

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Faith in Jesus Christ is the antidote for fear. In all of the gospel accounts, there is one phrase that is repeated more often than any other. We hear it today: "Do not be afraid." Faith conquers fear and makes all things possible. Matthew shows us wonderful, fearless (for a short time), always well-intentioned Peter, as he climbs out of the storm-tossed boat and heads across the turbulent water to Jesus. Peter comes face to face with the question: How much faith is enough? As a commercial fisherman, Peter knows how dangerous the storms are, he knows that his boat and his companions could easily perish in its violent waves. In faith, he acts impulsively. Frequently, his impulses bring him to failure, but he always clutches at Christ. Every time Peter falls, he rises. Failure makes him love more. The more he loves, the more his faith grows.

There are so many times when we are up against difficulties and life is a desperate struggle with ourselves, our circumstances, our temptations, our sorrows, our decisions. And we are afraid. If we call out to Him, Jesus comes across the storms of life with hand outstretched to save us, and with His calm, clear voice bids us to take heart and have no fear.

Jesus wants us all to walk toward Him – in faith, with hope, and in His love on the "water" of our life. He wants us to cast aside our fears and commit to Him. We are all like Peter; we want to walk on the water toward Jesus, but the winds of doubt and distractions mingle with the inner turmoil of our own hearts. The circumstances of our lives test our faith – every day.

Our daily prayer should be our calling out to the Lord. No sooner will a need arise, then Jesus will be there. As a church, as individuals, we will find that when Jesus gets into our boat, the wildest storm becomes calm.

**Father Ricardo**

### **CONGRATULATIONS !**

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony will be celebrated on August 25<sup>th</sup> between Ryan Chupka and Heather Chupka. Our parish community extends congratulations and best wishes to them and to their family.

### **WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY**

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of our community, **Nolan Hackett** who was Baptized this past Sunday. Congratulations to his Parents and Godparents.

### **From Father Ricardo's Desk:**

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Here at OLF, or Fatima, as we most frequently refer to our parish, we have special devotion to Our Lady. Mary teaches us the simplicity of submitting our will to the Father. Her example encourages us to be good and faithful disciples of her Son. Her actions demonstrate the power of opening oneself to the Holy Spirit.

The Dogma of the Assumption was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. *Munificentissimus Deus* (I wrote a paper on this pronouncement in the seminary, and have been determined to use that title once again), *Munificentissimus Deus* declared what had been held by the Church as a belief since, at least, the fifth century. The Eastern Church calls this celebration "The Feast of the Dormition" or the "falling asleep" of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. In the United States, we celebrate two dogmas of Mary as holy days of obligation. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, observes the very beginning of Mary's life, when she was the only person to be conceived free of original sin. This week's feast remembers the end of Mary's life, when her body and soul were taken into heaven. **Masses will be celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am and 7:30pm.**

*"In giving birth, you kept your virginity; in your Dormition, you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the Source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death."*

**Troporion, Byzantine Liturgy**

### **REBATE FROM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Last week our parish received a rebate from Msgr. James Mahoney, Vicar General, in the amount of \$710. This check represents 50% of the amount of contributions we made over our 2016 parish goal. Once again, thank you for your generosity and fidelity in honoring your pledges.

### **C.C.D.**

Mrs. Mary Jo Bancroft, Co-coordinator of the Religious Education Program will resume office hours on Tuesday, August 15th in preparation for the new school year.

## R.C.I.A

Our Adult Program for the preparation of the Sacraments (RCIA) is open. Please contact our parish office, or Father Ricardo directly.

## A REMINDER

The Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us the opportunity to respond to the imperative to love our neighbors, with emphasis on those in greatest need. Catholic Charities, seminaries, Nazareth Village for Retired Priests, and inner-city schools are the principle beneficiaries of this campaign. We are asked to complete our pledges to enable these works of service to continue.

## MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Paterson is offering a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 21, 2017. For further information please contact Jean or Roger Grey at 973-764-8843

## MISSION APPEAL

This weekend Fr. Anthony Bernas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Capiz in Panay in Visayas (Philippines) will be preaching at all the Masses and conducting a Mission Appeal here in our parish. Your generosity is always appreciated.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

I am looking for a volunteer to close our Church nightly from Monday to Friday at 7pm. If you are interested please speak directly with Fr. Ricardo. Thank you

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU**

August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Collection: \$4,594.00**

**The next Maintenance Collection will be August 26<sup>th</sup>  
and 27<sup>th</sup>. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

## *This Week's Events*

**Tue.** 6:30pm - Community Rosary  
7:00pm - Holy Hour  
**Thur.** 10:00am - Legion of Mary - hall  
6:30pm - Legion of Mary - hall

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13**  
8:00am Intentions of Gail Brehne req. by Doris Messler  
9:30am +Maureen O'Conner req. by Cathy and Jerry Calcagno  
11:00am +David and Theresa Conroy req. by Family  
**MONDAY AUGUST 14**  
8:45a +Richard Carmody req. by Rumsey Family  
**TUESDAY AUGUST 15-ASSUMPTION**  
8:45am +Kris Ann Cohan req. by Family  
7:30pm +Ronald Svenningsen req. by John and Elaine Mranda  
**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16**  
8:45am For the Intentions of Fr. Ricardo req. by Ted Dugas  
**THURSDAY AUGUST 17**  
8:45am +Robert Helmrich req. by Joey Helmrich  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 18**  
8:45am +Richard Carmody req. by Corbutt Family  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 19**  
8:45am +Irma Telfair req. by Eileen & Bill Aquino  
5:00pm +John and Maddy Murphy req. by Erin and Jim Smith  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 20**  
8:00am +Kathleen Warguska req. by Florence and MaryJo  
9:30am +Thesesa Neubauer req. by Eileen and Ed Campbell  
11:00am +Nicholas Chciuk req. by Donna and Tony Macerino

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE  
FOLLOWING:**

*Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews  
John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Tina  
Brightly, Janet Brunke, Rose Bruno, Roberta Busch, Jerry  
Calcagno, Jerzey Chciuk, Carolina Chmarney, Louis  
Cimaglia, Teresa Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth  
Copeland, Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Joan  
Dahl, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice  
DeLorenzo, Courtney Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie  
Drago, Bonnie Dubovich, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker,  
Barbara Etzel, Eva Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo,  
John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig,  
Christopher Hoehl, Jean Jones, Julianna Klinger, Carly  
Kosen, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose  
Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Pat  
McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis  
O'Neill, Theresa and John Orso, Joan Quest, Maura  
Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra  
Sisto, Kateri and Sam Sullivan, Father Patrick Sullivan,  
Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van  
Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright,  
Nick Zayatz*