

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

**OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

While I am reluctant to omit a reflection on today's Gospel, I believe that it is important to comment on the importance of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which we kick off today.

This appeal funds the needs of so many members of our diocese. Much as we would like to, we can't remedy or alleviate so many problems ourselves. Imagine if you had the opportunity to help a struggling family follow a budget and get out of debt. You would do it. Imagine if you could talk to a college student on the verge of losing her faith and give her good advice. You would do it. Imagine a suffering priest plagued by doubts, a divorcing couple, a pregnant teenager isolated from her family. Would you help anyone of them? I think that you would. You are true Christians, and you know that it is our mission to help.

Unfortunately, we can't be there for all the people who need us. The Annual Bishop's Appeal makes it possible for meaningful assistance to get to numberless people. Through your generosity to this fund, you support diverse ministries, apostolates, and services.

Please commit to this important work.

**FATHER RICARDO**

**FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the assembly's recitation of the Apostles Creed, The Old Testament creed, or *schema*, emphasized that the God of Israel was the one true God over all humanity. The Christian creed expands that understanding of one God to the three divine Persons existing as one God.

After the homily, we stand to profess and to affirm our belief in the identity of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The creed is a summary of Salvation History, the summary of the truths that God has revealed over thousands of years.

Following the creed, we pray for one another and for the whole world. The Prayers of the Faithful or the Universal Prayers are prayers of petition for the specifics of our lives. We pray for the Church, our nation, local and global issues, for the sick and the dying, for the dead, and for ourselves. Because we have just announced the unity of our beliefs, the prayers that follow demonstrate the concern we have for all.

**WEEK OF PRAYER AND ACTION**

Our Holy Father and the Bishops of the United States have launched a, *Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor*, a global migration campaign. They have called for a **Week of Prayer and Action**, from October 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join Pope Francis in this important expression of compassion.

**QUICK UP-DATE**

It is with great enthusiasm, that I inform all of you that the first of the very necessary repairs will be made to our church before the winter weather comes. The cupola of the church, the box-like structure on the top of the roof, has had a very serious leak. Three estimates were submitted. With the support of the Finance Committee and your generosity to the Maintenance Collection, we have engaged the services of a company that has given us fine guarantees and a good price, \_\_\_\_\_.

It is most important to me that you are aware of my desire to care for and preserve this lovely church for your future worship. I also want you to know how strongly I understand my responsibility to use your contributions wisely.

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**

Take the opportunity for a short, but important, spiritual journey, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. \$49 per person. Seats still available.

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

All Souls Day envelopes are available in the back of the church during the month of October. Names of the departed should be clearly printed and submitted for inclusion in the Book of Remembrance by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**POPE JOHN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Students from Pope John will be available today after all the masses for questions regarding the school and admissions procedures grades 8 to 12. They will be at a table outside the church.

**CELEBRATE FATIMA**

On Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we observe the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm, followed by a procession. Everyone is urged to attend this great feast of our parish patroness.

**TURKEY DINNER FOR HARVEST HOUSE**

Can you help? Harvest House is in need of the following for the Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. People to cook a turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes. There is also a need for kitchen help at VTHS: setting up, serving and cleaning up. I can supply a turkey. Please call Peg Behnke 973-764-4576. 50/50 chances will be sold for this event after the masses next weekend.

**ANTIOCH MINISTRIES**

The Youth Group and Antioch Ministries are sponsoring their semi-annual clothing drive to help defray the cost of their retreats for those in need. Please bring gently used clothes, curtains, drapes, linens, blankets, bedspreads, quilts, pillows, paired shoes, stuffed animals, purses and belts in tied plastic garbage bags. Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9 to 5.

## **COLUMBUS DAY**

On Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Columbus Day our Parish offices will be closed.

## **ANNUAL APPEAL** ***In Giving, We Receive***

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education; retired priests; and inner-city schools. Every single gift changes lives. For your convenience, if you are able to make an on-line gift to the appeal by going to [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org) and following the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, please participate. Every gift counts!.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We wish to announce the upcoming marriage of James Caffery and Janina Corcoran on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter a new journey.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- 10/9 Open House for 9<sup>th</sup> grade -Pope John (973) 729-6126.
- 10/13 Celebrate Fatima – 7:00 pm
- 10/21 Diocesan Pilgrimage (973) 764-4457.
- 10/21 Turkey Dinner, Harvest House, VTHS, Peg Behnke (973) 764-4576.
- 10/24 Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Pope John (973) 729-6126.
- 10/25 Healing Mass at 11:00 am
- 10/27 to 10/30 Adult Antioch Group Clothing Drive

## **A CALL FOR PRAYER**

On October 2, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Arch-Bishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops expressed "deep grief" after deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas. His statement "my heart and prayers of the Church and those of my brother bishops, go out to the victims of this tragedy. At this time, we need to pray and take care of those who are suffering. In the end, the only response is to do good—for no matter what the darkness, it will never overcome the light. May the Lord of all gentleness surround all those who are suffering from this evil, and for those who have been killed we pray, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them".

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 8**  
8:00am +Margaret & Richard Murphy & Cathy Dignan req. by Families  
9:30am +Rita Morton req. by The Cordes Family  
11:00am +Joseph Cannizzaro by Edie Cannizzaro

**MONDAY OCTOBER 9**  
8:45am +Mary Dudkier req. by Irene Boeren

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 10**  
8:45am +Rob Rybacki req. by Mike and Michelle Pagano

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11**  
8:45am +Frank Delorenzo req. by Kathy Golden

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 12**  
8:45am +Robert Helmrich req. by Joey Helmrich

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 13**  
8:45am +Nicholas Chciuk req by Reilly Rampola  
7:00pm Mass – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14**  
8:45am +Joseph Mastrangelo Sr. req. by His Wife  
5:00p +Richard McCrum req. by Rosemary Harrington

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15**  
8:00am +John and Grace Van Dyk req. by Family  
9:30am +Saltatore Caltagirone req. by Antonia Caltagirone  
11:00am +Ray Loughren req. by Family

## ***This Week's Events***

**Sun.** Baptism at 2:30 pm  
**Mon** Columbus Day - Parish Offices Closed - No CCD  
**Tue.** 7:00pm - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD - hall  
7:00pm - RCIA Meeting – Meeting Room  
6:30pm - Community Rosary  
7:00pm - Holy Hour  
**Wed.** 7:30pm - Choir Practice - Church  
**Thur.** 10:00am - Legion of Mary - hall  
6:30pm - Legion of Mary - chapel  
7:30 pm – Antioch  
**Fri.** 7:00 pm - Celebrate Fatima  
**Sat.** NO CCD Classes

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

**October 1, 2017**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Collection:	\$ 4362.50
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Collection: Hurricane	\$ 899.00

**THE NEXT MAINTENANCE COLLECTION WILL BE  
OCTOBER 28-29**

In order for us to maintain accurate records, unregistered parishioners are asked to register at either the parish office or by e mail at [olfatima@warwick.net](mailto:olfatima@warwick.net).

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE THAT ARE  
ON OUR PRAYER LIST.**