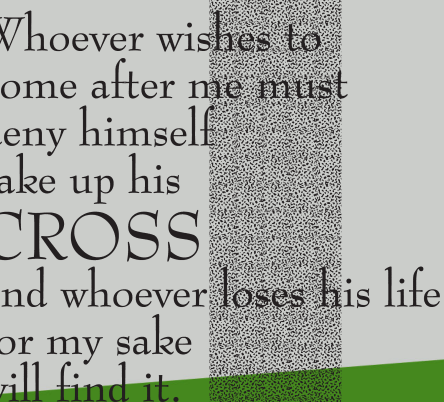


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As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God. Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself
take up his
CROSS
and whoever loses his life
for my sake
will find it.

September 3, 2017 • Day of the Lord

Parish Picnic Sept. 23

Thanks to those who volunteered to help with the Parish Picnic. We need more help, though. There will be planning meeting this Thursday at 7:30. Please come. Picnic rain date: 24th.

Help Stop Hunger

The annual Hunger Walk through Morristown is Oct 15th at 1pm, The Community Soup Kitchen's largest annual fundraiser. Join Cathy Miller and son, Nate as part of a parish team. Help Cathy organize a team. Call the office for information.

Religious Education-It's TIME

It's time to prepare for Rel. Education for next year. Please register your children by clicking on the link on the front of the parish website.

We are also looking for volunteers in the parish to help with coordinating or teaching in the program.

Life-Changing Illness Retreat

A spiritual oasis for those suffering with a life changing illness. Weekend of Oct. 20-22 at Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny from 2:15 Friday to 1:30 Sunday. No cost. Info: Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277; Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237; Peggy Walsh 908- 499-7677

Workshop on Leadership

Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church, Sept. 18, 7 pm, St. Mary's, Denville, by Chris Lowney, author of "Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads" and chair of the board of Catholic Health Initiatives. Free will offering taken for Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future Foundation.

Take a Nun for a Ride

Volunteers needed to take Sisters of Chanty to local shopping and doctors. 2-3 hrs. per trip. Commitment is once or twice a month. (Please specify day and/or time to help.) The sisters provide car and insurance. Contact Sr. Ann Fay, 973-290-5439 or parish office.

Silver & Gold Anniversaries

Couples celebrating a 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary are invited to join Bishop Serratelli at the Cathedral on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 at 4 pm for a celebration. Contact the parish office.

BackPack Blessing

As we begin a new school year, we will bless backpacks once again as well as our students teachers and school staffs. Don't forget the backpacks!

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet's role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a tower to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
In the concluding section of this letter, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

This Week's Question

For Adults:
In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

For Children:
When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

Good Morning or Grace and Peace?

After entering the altar area, the presider opens wide his arms in welcome and greets the assembly. A single greeting is all that is required, from "The Lord be with you", to "Alleluia! Christ is risen."

The greeting establishes the relationship between the presider and the individuals present and is part of gathering individuals into a community. Hence it is the presider who gives the greeting rather than delegating this to another. Furthermore, the greeting comes as early as possible.

The greeting may be followed by a reference and introduction to the scriptures since the Liturgy of the Word follows. It also serves as a call to worship and sets the "mood" of the liturgy.

Baptism cleanses us from sin and initiates a lifelong process of repentance and forgiveness. The Eucharist is a dimension of this process, renewing the baptismal covenant. The whole eucharistic action is one of reconciliation. As we break bread and share the cup, our forgiveness of renewed and we are cleansed. The penitential litany in the beginning of the liturgy makes us aware of this. "Lord, have mercy" is an acclamation of praise for this give for forgiveness. This is omitted if there is a sprinkling since they both serve the same purpose.

The Glory to God is a hymn of praise that also reminds us of the grace of reconciliation through Christ.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) ends the Gathering Rite. In this prayer, the presider "collects" the prayers and presence of the assembly in an offering of praise to God through Jesus Christ. The assembly then affirms this prayer with "Amen."

What's Happening This Week?

Every Sunday
Pound A Week



Next Sunday **September**
Clothing Collection
Backpack Blessings - bring them!!!

Sept. 21 –
Pastoral Council Orientation, 7:30 pm

Sept. 23 – Parish Picnic (rain date-24th)

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's
Collection:
\$ 7092



Sign up Today
for electronic giving

IT'S NOT AS IF
I'M UNWILLING
TO SACRIFICE
FOR MY WIFE.



I JUST DON'T
SEE WHY SHE
CAN'T WAIT
TILL HALFTIME.

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- 2 Joseph Zack
- 5 Bill Kearney
- 6 Lisa Nisivoccia
- 8 Jason Marella
- 9 Vincent Carucci
- 9 Jay Tiwar
- 9 Elisabeth Tumelty
- 14 Carmen Galdieri
- 16 Ed Blankmeyer
- 16 Sal Esposito
- 17 Scartlett Fitzpatrick
- 18 Cathy Pappas
- 18 Joli Sobers
- 19 Clyde Imagna
- 20 Marlene Sitter
- 21 Stephanie Roche



- 23 Kathy Stock
- 25 Nick Murray
- 27 John Finlay
- 30 Conor Critchley
- 30 Kathleen Lenahan
- 30 Joe Smith

- ANNIVERSARIES**
- 8 Kira & Kevin Brady (5)
 - 9 Maureen & Joe Adamo (29)
 - 22 Stephanie & John Roche (27)

"History shows that neither war nor violent revolution have ever solved our problems; nor will they ever. They are born of hatred and, though hatred harms, it does not heal It can never be a human solution." — Pedro Arrupe, S.J. (Jesuit Superior General & first responder to the Hiroshima bombing.)

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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

Other times & days,
call to see if office
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