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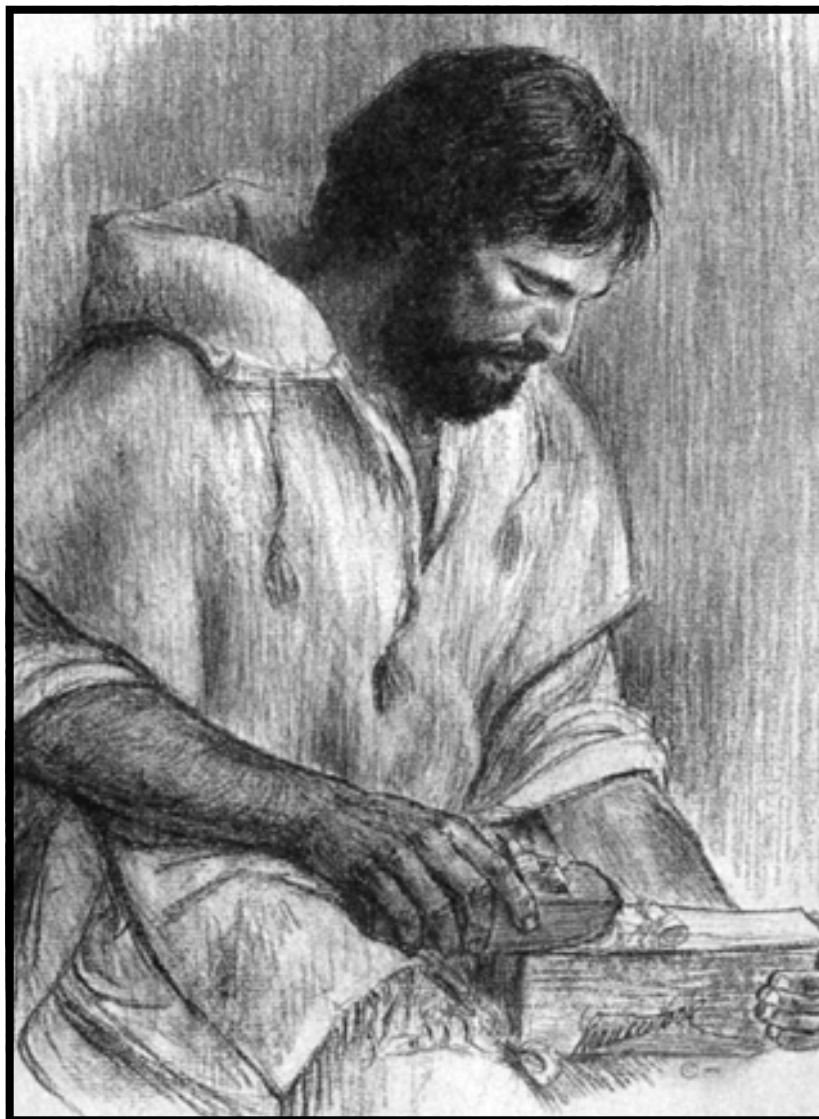
***Twenty-second Sunday***  
***in***  
***Ordinary Time***

***SEPTEMBER 3, 2017***

***Labor Day Weekend***

***"ISN'T THIS THE CARPENTER, THE SON OF MARY . . . ?!"***

***-- MARK 6: 3***



***"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR . . . I WILL REFRESH YOU!"***

***JESUS, MATTHEW 11: 28***

**EACH MONTH**

**322 CHRISTIANS ARE KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH**



**214 CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN PROPERTIES ARE DESTROYED**



**"WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE, WILL LOSE IT; BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT."**

**772 FORMS OF VIOLENCE ARE COMMITTED AGAINST CHRISTIANS (SUCH AS BEATINGS, ABDUCTIONS, RAPES, ARRESTS AND FORCED MARRIAGES)**



Thomas Coughlin; Anna Courneya; William Cronin; Helen Curcio-Zeh; Donna Dalton; Reilly Davis; Michael DeLorenzo; Nancy Donohue; Thomas Dunn; Elizabeth Earl; Jerry Earl; Larry Eisen; Lillian Esposito; Rev. John Fanning; Shawn Finneran; Jakob Fiore; Bobby Fischer; Jennifer Florio; Joe Franklin; Jake Gabriel; Jim & Pat Gatens; Kevin Garvey; Matthew Germann; Amy Giuseffi; Dillon Gleason; Erik Godfrey; June Gold; Alex Goodman; Jenna Graham; Robert Green; Karen Hackett; Vic Haring; Josh Harrison; Steven Higgins; Ola Hillar; Dick Hillmann; Dennis Holohan; James Holden; Maggie Horne; Brenda Jansons; Conchita Javier; Cliff Jessup; Carolyn Johnson; Colin Johnston; James Kinsella; Jim Kinsella; Russell Kinsella; Patricia Kirby; Aidan Kokakis; Alfred Kramer; Ron Kramer; Patricia & Ed Krekorian; Kate Labuda; Verdanna Lawrence; Donna Lewis; Rick Lewis; Robert Linzer; Kevin Manto; Patricia Manuli; Diana Martinez; Eileen Maryrose; Timothy Maxwell; Tandy McClung; Paul McCoy; Kerrin McHugh; Maree McKinney; James McMahon; Terry Mills; Mickey Mirra; Dawn Montforte; Liz Moore; Patti Moore; Robert Morris; Brian Mortonson; Jennifer Motillo; Eileen Murphy; Sr. Mary Murray, OP; Sharon Nelson; Margaret Nichols; Carol Niedermeyer; Edward O'Brien; Bob Olcott; Carole O'Neill; Donald Paccione, Sr.; Piper Paddock; Patricia Parish; Victoria Paulding; Florence Penzo; Susan & Janet Peters; Eileen & John Pinsl; Gerry Ragusa; Regina Rahilly; Carolyn Ramsay; Thomas Reinholz; Margie Reno; John Rivera; Vivian Rutherford; Ed Ryan; Sr. Fran, OSC; Sheila Sciuara; Seamus Sexton; Susan Sheridan; Loretta Spordone; Joan Springwalt; Aimee Swift; William Tappan; Gary Texter; Therese Van DeBogart; Louis Vega; Christian Vidale; Frank Velardo; Rita Volpe; Catherine Wanner; Mary Wardell; Alyssa Welsh; William Wetzel; Linda Williams; John Williamson; Chris Wingenter; Christian & Anna Wojtak; John Wolceck; Eugene & Evelyn Young.

**Weekend Masses, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, September 2:**

5:00 PM Joseph Ryan

**Sunday, September 3:**

9:00 AM Shawn White

11:00 AM The Working People of America

**Monday, September 4 - Labor Day Holiday**

\* 9:00 The Working People of the United States

**Tuesday, September 5**

8:00 Emily Motl Dulin

**Wednesday, September 6**

8:00 Bernard DeFranza

**Thursday, September 7**

8:00 Lawrence Rampe, Jr.

**First Fri., Sept. 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Doris Zabelicky

No Mass celebrated on Saturdays

**Weekend Masses, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, September 9:**

5:00 PM Richard Springwaldt

**Sunday, September 10:**

9:00 AM Victims of the "9/11" Terrorist Attacks

11:00 AM Russell Loomis III

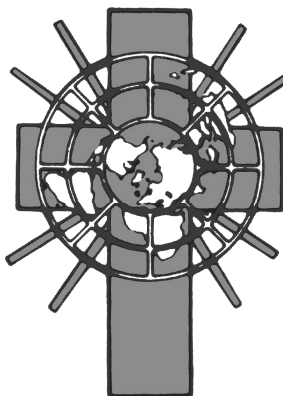
Please pray for all our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives and friends, especially: Brenda Bakker.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Miskit Airth; the Berchtold Family; Connie Brandin; Marie Broccoli; Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC; Frank Caramico; Albert Caravello; Ronald Carr; Thomas Cashman; Elijah Charles; Nicholas Civitano; Coddington Family; Eileen Colgranda; Sylvia Colella; Rocky Collins; Mikie Congemi; Carl Consolo; Donna Consolo; Paula Cornine; Shirley &

**SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES**

This weekend, we will read *Jeremiah 20: 7 to 9;* *Romans 12: 1 & 2;* and *Matthew 16: 21 to 27.* Next Sunday, the Twenty-third in Ordinary Time, our readings will be drawn from *Ezekiel 33: 7 to 9;* *Romans 13: 8 to 10;* and *Matthew 18: 15 to 20.*

**GUEST HOMILIST THIS WEEKEND**



The newly erected diocese of Mandya has an area of 29,000 sq. miles. The number of Catholics is well below 10,000. Yet there are 26 parishes and mission stations looked after by 38 priests. There are 5 houses of men religious and 79 religious sisters in various fields of the apostolate. As you can see from these numbers, the missionary challenge is to reach Catholics in far-flung outposts of a huge geographical area.

These fellow Catholics belong to the Syro-Malabar rite of the Byzantine tradition of the Church which, tradition claims, dates back to the Apostle Thomas. Our visitor is Rev. Soju Vorghese, a member of the Carmelite order, who lives at Sacred Heart parish on Staten Island. We will have an actual second collection (passing the basket twice). Please provide him with our famously generous response.

**LABOR DAY MASS & MESSAGE**

\* Please note the later starting time for Monday's Mass, so that parishioners can enjoy a longer sleep



## Labor Day

and still gather to pray for workers and the economy. Human dignity is God's gift, not a status to be earned. Fundamental rights to work, decent wages, safe working conditions, a voice in decisions and the freedom to choose to join a union do not depend on where you were born. Human dignity and human rights are

not commodities allocated according to where you come from, when you got here or what documents you possess. Basic morality insists the common good should prevail over the pursuit of economic and political interests. *Labor Day* celebrates the work and workers who are at the heart of the holiday. For Catholics, it is an opportunity to recommit to our own work, to treating others justly and to defending the lives, dignity and rights of workers.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Next Sunday, September 10, members of the Holy Name Society are present at the 9 and 11 AM Masses. However, in place of the meeting that usually takes place the following Monday evening, the Society members and their guests will gather for their annual Backyard Barbeque the following Sunday, September 17. THIS Sunday, the members are hosting a Pancake Breakfast for the parish. See the accompanying ad for details. This Sunday, after the 11 AM Mass, is the long-awaited drawing for their Limited Membership Raffle.



### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Sunday, September 3, after 11 AM Mass  
Grand Prize Drawing  
Holy Name Society Limited Membership Raffle*

*Monday, September 4, 9 AM  
Labor Day Workers' Mass*

*Sunday, September 10  
H. N. S. Pancake Breakfast  
Religious Education classes begin for Grade 1*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Children attend Religious Education classes yearly from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Although First Penance and First Holy Communion are traditionally received at age 7, our parish is moving the reception of these sacraments to Third Grade level. In addition, children must be in our program two years before being eligible to receive. Classes for Grades 1 through 6 are held at 10 AM on Sundays. *Children*

also must attend one of the three Sunday Masses. Grades 7 and 8 have an elective program, scheduled course by course. Junior high aged young people must earn 62 points to be considered properly prepared for Confirmation. Each "point" is the equivalent of 90 minutes of class time. Class begins for First Grade on September 10; for Grades 2 through 6 on September 17. Kindergarten begins on the Sunday after Columbus Day. Register new students for any grade after all Masses through the weekend of September 17. *Bring proof of Baptism and, for older children, proof of First Communion.*



**Ave Maria Guild  
RAFFLE  
HAWAIIAN QUILT  
handmade by  
PIZZI TRAVER  
\$ 1. per chance /  
6 for \$ 5.  
Drawing at  
Holiday Crafts Fair**

### COLLECTION REPORT: AUGUST 26 & 27

MASS	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTION
5 PM	75	\$ 984.00
9 AM	141	\$ 1,412.00
11 AM	104	\$ 993.00
<i>Totals</i>	320	\$ 3,389.00

Our attendance fell to the lowest ever for the weekend before Labor Day weekend. The Offertory, not surprisingly, fell to fifth place over six years. The cooler weather did not seem to have a rejuvenating effect on our congregation.

### EXPENDITURES TO AUGUST 27

Altar expenses (various)	\$ 127.00
Groundskeeping	\$ 130.00
Contracted service	\$ 725.00
Charity	\$ 50.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,032.00

### GOOD CAUSES / BAD TIMING

Until last year, there was a collection in early August for the combined needs of Latin American churches and our missionary efforts here in the USA. Your pastor did not notice that this special collection was moved to the second Sunday of September -- just a week after we host the guest speaker from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. No matter how generous our people are -- and you are admirably generous !! -- you cannot be expected to respond to two special collections in two weeks. If you do wish to use the Latin American / Home Mission envelope in your boxed set, thank you; it is completely understandable if you do not wish to do so. We will "tithe" the usual 5 % of next weekend's Offertory to these worthy, but ill-timed, causes.

COVER SHEET

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: We need 60 more Bulletins than usual for Labor Day weekend. After this weekend, we go back to our usual count until Christmas.