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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

PARISH TRUSTEES

Cecile Cole
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August 20, 2017 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Martin Jacobsen

10:30 John Ball

Monday, August 21, 2017

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30 Leon Rydz

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Leslie R. Gartrell

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30 People of the Parish

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 Evelyn Rizzo

Friday, August 25, 2017

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanaz, Priest

8:30 Intentions of Sister Thomasine

Saturday, August 26, 2017

8:30 Sick members of the Parish

5:00 Deceased members of the Vallarsa Family

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Marguerite Gartrel

10:30 John Ball

The inner word What's in your heart?

- Isaiah asks us to "maintain justice" by doing "what is right." Think of an instance when you had to make a difficult choice in order to do what was right. Where did you find the strength?
- Paul talks of God's mercy in the face of our disobedience. When have you

most needed, and felt, God's mercy at work in your own life?

- We need to be mindful of what "comes out of our mouths," to avoid causing harm to others. When you have found yourself saying something that you later regretted? What have you been able to do to make amends?

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August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The late comedian Don Rickles specialized in insults. Displayed often on the old "Dean Martin Roasts" (now available on YouTube) he targeted his "victims"—usually celebrities—with mean one-liners that were usually funny. I recall him addressing George Burns, by then an octogenarian, by simply saying, "George, it's over!" But always at the end of his spiel, Rickles would explain that it was all done in fun, and that love for others was a part of life we should always practice.

Jesus taught us how to react to insults. We remember His injunction to "turn the other cheek if slapped on one." Yet today we find Him at first seemingly ignoring a poor woman's plea for help for her daughter. He calls her "a dog." It may be that He believed for a while that His mission was only to the Jews. In that light, He couldn't give the children's bread to dogs.

Now here is where we have to admire this unnamed woman's reaction. Remember that she already had "two strikes" against her. First, she was a woman, apparently alone, living in a man's world. Second, she was a despised Gentile, a Canaanite, calling out in a crowd of Jews. Instead of a nasty response to Jesus, or issuing the threat of a

feminist revenge lawsuit such as we might expect today, or running away in tears of disappointment, she humbly retorts with a clever remark that incorporated Jesus' characterization of her as a dog. "Even the dogs get to eat the scraps!" I admire her for that courage.

That sparks in Jesus an admiration of His own. He cites her great faith. In so doing, He acknowledges an expansion of His views about His mission. By granting the woman's request, He includes all people as welcome in God's family, and having a dwelling place in God's house.

Now comes the gospel imperative for this twenty-first century. In a figurative lineup of all the so-called "marginalized" people of our time, often so labelled by prejudice, we would find their numbers staggering. Think of war refugees eking out a living in makeshift camps, and immigrants from countries with cruel regimes. Then think of addicts of all kinds, or those with different sexual attraction, or the physically and mentally disabled, and believers in unpopular religions. Dare we call them "dogs?" Dare we engage in insults to these our neighbors in the way Jesus described a neighbor?

Here is where we must remain ever grateful for the Holy Eucharist. It feeds our good side with strength against the "beast" in all of us. Along with the ever-relentless Word of Scripture speaking the whole truth and nothing but to our ears, we are doubly equipped to accept God's perspective and His judgment, no matter what the current popular opinion proffers.

To close with a salute to that Canaanite woman's perseverance, and to all who struggle to live by Jesus' opinions, I quote an old adage easily remembered: "By perseverance the snail reached the ark."

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A new tone emerges here; one of

reconciliation and unity, along with a clear invitation to Gentiles to enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

In God's plan, mercy is to be shown to all, including the Jews. Gentile Christians have no monopoly on how to view human history.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman had two things against her in this encounter with Jesus: she was a woman alone in a man's world and a Gentile, therefore "unclean." Jesus explains His rather strange initial silence toward her plea.



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, Kathryn Duch, Helen Dunado, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Bob Privitera, Angela Rios, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Michael Salagaj, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**



YOU DID IT FOR ME!

Brian* is a senior in a wheelchair, the result of surgery. The hospital staff recommended a nursing home. But he didn't want to go, and he couldn't afford it. He called his local Catholic Charities agency which has a homecoming program that helps people restart after surgery. The program provided Brian with lifts to doctors' appointments, blood tests, and grocery shopping. Without it, Brian's life would have been more complicated. He is grateful for Catholic Charities.

In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided 869,634 health-related services across the nation.

*Name changed to protect privacy

To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

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 September 1st for this special prayer and devotion.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE – OCTOBER 21, 2017

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The trip that takes place on October 21, 2017 will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy and Catechetical presentations. We ask any parishioner interested in going to please see Father Al. There will also be a sign-up sheet.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 9 – 14, 2017 to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on December 12th. \$2049.00 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass every day. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Vacation Time?

Before leaving on that much-deserved vacation, please help **Catholic Charities** continue its mission by donating **clothing, Shoes, and Household items** in our donation bin located in the parking lot. We also have a donation bin near the Rectory, off of Mount Hope Road. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have a **large pick up**, need a receipt, or have a question please call our toll-free number @ **877-343-3651**.

Food Donations

There is still a great need for food to assist people in our local area. Please continue to bring your donations to church each week and place them in the boxes found in the vestibule. Assistance for our troops is ongoing. Boxes are marked for your contributions. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mission Cooperation Collection

Awka diocese is a rural diocese created in 1977 and has over five hundred priests, some of whom are on mission outside the diocese. It serves about 3 million people with about 1.3 million Catholic population. Despite the sudden upsurge in the population of our country, Nigeria, the government has failed to provide commensurate basic healthcare, affordable education and social facilities. The decay in the public system, partly due to corruption, has made the poor, the teeming population of young, dependent people, the growing number of neglected elderly people and the traumatized, displaced individuals due to communal clashes and insurgencies in the country, to look up to the Church as the only source of hope.

It is in view of all these pressing needs and challenges that your kindest support to Awka diocese, is being sought. This would help to provide medical aids and facilities to hundreds of thousands of the poor and neglected elderly people, who die on daily basis, due to lack of basic medical care; to provide affordable education opportunities to many children from poor families; and to build some rehabilitation centers for the traumatized and displaced individuals due to some communal clashes and insurgencies in the country, Nigeria. Thanks, in anticipation for your generous support.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Charles Okoye who will speak at all the Masses. The second collection will be for the missions

GROTTO HOSPITALITY

Now that the Grotto area has been leveled and the sod is in place, we are able to gather for our summer hospitality. We will get together after the 10:30 A.M. Mass next Sunday, August 27th and also on September 24th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so that we will know how many to expect at each gathering. If anyone would like to donate homemade dishes appropriate for brunch, they will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed. If anyone is willing to assist with setting up and/or cleaning up, please let us know. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the rectory, at 446 Mount Hope Road. Hope you can join us on one or both mornings.

PRO LIFE

Telling Words from Abortionists

Doctors who carry out abortions are often torn by the contradiction that they became doctors to preserve life, but use their profession to end it. Here are some eye-opening confessions from current and former abortionists:

"They [the women] are never allowed to look at the ultrasound because we knew that if they so much as heard the heartbeat, they wouldn't want to have an abortion." –**Dr. Randall, former abortionist**

"Even now I feel a little peculiar about it, because as a physician I was trained to conserve life, and here I am destroying it." - **Dr. Benjamin Kalish, abortionist**

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