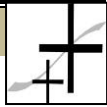


## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ☩ September 3, 2017



Scripture Meditation: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Our minds can be influenced by God one moment and by the devil in the very next moment, and we may not be able to tell the difference. We need to learn how to reason in faith, or how to think “as God does,” if we want to see our spiritual lives grow. With time, patience, and practice, we can come to discern what is “good and pleasing” in every situation. Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Sept 2	4:30 PM	+HAROLD F. BURKE, SR. ~ <i>Son, Hank, Jr. &amp; Granddaughters</i>
Sun.	Sept 3	7:30 AM	+MARCELO CASTANEDA ~ <i>The Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+EDWARD T. KASCAK ~ <i>Kascak Brothers</i>
		11:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>Bill Miklos</i>
Mon.	Sept 4	8:00 AM	+HELENA MARCIN ~ <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Kmec</i>
Tues.	Sept 5	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL KMEC ~ <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Larry Wells</i>
Wed.	Sept 6	7:30 AM	+HELEN POHORENEC ~ <i>Daughter, Sister Joseph Therese</i>
Thurs.	Sept 7	7:30 AM	+GEORGE and +YOLANDA MARUS
Fri.	Sept 8	7:30 AM	+AGATHA BAKER, <i>Anniversary, 10 years ~ Niece, Barbara Demsky</i>
Sat.	Sept 9	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+JOHN PRIHODA III ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
		7:30 AM	+MARGARET MADAR, <i>Anniversary ~ The Family</i>
Sun.	Sept 10	9:00 AM	+JENNIE SEKELSKY ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+HAROLD F. BURKE, SR. ~ <i>Wife, Eleanor &amp; Family</i>



**PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of: **Assunta Palumbo, Pham Loc, John Mako, Robert Sulik, Mary Frances Tierney** ~ Please call the parish office if you wish to be included in the Prayer Corner. Beginning with September, prayer intentions will be listed in the Prayer Corner for one month.



**Sanctuary Candles** for the month of September are given in Loving Memory of **+Frank Ziza** by the Ziza Family.



We extend our sympathy and assurance of prayer to the family of **Louis Miklos, Jr.** who died and was buried from our church last week.

**Faith Formation Program**  
**September 10 – Opening Day – Students**  
**September 17 – Students – Catechetical Sunday**  
 ~ Living as Missionary Disciples



**Our Faith Formation Program is sponsoring a Fall PRAYER INTENTION PROJECT. Please stop by the Church Vestibule for a paper Apple Prayer Intention.**

There are two types of intentions – one to memorialize a deceased loved one and the other to honor a living person. The requested donation is \$1 per intention. The Apples will be displayed in the Church Vestibule during the month of Sept. All proceeds will go to our Faith Formation Program.



**Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 AM.** If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday morning.

**The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal**  
 As of August 20, we have received contributions from 154 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 5 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 3 gifts of \$500, 49 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 100 gifts of \$1-\$75 for a total of **\$20,239**. Some of the immediate planned repairs include; the upcoming water proofing of the convent basement to address the chronic flooding, mold and mildew, masonry repairs to stairs and sidewalks for all five parish buildings and, water leaks in the church need to be located and repaired before interior painting can be planned. As landlords of the school we are responsible for maintenance of the heating and cooling of the building. This season six older AC units failed and had to be replaced. Three large 25,000 and three 12,000 BTU units were replaced, involving electrical wiring and carpentry work to secure and install at the cost of almost \$8000. And of course, the unexpected; in July a water heater leak in the convent building necessitated the purchase and installation of a new unit at over \$2000. **We couldn't take care of these expenses without the generosity of your sacrificial gifts & 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.**



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 5.** We wish all our parish families a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.

**On Monday, September 4, Labor Day, the Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.**



**Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, September 2 & 3,** to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule - Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses. **From our Parish Nurses: Mindful Eating.**

*Continued from last week* To stop food temptations, give your pantry a makeover, and get rid of unhealthy package foods. Eating salty, fatty or sugary treats when you're bored can train your brain to want them every time you're bored. Next, devise a plan B for boredom. Make a list of activities you can do to keep your mind off food and your hands out of the fridge. Take a walk, call a friend or watch a movie. Crossword puzzles and knitting are two activities that can keep your hands busy, too. Also, make changes to your everyday routine to keep from getting bored. Take a different route on your daily jog or eat outside on a warm evening.

After all, variety is the spice of life!  
Regina B. Wheeler, HealthDay Reporter

**The Opening Meeting of the Executive Board of the Guild of the Mother of Jesus will take place Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM in the school meeting room.**

Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed including the opening Guild Mass and Dinner on October 11.

**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will be starting our 76<sup>th</sup> year of service to God and Holy Name Parish. We thank our dedicated members for their faithfulness and hard work over the years.** We appreciate our loyal parishioners who support our fund-raisers and participate in our activities.



**We are looking for new members to help us continue our important mission of serving our Parish.** If interested in joining the Guild, please call the Parish Office for more information. *The Guild Executive Board*

**Back to School time means the Youth Choir will soon be coming together to prepare for a new season of musical worship under the direction of Nina DeMasi, our soloist and Michael Petreycik our organist. We are looking for new members to join!**

It is a beautiful and fun way to share your talent and be involved in the parish community. Parishioners often remark how much they look forward to hearing the Youth Choir sing. Please take a flier from one of the church entrances for more information. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."* 1 Peter 4:10



**Our Parish Tag Sale in June garnered a profit of \$5,232.**



Grateful thanks to all who volunteered many hours to sort and tag the donations, work the days of the sale, contributed items and those who supported the parish with their purchases.

**Special thanks to Mary Ann Wells who has coordinated and run this successful event for years. Her hard work and loyalty is greatly appreciated.**

**Evangelization Corner** There is only one sacrifice God desires of us: that we give to him wholeheartedly all that we are and do. In the Eucharist, we who are Christ's own Body become an integral part of his self-offering to the Father. Let us so live that our offering may be pleasing to him.

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of August 27, 2017**

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

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,587
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 811
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 5,398
Shortfall .....	\$ 5,602

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 9	\$ 99,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 98,695
Shortfall .....	\$ 305

**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.

**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](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org).**

God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you! **Upcoming Siblings Retreat** Have you or someone you know lost a sibling to abortion? You are not alone! There are countless people who have lost a sibling to abortion. **The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting a retreat weekend specifically for siblings from September 22 – 24, 2017.** To find out more information call the Project Rachel confidential phone line at 203.895.3554 or contact Entering Canaan at [enteringcanaan17@gmail.com](mailto:enteringcanaan17@gmail.com).

**Notre Dame High School of Fairfield Upcoming Events**  
**Class of 1997 - 20 Year Reunion will take place**

**on Saturday, September 16,** at the Riverview Bistro, 946 Ferry Blvd. in Stratford. For details and to purchase tickets contact [ndhsclassof1997@gmail.com](mailto:ndhsclassof1997@gmail.com) or call 203-650-6904. The cost per ticket is \$70 in advance and \$80 at the door.

This includes dinner, open bar and music.

**The 17th Annual Lancer Open in Memory of Bob Shea Golf Tournament on Monday, September 11th at the Great River Golf Club in Milford.**

Please contact Theresa Marzik at [tmarzik@notredame.org](mailto:tmarzik@notredame.org) or 203-372-6521 ext. 242 for information on participating in the event, sponsorship opportunities and/or donating a raffle prize.

☪ God may conceal the purpose of his ways, but his ways are not without purpose. ☪