ourselves of pride, ambition, and all self-seeking, that we may be filled with the life Christ won for us through the cross.