



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20TH, 2017



From the Parochial Vicar

In today's gospel St. John, the writer of this passage, tells us that if we are persistent in our prayers, miracles can happen, and eventually our wishes and requests will be granted by Jesus. We cannot give up praying just because Jesus doesn't come to our help immediately.

Today's Gospel contains another message, equally as important. Jesus shows us that faith in the true God is not a domain of Jewish people only. In the beginning Jesus was sent to the Chosen Nation first, because God still considered them as his own people. However, we start to understand the meaning behind the first chapter of the Gospel of John, where we read "He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him."

The more Jews opposed Jesus, the more he was inclined to step away from limiting his mission to the people of Israel. We can see that the non-Jews from Samaria and Tiro recognized Jesus as the Son of David and Messiah, while Jews were far from accepting Jesus as such.

If we want to grasp the whole meaning of today's Gospel, there is something important we need to know about Canaanites. First, they were always considered enemies of Israel, but since the war with Jews in 1300 BC the situation worsened. That feeling of enmity survived to the times of Jesus.

The dialogue shows that the Canaanite woman recognizes the priority of the Judeans in God's plan. That corresponded with the mission of Jesus, who was sent to the Jews first. God chose the people of Israel to be his. However, the time of Israel's exclusivity in the history of salvation comes to an end, because Jesus meets pagans who show him faith which put the Chosen Nation to shame.

The faith of the Canaanite woman impressed Jesus. Thus, Jesus makes an exception in his ministry, and helps the woman. This is the first step before the Judeans and the pagans will not only be equated in faith; Jesus will die for the sins of everyone in spite of their affiliation.

The woman agrees with Jesus that the Jews take priority in Jesus' mission, we should take note of her response that *'even dogs eat the remains that fall from their master's table'*. She expresses her belief that only a small fraction of Jesus' power is enough to heal her daughter. This brilliant response confirmed that she knew more about Jesus than many of the Jews. Her humility, perseverance, and strong faith, moved Jesus. The woman won.

The woman teaches us that perseverance in prayer can be fruitful. If we need something from Jesus we cannot stop asking him. We need to be patient and humbly ask him to grant our wish. Those whose faith and determination stay strong won't be disappointed.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter



Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, August 19th

8:00AM Maura Barrett †
5:00PM Helene Malinski †
Bac Van Nguyen †
Glen Campbell †

SUNDAY, August 20th

8:00AM Frank Pope †
Frank J. Lucibello, Sr. †
Ghislaine Bureau †
10:00AM George Bellas †
12:00PM Mary Dominger †
Raymond Farrell †
Patricia Fitzgerald - Special Intention

MONDAY, August 21st - Mem. St. Pius X

8:00 AM Jeffrey A. Guidetti †

TUESDAY, August 22nd - Mem., Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Kyra Kolpin †

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, August 24th - Feast, St. Bartholomew

8:00 AM Margaret Masser †

FRIDAY, August 25th

8:00AM Mary Griffin - Special Intention

SATURDAY, August 26th

8:00AM People of the Parish †
5:00PM Louis Buono †
John Farone †
Edward Padula †

SUNDAY, August 27th

8:00AM Tim DeRosa †
Robert Kenney †
10:00AM Allen Conkling †
Ron Monton †
12:00PM Edward P. Donofrio †
Barbara Guzzo †
Antoinette Mitchell † - 10th Anniversary

Our deepest sympathy to...

The Friends & Family of
**Rosemary DePinto &
Joseph Occhipinti**

may they rest in peace.





We Are A Parish Family



Save the Date

- September - See schedule of Religious Ed. class start dates under "Gift" ministry.
- September 8 - Pioneer Mass & Lunch, at 11am for those 55 and up.
- September 13 - Bible Timeline, new bible study begins at 7pm in the Holy Family Room. Registration required.
- September 17 - Catechetical Sunday, join us for the commissioning of our GIFT teachers at the 10am Mass.

LIFE:

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHOICE

I have not added anything to this recent excerpt from NJ Right to Life - it speaks for itself.

At a small rally last week by NJ Planned Parenthood's Political organization, NJ gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy told the abortion activists that "he had their back" and promised to increase funding to them well over \$7.4 Million if he wins the election.

"NJ voters should be alarmed that a billionaire candidate is promising to spend millions of our taxpayer dollars to fund a partisan, political organization which has a well documented record in NJ of waste, fraud and abuse, and a history of paying its employees exorbitant salaries totaling over \$11 million a year," said NJRTL Executive Director Marie Tasy.

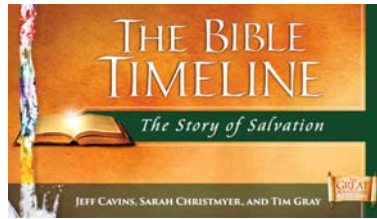
To wit, an audit by the U. S. Inspector General revealed that when our state funded Planned Parenthood, New Jersey improperly received federal reimbursement for 160,955 prescription drug claims that were billed as family planning, but did not qualify as family planning services. A 2008 letter from the Inspector General to New Jersey officials recommended that New Jersey repay \$2,219,746 to the federal government due to improper claims. In 2011, an employee at Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey in Perth Amboy, NJ was caught on video willing to aid and abet undercover investigators posing as sex traffickers of minors.

"It is unconscionable that Phil Murphy wants to force the hard working citizens of NJ to fund an organization that is so unworthy of our tax dollars. Using scare tactics to say that women are dying and getting STDs because Planned Parenthood did not get their hands on our tax dollars for the last 8 years has been consistently refuted and is so over the top irresponsible," said Tasy. "Planned Parenthood is a private, non-profit organization that has the ability to raise their own funds. Phil Murphy, who can well afford to use his billions to support Planned Parenthood, is free to do so through his own bank account, but his pledge to force NJ taxpayers to fund them shows a serious lack of judgment on his part," said Tasy.

May God richly bless you!

Heather

New Bible Study Starting this Fall



The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes you on a journey through the entire Bible. You will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven

throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded Bible Timeline, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how together they form the foundation of our Catholic faith. More importantly, you will have a profound encounter with God in Scripture, and see how the Bible reveals His loving plan for your life.

OLGC will begin The Bible Timeline on September 13th at 7pm in the Holy Family Room. We will cover the program in three sessions: 8 weeks in the fall, 9 weeks over the winter and 6 weeks in the spring.

For more information or to register for the study visit our parish website, www.goodcounsel.org or contact program coordinator Lauren Lombardo-O'Brien at 917-535-6948 or by email lc.lombardo.obrien@gmail.com

PIONEER MASS & LUNCHEON Friday, September 8th, 11am



All retirees are welcome to join us every first Friday for this special mass and get-together for parishioners and friends of OLGC.

If you wish, bring your favorite dessert for all to enjoy.

Golf Outing for Holy Spirit School

Holy Spirit School will host it's 22nd Annual Msgr. McQuaid Golf Event on Thursday, October 19th at the Black Bear Golf Club, Rt. 23N, Franklin, NJ. Registration begins at 10:30am, shot-gun start at 12:30pm. For more information, pick up a flyer in the lobby of our church, call 201-563-7531, 973-694-0938 or email mantonelli@att.net.

Mission of Hope

A trip to our Mission in the Dominican Republic will take place in November. Members of the ministry will continue their efforts to collect supplies that will help their goal of sustaining both the school and medical clinic that OLGC helped build. Donations will be accepted through mid-October. Specifically, The MoH is working with our GIFT Ministry to provide 450 filled pencil boxes to the children of the Batey. The boxes will include items such as crayons, markers, glue, glue sticks, pencils, pens, child-safe scissors, pencil sharpeners, rulers, pink rectangle erasers and colored pencils.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the Mission of Hope and help those in need in the Dominican Republic, whether or not you'd like to travel. For more information or to be included on our mailing list for monthly meeting details, please call Nancy Baran at 908-425-1380 or email ministries@goodcounsel.org.

Pray for the Sick

Jennifer Abramson	Jennifer Kraft
Sarah Antonucci	Bob LoFaro
Carol Asimou	Michael LoPresti
Judy Barbarito	Marc Lymych
Lori Beck	Jim Mackin, Jr.
Donald Berard	William Mara
Anastasia Borovskis	Serafina Mayor
Gavin Brady	Thomas Joseph McCloughy
Evelina Capelli	Deanna Melone
Mary Coppa	Helen Mier
Paul Cook	Maryann Miksits
Adelaide Elliott	Jesse Morella
Donna Finnegin	Margaret Mary Ochner
Julie Fischer	James O'Brien
Vince Gallipoli	Nancy Paulison
Jean Gormley	Fr. John Pierce, OFM
Patricia Grant	Constance Quarantino
Dominick J. Gurrieri	Gary Ragusa
Connie Hall	Fr. William L. Scully, OFM
Dolores Henze	Kara Skafalstad
Andre Jacobsen	Kathryn Smith
Maureen Karsen	John Stanton
Eileen Kapotes	Vinko Stipanov
James Horvath	Charlotte Tomaszewski

The residents of Mountainview Gardens at Cedar Crest

Please call the office at 973-839-2447 to let us know when someone should be added to or removed from the prayers for the sick.

Trip to the Holy Land

Deacon Herb and Fr. Emmet Murphy, our occasional visitor from St. Anthony's in Butler, will lead an 8 day, all inclusive trip to the Holy Land November 14-21, 2017.

Many Christians want to see the holy land and where Jesus' Journey began. If you are one of them, now would be a good time to consider participating in this trip. Please contact Deacon Herb for more information at hcoyne@optonline.net.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Paterson is planning a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC on Sat., Oct. 21st. This trip 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. Flyers with additional information are available in the gathering area. If you are interested in participating in this trip please contact the parish office.

Support Youth Ministry

Tip: Next month, Bishop Serratelli is holding a Pizza Night for Women to allow young women of the Diocese an opportunity to explore Religious Vocations. It will be held at Pope John Paul XXIII HS on Monday, Sept. 25th from 7-9pm.

Please Pray For Those Serving Our Country



PFC Christian Baxter
Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli
Capt. Jacob A. Impellizzeri
PFC Bryan E. Laumbach
PFC Stephen Jordan Seifried
Cpl. Brendan P. Smith

If you have a loved one currently deployed please contact the parish office so we may include them in our prayers!

THIS WEEK AT OLG:

Monday, August 21, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg	Holy Family Rm

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
07:00 PM	Mission of Hope Mtg	Holy Family Rm
07:00 PM	Scripture Study	Choir Room

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	

Thursday, August 24, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
02:30 PM	AA Mtg.	Holy Family Room

Friday, August 25, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
	Holy Hour begins immediately after the mass.	
07:00 PM	Rosary	Chapel
07:30 PM	Servants of Holy Cross	Chapel

Saturday, August 26, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Chapel
03:45 PM	Confession	Reconciliation Rm
05:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, August 27, 2017

08:00 AM	Mass	Church
10:00 AM	Mass	Church
12:00 PM	Mass	Church

Columbiettes Fish and Chips Dinner

The Columbiettes will start their fall season with a fish & chips dinner catered by Tastefully British. It will be held Fri., Sept. 29th, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Halloran Hall, St Joseph Church, Lincoln Park. The price is \$16.00, seniors \$15.00, 10 and under \$8.00. "BYOB". Take outs will be available from 5-5:30 pm, otherwise please tell us what time you will be picking up your order. Chicken is available, but must be preordered. For tickets, call Pat at 973-696-2225 or Janet at 973-305-1249.