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Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Confessions every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM and also
at parishioners' convenience by appointment.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are usually made one year in advance
to properly prepare for marriage. Contact the Parish
Office for an appointment.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in the hospital
or at home. Eucharist ministers are able to visit the
sick upon request. The Sacrament of the Sick can be
celebrated anytime there is a need.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration Forms are located in back of the church
or at the Parish Office. Please register so that we may
serve you better.

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October 14, 2018 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday October 14, 2018

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

9:00 Olga Grivalsky

10:30 Carl Tongring

Monday October 15, 2018

*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*

8:30 Ellen Larcom, 10th Anniversary

Wednesday October 17, 2018

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and
Martyr*

8:30 Sr. Linda Delgado

Thursday October 18, 2018

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 Betty Rydzfski, 10th Anniversary

Friday October 19, 2018

*Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests and Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 Special Intention

Saturday October 20, 2018

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:30 People of the Parish

5:00 Albert Durgett, 5th Anniversary

Sunday October 21, 2018

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

9:00 Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 John Ball

The Inner Word

What's in your heart?

God provides all that we need. The first reading says if we choose wisdom, all

other riches come to us. The second reading says God's word is living and effective. The gospel tells the familiar story of the rich young man.

- What does choosing wisdom look like in today's world? How have I demonstrated that choice lately in my own life?
- Do I really believe that the word of God is living and effective in the place and time and circumstances in which I find myself? Or do I hedge my bets? How so?
- What keeps me from dropping everything and following Jesus? What "wares" am I loaded down with that keep me from the freedom Jesus offers?

October 14, 2018 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Do you remember Walter Mitty? He is that fictional character in James Thurber's short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," first published in The New Yorker on March 18, 1939. The story was made into a movie in 1947 starring Danny Kaye, with a remake starring Ben Stiller in 2013.

Mitty is a daydreamer. He can in turn imagine himself as a wartime pilot, an ER surgeon, and a devil-may-care

killer. There is something of Mitty in each of us, especially when we watch the TV game show winner snatch the jackpot prize, or we watch those news reports of the latest lottery winner. “If only it were me! What I could do with that money!”

That last is the key word: “money.” A wag once opined that “Money isn’t everything but it’s way ahead of whatever is in second place!” In a materialistic culture like ours, it’s so easy to forget and sideline the ideal set forth by Jesus. We’re in good company, you might think, as you consider that even St. Peter, our first pope, wanted to know from Jesus exactly what He and the other Apostles would “get out of” their having given up “everything and followed you.” Jesus then promises a hundredfold of good things that Peter lists. Note too that Jesus also promises “persecution.” Some of that will inevitably follow someone who contradicts the prevailing earthbound philosophy of wealth.

In this matter, we have to remember that St. Paul wrote in his letter to Timothy that “the love of money is the root of all evil,” not money itself, (I Timothy 6:10). Money is really just a medium of exchange, and is necessary for us to acquire and maintain our needs for food, clothing and shelter. It’s when money turns into a status symbol, or as the source of power selfishly-wielded, or as influence that erects a high wall between “us” and “them”, that sin enters the picture. Certainly, there is great good done by generous philanthropy practiced by wealthy people. Funds and foundations set up by individuals and/or families support all sorts of good causes that make life better— dare I say “richer”? —for all of us.

As a counterbalance to the rich young man of the gospel, we learn of King Solomon, who “deemed riches nothing in

comparison with her (Wisdom).” There will always be good examples of wise people who never daydream selfishly but take their good fortune in life as a gift to be shared.

“Although Walter Mitty’s story has its humorous elements, there is a darker and more significant message underlying the text, leading to a more tragic interpretation of the character. Even in his heroic daydreams, Mitty does not triumph: several fantasies being interrupted before the final one sees Mitty dying bravely in front of a firing squad. In the brief snatches of reality that punctuate Mitty’s fantasies, the reader meets well-meaning but insensitive strangers who inadvertently rob Mitty of his remaining dignity.” (Wikipedia)

None of this means that daydreams are always and everywhere bad things. St. Ignatius daydreamed of himself being like saints Francis of Assisi and Anthony of Padua. He went on to found the Jesuits!

There are hundreds of quips about riches. I like the following one because you have to think after you laugh. “Once there was the guy who loved a girl so much that he worshiped the very ground her father discovered oil on!”

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Solomon preferred Wisdom over power, riches, health, and comeliness. “Never yielding to sleep” means that Wisdom “never ceases to exist.”

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The author challenges us to be faithful to God’s Word and to persevere. The Word judges rightly because “everything is naked and exposed to (the Lord’s) eyes.”

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30; or 10:17-27
Jesus teaches his opinion of riches,

prompted by a young man who runs up to Him. The man receives Jesus' love, together with an invitation to be a disciple. Unfortunately, the rich young man preferred his possessions.



As a community of believers, who trust in God's mercy, healing and strength, it is our duty to pray for those who are ill and infirm. The following parishioners or family members of our parishioners are in need of our prayers. We ask God to grant health and peace to: **Lois Bateson, Jean Birrell, the Budwick family, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Fr. Joe Farias, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**

First Friday Adoration

Everyone is invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday, November 2, for this special prayer and devotion.

Respect Life: 20-20 Post-Card Launch

On the weekend of **October 20-21st**, the Rockaway Catholic Respect Life Ministry will be conducting a Post Card Campaign to urge our legislators to support the 20/20 Project which is aimed at ending all abortions in NJ after the 20th week of gestation by the year 2020. At his early age, babies in the womb feel pain, therefore this legislation is called the "NJ Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act."

Bishop Serratelli is asking for your help in this very important project. Babies in the womb at 20 weeks of development, with the proper care, can not only survive but go on to have a very normal healthy childhood.

All you need to do is sign the 3 cards provided by Life Net and NJ Right to Life and place your address on 1. We will do the rest!

Help us make NJ one of the 17 states that has already passed this legislation. Thank you for your help, your cooperation and your prayers.

RIGHT TO LIFE – CHOOSE LIFE **The Election**

The election in November is nothing short of a life and death matter.

There are many important issues, such as the war and terrorism. However, when nearly 4,000 of our fellow citizens die each day without a trial or any means of defending themselves, abortion has to be the overriding issue.

Candidates of both parties have various

solutions to the serious problems in our society, but only some will work toward ending the biggest problem. Crime must drop, health care must be more widely available, and education must improve, but all of these goals are worthless if we say that they are off limits to one-third of our society. If these goals are really important, then our first goal must be allowing all people to enjoy them.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2018**

***Together with young people, let us
bring the Gospel to all***

Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. "Mission revitalizes faith" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission

Every man and woman *is* a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be *attracted* and to be *sent* are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our

responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: "I *am a mission* on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

We proclaim Jesus Christ

The Church, by proclaiming what she freely received (cf. *Mt* 10:8; *Acts* 3:6), can share with you young people the way and truth which give meaning to our life on this earth. Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us, appeals to our freedom and challenges us to seek, discover and proclaim this message of truth and fulfilment. Dear young people, do not be afraid of Christ and his Church! For there we find the treasure that fills life with joy. I can tell you this from my own experience: thanks to faith, I found the sure foundation of my dreams and the strength to realize them. I have seen great suffering and poverty mar the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters. And yet, for those who stand by Jesus, evil is an incentive to ever greater love. Many men and women, and many young people, have generously sacrificed themselves, even at times to martyrdom, out of love for the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters. From the cross of Jesus we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice (cf. *1 Cor* 1:17-25) as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world (cf. *Jn* 3:16). To be set afire by the love of Christ is to be consumed by that fire, to grow in understanding by its light and to be warmed by its love (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14). At the school of the saints, who open us to the vast horizons of God, I invite you never to stop wondering: "What would Christ do if he were in my place?"

To be continued in next week's bulletin..

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Investigation of a court reporter's
suicide turns up surprises as her
brother uncovers a circle of love,
money, and ambition.



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