

Gospel Reflection

The cross is the central symbol of Christianity; an instrument of torture and cruel death. For us it is the instrument of salvation. The cross is not just a symbol, but a way of life. We each have our share in this mystery. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Our willingness to embrace the cross, to give of ourselves totally, marks us as true and faithful followers of Christ.

+ CATECHETICAL SUNDAY +
"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ"

2018 Bishops' Theme

Today, **Sunday, September 16th**, the parishes of our Diocese will join with the Church throughout the United States in observing Catechetical Sunday. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all who are involved in parish CCD Religious Education: to those men and women who "teach as Jesus did" by sharing and spreading our Catholic faith with God's children, teenagers and adults, with love and by Christian example following the light of Christ. All are encouraged to share in this religious ministry through prayer.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- October 20 – Festival of Nations
- November 3 & 4 – Annual Holiday Bazaar
- November 7 – RCIA registration
- November 13 – Annual Turkey Trot
- November 22 – Thanksgiving Day Mass
- December 8 – The Immaculate Conception
- December 15 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 16 – Christmas Concert by Choir

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 **\$70.00**. 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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR - sponsored by our Parish Ladies Guild will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th in the Church Hall. Donations of handmade knit, crocheted or sewn items – crafts - gift items - and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation and plan now to attend the Bazaar!

ANNUAL TURKEY TROT - will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th at 7:00 pm. The kitchen will open at 6:00 pm. We are in need of monetary donations, canned goods, boxed foods, gift items, and gift cards for the many raffles. Donations may be brought to weekend Masses or to the Parish Office. Thank you for helping to make this parish event enjoyable by your donations and attendance.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for all children in grades 1 through 8, will be held on **Saturday, September 22nd 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. A \$40 registration fee is required.

Classes will begin soon, however ALL STUDENTS MUST REGISTER ON SEPTEMBER 15th or 22nd BEFORE BEGINNING CCD CLASSES. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 944-4466. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2018

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

Monday, September 17th

7:30 am - Ameriga Verzichelli by Sr. Rose
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, September 18th

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, September 19th

7:30 am - Deceased of the DeMelo Family

Thursday, September 20th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, September 21st – St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 am - Mary Funaro – Birthday Remembrance by son
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, September 22nd

8:00 am - In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Friday, September 21st

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, September 22nd

10:00 am - CCD Classes Registration - Rectory

Sunday, September 23rd

Second Collection: Extraordinary Parish Expenses

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

*What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)*

Weekend of September 1 & 2

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,851.00

Second Collection: \$1,003.00

Diocesan Youth Ministry

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, September 22nd

5:00 pm - Arthur Marcantonio by wife

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, September 23rd
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am – Collective Mass

Cecilia & John Cappello by son Anthony
Rose & Fiorindo Varone by daughter Mariann
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Collective Mass

Michael Megrđichian by Grace Carnevale
Mario & Nancy Catoni by children & grandchildren
Joseph Iafrate – 3rd Anniversary by wife & family
Dino LoPresti by Nancy

In Honor of Madonna Consolazione:

I.M.O. Josephine Masso – Margaret DelSesto –
Jean Lanzi – Jean Pattek – Susan Lennon

Sanctuary Candle:

Arthur Marcantonio by wife
Robert Varone by sister

Altar Bread & Wine:

Arthur Marcantonio by wife
Robert Varone by sister

Baptized in Christ

Kaylee Dianiris Ventura Gutierrez

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