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Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM  
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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 22, 2017 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 22, 2017

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

9:00 Stella Bencivengo

10:30 Helen Dunado

Monday, October 23, 2017

*Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

8:30 Vincent Gallucci

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

8:30 Helen Dunado

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

8:30 Intentions of Bishop Rodimer on  
his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Thursday, October 26, 2017

8:30 Marie Ann Loyola

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:30 Gary Hogan

Saturday, October 28, 2017

*Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*

8:30 Philip Gantner

5:00 Thomas Florek

Sunday, October 29, 2017

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Walter Pasuco

10:30 Helen Dunado

## The inner word What's in your heart?

Jesus snares the Pharisees in their own trap in today's gospel with his brilliant teaching to "render unto Caesar ..." Their hypocrisy is revealed for all to see.

- How do you handle hypocrisy when you confront it in others? Are you able to help them see the error in their ways?
- Think of a time when you found yourself saying something you really didn't believe, perhaps even for less than honorable reasons. How did you handle being confronted with your own hypocrisy? How were you able to learn and grow from the experience?

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*October 22, 2017*

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

If I were asked to identify an all-encompassing theme for 2017, as we find ourselves this weekend deep into its tenth month, one-word springs to mind: violence. We've seen it in our streets, and on the screens of our many devices, large and small. On a graph, I could say that "road rage" between individuals starts at the bottom, then rising quickly to street protests about political differences, and presidential decisions. Then come the so-called "hot button" issues like immigration, sexual preferences, and racism. All of this not to omit the verbal assaults between the leaders of our country and those of other regimes. The graph of violence is more depressing than any we might see drawn up for the stock market. These matters tempt us to turn the news off in whatever form we receive it. Yet our instinct to know what's new draws us back. We somehow recognize that an ostrich approach to reality is unhealthy. But where, we ask, can we turn for perspective as well as peace? For Christian believers, the answer is the same as it has been for twenty-one centuries: turn to Jesus.

Right away, should we say such a thing in certain quarters, the reaction is predictable. First there is the shout down of the cynics, the atheists and not a few agnostics, not to omit the editors of secular publications. With a certain subtlety, they soften the base sentiment underneath but they let us know they strongly disagree. They would never actually write: "Drop your sentimental tripe!"

This kind of reaction has been going on since Jesus Himself was personally present announcing His new way of thinking and doing things. Such rejection always seems to be the fate of people with a fresh

idea, or a different take on the prevailing wisdom. Inventive geniuses come to mind, as do certain philosophers and teachers of the arts and sciences.

In the scenario Matthew presents this weekend, the “powers that were” (which remind us so much of the current “powers that be”) try their well-worn tactic of making Christ look defenseless, and a prey to naivety. But He turns the tables on them, or should I write “He flips a coin on them?”

It is crucial for us to remember when we think of Jesus that He is truly God in the flesh, “the one and only Lord”, as Isaiah writes. There is nothing beyond His power, for He can “subdue mountains and make kings run in His service.” Fortified by the Holy Eucharist, our certain task is not to lose confidence in Christ, or let violence have the last word. We are a people of hope. “Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier.”

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

The enthronement of Cyrus marks the only time in the Old Testament when a foreigner is anointed king. In this text, God is announcing that He is the one and only Lord.

**Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

The Letter opens with the typical form of salutation of the day. Then Paul proceeds to thank God for the fruitful reception of the Gospel by the Thessalonian Christians.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees try entrapment to get at Jesus. This is still a legal offense in our modern courts. Jesus outwits them with a classic answer. Doing so, He accepts the state as the lesser of two evils while He looks to nonviolent social change.



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, 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.**

*Welcome Child of God*

Through the waters of Baptism, Evelyn Marie Puskas, daughter of Michael and Erika, was welcomed into the Catholic Christian Community through the waters of Baptism on Saturday, October 14. May she walk always as a child of the light, supported by her parents, the first teachers in the ways of faith, her family, and her faith community. May Evelyn Marie grow and mature in her relationship with the Risen Lord, giver of Divine Mercy, by loving God and neighbor and living as Jesus taught us by His humble attitude of service and through His death on the cross.



Catholic Charities was asked to assist with the relocation of a family of 10 whose mobile home was destroyed by a tornado. The family included a married couple, their children and several nieces and nephews who had lost their parents. One of the immediate needs was a nebulizer and medical supplies for one of the children. The agency received donations for the supplies, but housing a family of 10 was not as

easy. Nevertheless, the agency was able to help the family relocate to a permanent home, supplied beds for the children and provided health referrals. The family is now stable and thriving.

Catholic Charities agencies helped 462 children in 2016 to recover from the effects of a tornado.

To learn more, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> for this special prayer and devotion.

### *SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS*

On Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will remember all the holy and blessed men and women who behold the face of God in heaven and we also pray for ourselves as we continue our journey to the fullness of God's Kingdom. Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., our usual time for weekday Mass. We will also have a vigil Mass for this Holy Day at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### *Commemoration of All Souls*

On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will continue the Church's tradition of remembering and praying for all the faithful departed, with a special celebration of Eucharist at 7:00 P.M. At

that Mass we will remember all those from our parish who died since last November 2.

All parishioners who experienced the death of a family member this past year are encouraged to come and join our community for this special prayer of remembrance. The Book of the Dead is located near the Baptismal Font and Paschal Candle, as you enter the church. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones so that we can pray for them, along with all deceased parishioners, during the month of November.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

## *PRO LIFE*

### **The Consequences of Being Wrong!**

Any reasonable person considers the possibility that he (or she) could be wrong regarding any important position they take. If the pro-life movement is wrong, then we are guilty of trying to deny women a so-called right to privacy (which has never been part of our Constitution).

But, if the pro-abortion side is wrong, then they are indisputably and directly responsible for the slaughter and mass murder of millions of innocent children---- three and a half thousand a day in the United States.

So, the question is, would it be better to be pro-life and wrong, or pro-choice and wrong? The answer is very clear!

### *RESPECT LIFE MASS*

Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Respect Life Mass on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 381 Grand Street, Paterson, N.J. 07505, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus

Councils. All clergy, deacons, staff, parishioners, friends and families are encouraged to attend. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life.

### *RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE, 2017*

Tickets for the New Jersey Right to Life car raffle will be sold after all the Masses on the weekend of November 11-12. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Cash or check is acceptable. Checks are payable to NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE. In comments write: Your Parish name-Town.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$43,500.00. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a Shop-rite Gift Card valued at \$1,000.00. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is a Shop-rite Gift Card valued at \$750.00 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Prize is a Shop-rite Gift Card valued at \$500.00. The winning tickets will be drawn on November 17, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, Somerset, N.J. at 10:00 p.m. Winners need not be present. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to participate. The winner is responsible for all federal and state applicable tax. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, including its County Chapters. New Jersey Right to Life is the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

### *2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL*

#### *In Giving, We Receive*

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.207appeal.org](http://www.207appeal.org). Thank you!

#### *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Hospital Visits.*

Due to confidentiality [Privacy Laws], hospitals no longer notify parishes when parishioners are admitted as patients. If you know that you will be going into a hospital and would like a visit from a priest and/or Communion Minister, please notify the Rectory. If you are admitted through the emergency room or unable to make the call yourself, please give a relative or friend permission to call a priest, if you so desire. Fr. Al will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick with anyone who is elderly, seriously ill or about to undergo surgery. Just call to arrange for this Sacrament of Healing for mind, body and spirit. Also, if you or a loved one is homebound and would like a visit, Holy Communion, and/or Confession, please notify Fr. Al.

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