

Reflection

On Thursday, September 14, we celebrate the central symbol of Christianity, the cross, an instrument of torture and cruel death. But for us it is the instrument of salvation. Lifted up on the cross, Christ broke the power of death and sin, showed us the Father's love, and we became adopted sons and daughters of God. The cross is not just a symbol but a way of life. We each have our share in this mystery. Our willingness to embrace the cross, to give of ourselves totally, marks us as true followers of Christ.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

What is the RCIA Process?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults dates back to the early days of Christianity in the life of the Church. It is a process of education and formation in the way of the Catholic faith.

Who is the RCIA Process for?

1. Those persons who are un-churched or un-baptized, single or in a Church marriage, adults (over 18 years of age), who wish to become part of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholics who have shown an interest in becoming a Roman Catholic.
3. Un-churched Catholics baptized but never raised in a Catholic way of life so they have never received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Confirmation.
4. Those adults who have not practiced their faith for years and would like to begin again by being updated in the ways of the Church.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the RCIA process, call the Parish Office at 944-4466. **Registration will be held on Thursday, October 26th at 6:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.**

SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Providence have a special opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend, September 16 and 17, our second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, which is a significant source of support for priests, that provides for basic needs and medical care. Please consider your generous support of the effort that benefits those priests who have selflessly served the faithful of our parish and Diocese for years. Thank you.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 to 8

Registration will be held on **Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** in the Rectory Meeting Room. A copy of the child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED at this time, unless the child was baptized in St. Bartholomew Parish. First Communion classes will begin on Saturday, September 23rd. First Communion is a two-year program, and students must have completed first year CCD Classes. Students in grades 1 and 3 to 8 will begin classes in October. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE ATTENDED REGISTRATION ON SEPTEMBER 9th or 16th BEFORE BEGINNING CCD CLASSES.** For more information, please call the Parish Office at 944-4466. Thank you for your cooperation.

Special Collection For Victims Of Hurricane Harvey:

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes take an emergency special collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Our prayers and material support are urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a special collection in lieu of the Parish Extraordinary Expenses Collection during the **weekend of September 23 & 24.** You may use your Extraordinary Expenses Envelope for this special collection. Thank you for your support in helping those in desperate need.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 11-17

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However, the following are specifically
remembered this week.)

Monday, September 11

7:30 am – Benjamin Lombardi by family
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, September 12—Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 am – Fr. Peter Gorret by Fr. Almagno
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 am – Frank Simonelli by wife

Thursday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am – For A Special Intention

Friday, September 15

7:30 am – Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm – Arthur Marcantonio by wife
6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish
Sunday, September 17—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am – Joseph Scungio by wife & family
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish
11:30 am – Maria Annina & Antonio Marinucci by Peter & Lillian

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-17

Sanctuary Candle: Benjamin Lombardi by family
Giovanni Mancini by wife
Samantha Richards by family & friends
Joseph Scungio by wife & family

Altar Bread & Wine: Benjamin Lombardi by family
Giovanni Mancini by wife
Samantha Richards by family & friends
Joseph Scungio by wife & Family

DIED IN CHRIST: Marie E. Tirocchi
Robert A. Verdecchia

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Matteo Gabriel Argueta –
Nyssen Anthony Herrera– Alessandro Augusto Leberon
– Alex Quino

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 11

7:00 pm – Ladies Guild Meeting, RH

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 pm – Holy Name Meeting, RH

Saturday September 16

10:00 am-11:30 am – CCD Registration Grades 1-8
Rectory Meeting Room

Sunday, September 17

Second Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks is

Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice

(Increase Giving Campaign)

Weekend of August 26—27

Envelopes & Loose Collection:	\$2,747.00
Second Collection: Extraordinary	
Parish Expenses	<u>1,097.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,844.00

Our sincere thanks to all those making our
Increase Giving Campaign possible.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Please participate & attend!

October 14 —Festival of Nations
October 26 —RCIA Registration
November 4 & 5—Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 14 —Annual Turkey Trot
November 23 —Thanksgiving Day
December 8 —Immaculate Conception—Holy Day
December 15 —Choir Christmas Concert

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of \$50.00. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: 1. This week's bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor) or 2. This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) or 3. This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors). Call the parish office if you wish to help.

**This week's parish bulletin is sponsored in
memory of**

GIOVANNI MANCINI