

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

OCTOBER 15th, 2017

“A man can be so busy making a living that he fails to make a life,” is an old saying. The wedding guests in today’s parable did not respond to the king’s invitation, not because they were vicious or immoral, but because they were busy. They were conducting their businesses. In their “busyness,” they missed a joyous event.

Like them, we can be too busy with the things of time and forget the things of eternity. We can be preoccupied with things that are seen and forget the unseen. When we listen to the insistent claims of the world, we cannot hear the soft voice of Christ.

If we refuse the invitation of Christ, someday our greatest pain will not lie in how we will be punished, but in the realization of the precious thing we have missed.

FATHER RICARDO

FATHER RICARDO’S DESK:

PUNCTUALITY

Often, there is a misunderstanding regarding the Sunday Mass obligation. People come late and leave early with the rationalization that they were present for the Offertory, the Consecration, and the Communion. That old rule served a time when latecomers took their obligation so seriously that they would seek another Mass, if they were late, in order to comply with the legal limits of the law.

That’s a minimalist approach; giving God the minimum that He asks of us. These past few weeks we have been surveying the individual parts of the Liturgy of the Word.

Every part of the Mass, from the moment we enter the church, is filled with the presence of God. God is truly present in His Word. Our example of punctuality and focus is the biggest advantage we can give to our children and to each other.

HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Parish together with the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick on October 25th at 11:00. Please note that there will be no 8:45 am Mass that day.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

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

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 copula of the church, the box-like structure on the top of the roof, has had a very serious leak. Three estimates were sought. With the support of the Finance Committee and your generosity to the Maintenance Collection, we have one bid and are waiting for two others.

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.

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 28th.

TURKEY DINNER FOR HARVEST HOUSE

Can you help? Harvest House is in need of the following for the Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 21st. 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 today.

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 27th. 5-7 pm and Saturday, October 28th – 9am to 5pm.

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. Every gift counts !.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to welcome to our Christian community Chase George Grasso, who was baptized this week. Please pray for his parents and godparents.

We wish to announce the upcoming marriage of James Caffery and Janina Corcoran on October 20th. Please keep them in your prayers.

MISSION SUNDAY WORLD DAY

Established in 1926, "World Mission Sunday," organized by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Envelopes will be distributed this week and the collection will be taken next Sunday. Catholics all over the world are invited to "Chat with Pope Francis," using the Facebook Messenger App to learn of the 1,100 dioceses that will receive this aid.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 10/21 Diocesan Pilgrimage (973) 764-4457.
- 10/21 Turkey Dinner, Harvest House, VTHS, Peg Behnke (973) 764-4576.
- 10/24 Open House for 8th grade – Pope John (973) 729-6126.
- 10/25 Healing Mass at 11:00 am
- 10/27 to 10/29 Adult Antioch Group Clothing Drive

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

8:00am +John and Grace Van Dyk req. by Family
9:30am +Salvatore Caltagirone req. by Antonia Caltagirone
11:00am +Ray Loughren req. by Family

MONDAY OCTOBER 16

8:45am +Hilda Frei req. by Kathy Golden

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

8:45am +Richard Murphy req. by Family

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

8:45am +Maria and Costantino Ferlauto req. by Family

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

8:45am +Sonia Mulrooney req. by Patricia & Joe Daly

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

8:45am +Joseph Mastrangelo req. by MaryAnn Mastrangelo

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

8:45am +Dorothy Pacifico req. by John Pacifico
5:00pm +Richard McCrum req. by Craig and Mary Munson

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

8:00am +Richard Wejnert req. by Larry and Joan Bono
9:30am +Theresa Neubauer req. by Eileen & Bill Aquino
11:00am +Joseph Bono req. by Charles and Laura Janus

This Week's Events

- Sun. 11:00am Presentation of Confirmation Candidates I
And II – Walk for the Hungry to follow
CCD class 6-8 for Confirmation II
- Tue. 7:00pm - 7th Grade CCD - hall
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
- Sat. CCD CLASSES – Grades 1 to 6

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

October 8TH, 2017

1ST Collection: \$ 3867.50
2ND Collection: \$ 1115.00

**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.

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

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

*Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews
John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato,
Tina Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland,
Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Nathanael
Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney
Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, 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, Joan Quest, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds,
Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick,
Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim
Van Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy
Wright, Nick Zayatz*