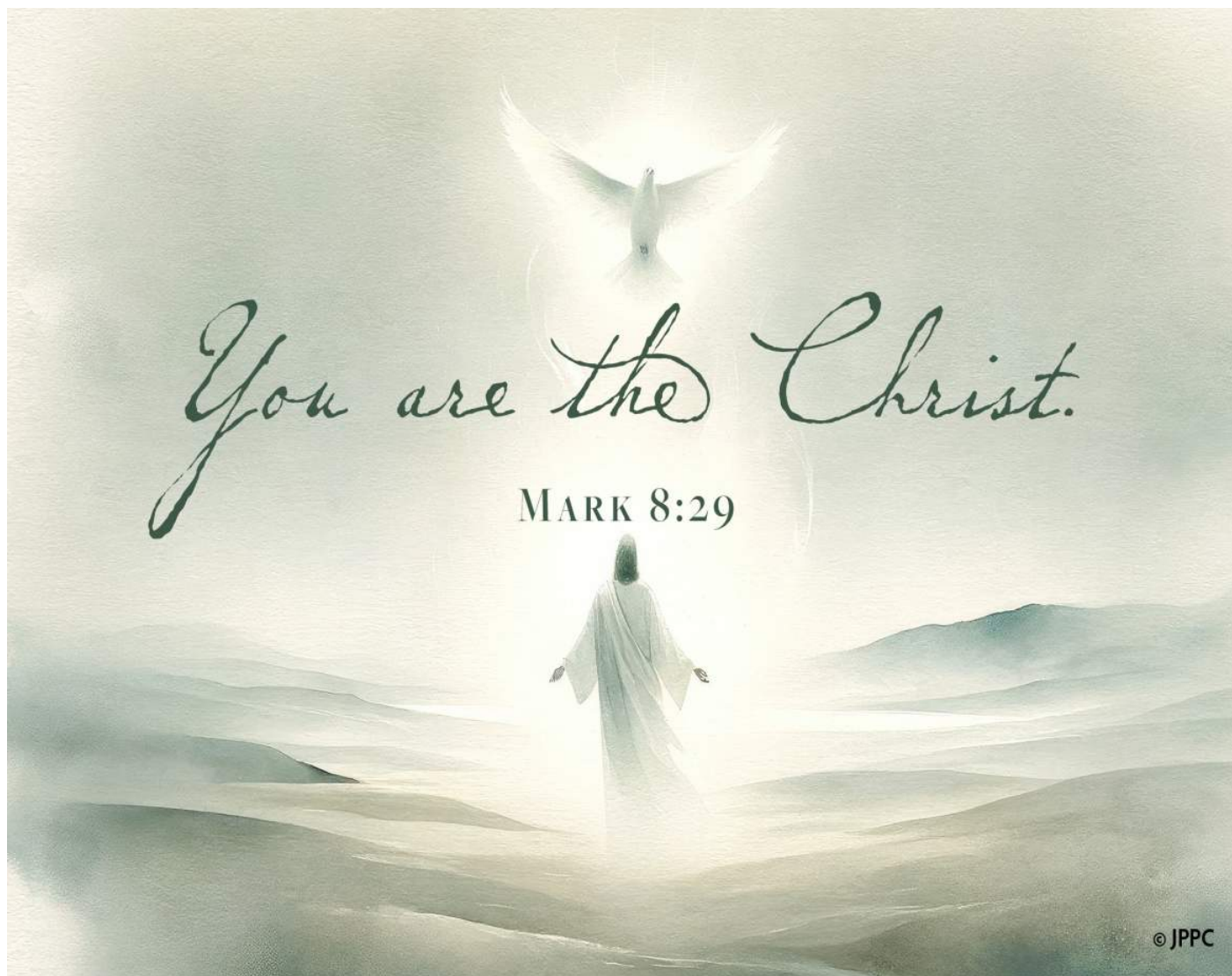


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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am

Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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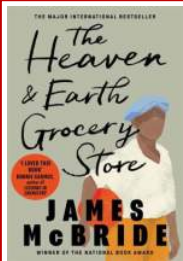
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Old Glory

You may have noticed the American flag flying on the rectory front lawn. Thanks to our wonderfully talented parishioner, Nick DeRosato, we now have a flagpole from which the American and Papal flags fly. Earlier in the year Nick approached me and suggested that our parish property would be enhanced by a flagpole. I agreed. Using all donated materials (stone, cement, slate, and pole) Nick volunteered his time and crafted a beautiful base for the flagpole. So much of our parish's campus beauty is owed to the talents of Mr. DeRosato. God bless you, Nick. We are all very grateful for your presence among us and all your hard work on behalf of our parish.

Father DiMaria



The "**Book Club**" will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning at 1:30. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 17th**. The book for September is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James

McBride. It takes place in Pottstown which should make the book even more interesting. Please consider coming and joining in the sharing of insights. This book should be read in its entirety for the meeting.



"Suddenly Seniors" will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19th at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea, coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated. The speaker will be Father Keyes of St. John the Baptist Church.

Anyone who is not yet a member of "Suddenly Seniors" please consider joining. We would love to have you join our group. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm Michael Rizzo

Sunday, September 15

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Deceased Members of the DeStefano Family

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano

Monday, September 16

8:00am Francis Coscia

1st Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Rose

Tuesday, September 17

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Watson Domurat & Family

Wednesday, September 18

8:00am Marianne Brandt

Requested by Sister, Martha & John Smoczylo

Thursday, September 19

8:00am Edward Pupek

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Barbara & Family

Friday, September 20

8:00am Msgr. Robert Forst

Saturday, September 21

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm John Kurcik, Sr.

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Jack Janoski

Requested by Regina, Ian & Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, September 21:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zarembo

Lector: Peter Wisniewski

Sunday morning, September 22:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Danielle Cantando



Weekly Report

August 31 - September 1, 2024

\$8,574.00

September 7 - 8, 2024

\$7,960.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



The most important mark of the Holy Spirit is love. To love is to will the good of others. If you do not have love in your heart, the spirit that dwells in you is not the

Holy Spirit. It is another kind of spirit. When you die, you will be judged on the amount of love which is within you. Was your life marked by loving God and willing the good of others. That is the principle mark of the Holy Spirit.

~Bishop Robert Barron

*This week the bread and wine
for the celebration of the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass is in
loving memory of*

Jack Fugo

*6th Anniversary Remembrance, September 11
at the Request of His Wife, Dottie, Children
& Grandchildren*



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp
in the Church burns in loving
memory of*

Rosemary Giovinco

at the Request of Her Brother, John Czapla

August Poor Box Collection

We collected \$306.00 in the poor box during the month of August and have sent it to **Blessed Saranelli House** located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. For more information concerning this apostolate, please visit their website at <https://www.bscphilly.org>.

Thank you for your generosity to the "least of our brethren."



Cereal Sunday Success!

Thanks are extended to those who participated in our August Cereal Sunday. We collected 161 boxes of breakfast cereal which was given to Martha's Choice

Market, a food pantry operated by Catholic Charities.

Thanks for your generous response.



*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our
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John F. K. Benedict (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (LCpl, U.S.M.C.), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (Specialist, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



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2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

“Thanks to the generosity of so many people throughout our local Church, I am thrilled to share that the Catholic Charities Appeal has eclipsed the halfway point of its goal this year! We have raised \$6.5 million so far and that is outstanding! With God’s grace and your continued support, we will reach the \$ 10 million goal. These funds will allow us to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the region who count on our charitable ministries.”

– Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is over halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services—such as food, shelter, medical care, and more—to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!

To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, scan the code or visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

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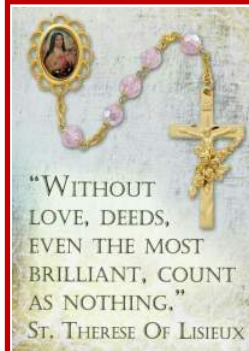
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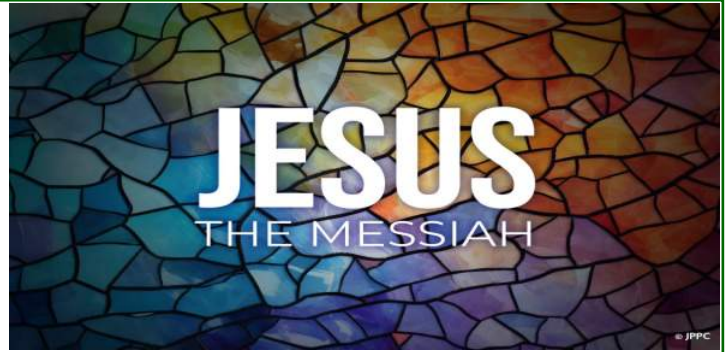


SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"The lazy, crazy, hazy days of Summer 2024 will officially end next weekend. Looking back, we have our memories hopefully good and perhaps sadly bad. Among the latter that I have are those stories of drownings and shark attacks especially involving youngsters. But above all those others, the one that hit me the hardest as I sat down to write these words came the report back in June of a vacationing couple who were swept away by rip currents leaving behind six children. Do you remember it also? And what about those six sudden orphans? Pain and suffering clouds the summer sky.



The gospel today provides the context to consider the whole subject of human suffering, as Jesus brings up the subject with His chosen Twelve. It hovers over even the best of our days. Just as a hearse passing by a showy, red convertible drives home a point.

The bible tells us forthrightly that suffering entered our world with the arrival of sin. Sin as a deliberate selfish choice to make ourselves little gods in defiance of the One Great God of heaven and earth.

"We will decide what's right and wrong; what's best for us; what will make us happy, and You, O God, had best pay attention!" Oh, we never actually phrase it that way, much less say it out loud, but that's the ultimate source of our sin.

Jesus tells us how to handle our suffering, physical or spiritual. It is to unite ours with His and make it redemptive for the world. That is the partial theology behind the old directive to "offer it up."

I recently read a biography of Pope St. John Paul II, whom I have no hesitation calling "the Great." Almost a whole generation has come along since his death in 2005, but they need to know of him and how we were blest with his pontificate. Of his physical sufferings in life, the author wrote the following:

During his pontificate, he dislocated his shoulder, broke his femur, underwent surgeries for his hip and ankle and to remove his appendix, gallstones, and an orange-sized tumor from his colon. He suffered osteoarthritis in his right knee, and intestinal disorder, the loss of hearing in both ears, Parkinson's disease, and underwent routine colonoscopies and was given a feeding tube—and this does not even include the injuries he sustained when he was struck by a Nazi truck in Poland, the mono mononucleosis he suffered as a bishop, or the two bullets he took during his assassination attempt. Because he spent no fewer than 164 days in the Gelling Hospital, he started calling it Vatican III (after St. Peter's and Castel Gandolfo)?

After one of his hospitalizations, he said "I accept this trial too from the hands of God, who arranges everything in accordance with His providential plans, and I offer it for the good of the Church."

Add to that young Blessed Carlo Acutis' remark that he offered his leukemia at age 15 "for the pope and the Church" and you begin to see the best interpretation of your sufferings from holy people of all ages.

That thinking makes us more than Churchgoers. We become, however gradually, true disciples. For all four seasons. And a good postscript here is this warning: "Satan is not afraid of a Bible with dust on it."

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