

**MASS INTENTIONS
 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday, August 28

5:00pm (Sat. Evening Vigil) Frances Pontorno
 8:00 Joseph David Adinaro
 10:00 Ron Paul
 12:00 Patricia McTernan

Monday, August 29- The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 Josephina & Modestino Gregorio

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 Rose Bertolini

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 Frankie Lorenzo

Thursday, September 1

9:00 David Hallinan

Friday, September 2

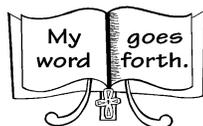
9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Saturday, September 3 – St. Gregory the Great

9:00 David Hallinan

Sunday, September 4

5:00pm (Sat. Evening Vigil) Camilo Jordan
 8:00 Iolando DiNardo
 10:00 Charles & Masina Romeo
 12:00 Vincent Pena



First Reading	Sirach 3:17-29
Second Reading	Hebrews 12:18-24a
Gospel	Luke 14:1-14

RESPONSE

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Students and Teachers returning to School

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom 9:13-18b
 Philemon 9-17
 Luke 14:25-33

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 3rd

5:00pm Fr. DeBellis

Sunday, September 4th

8:00am Fr. Vernon
 10:00am Fr. DeBellis
 12:00noon Fr. Vernon

Thank you for your generosity

Offering

\$8,891

Summer Energy Costs Offering

\$2,002

Please mark your envelope with the amount of your contribution, your name and address, so that we are able to record it for your year-end statement. If you are not a registered Parishioner we will gladly send you a registration form.



The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Shawn Harrison, John Patonovic, Helen Acebal, Madison Frost, Lisa Pitre, Marie Friedel, Doreen Anderson and Carolyn Brimm.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Dawn Ann Margotta.**



Next weekend, September 3rd and 4th, we will collect for our Buildings and Grounds Maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Please mark your calendar! The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 5th. Happy Labor Day to all.

From the Desk of Fr. John

Summer is a fleeting experience but I hope it has afforded you the opportunity for some rest and relaxation. As a new school year approaches, I pray that it will be a blessed one for all of you. I especially look forward to all the children returning to the Religious Education Program. This year, I will join the ranks of catechists and teach one of the Confirmation Classes on Tuesdays.

Of course, as Fall approaches and we return to routines that make us very busy people, I want to share a couple of parish events which may be of interest to you and for which you can hopefully join us.

Year of Mercy Day of Recollection at Don Bosco Retreat Center -

On Saturday, September 17th, parishioners are invited to spend a morning in reflection at the Salesian Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY. Pope Francis has designated this the “Year of Mercy” as a means to reconciling with our Lord and with each other. The morning will be spent listening to two talks by the Salesians and walking the beautiful grounds. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and lunch will be served. For more details and to make your reservation, please pick up a flyer at the church doors or at the Parish Office. Flyers are also available on our website.

A Presentation “The History and Spirituality of the Carmelites” -

On Tuesday, October 4th and Tuesday, October 11th, Fr. Francis Amodio, our weekend associate will lead a discussion on the Carmelites. We all know Fr. Francis to be both humorous and insightful. Join us.

The Blessing of the Animals -

On Sunday, October 2nd, in the tradition of St. Francis who loved all of God’s Creation, we will bless the animals on the church grounds at 1:30pm. Deacon Larry Candarelli will do the honors.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -

The RCIA is for Adults who would like to become members of the Catholic Church and for those adults who would like to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes begin in September and all are invited to call the Parish Office to register.

Senior Group -

With the leadership of Sr. Lisa Carlone of Mt. Saint Francis Convent, we have 8 volunteers who will work on planning a Senior Group here at Holy Spirit. The group will focus on social gatherings and events, weekly meetings, medical and legal assistance. We hope to have the group in place sometime in the Fall. More information will follow in the coming weeks on how you can be part of the group.

Pastor’s Advisory Board -

Over the summer, I have invited a small group of fellow parishioners to be part of a parish advisory board. We will meet occasionally to discuss parish life and make recommendations. We will have our first meeting in the next few weeks. I thank them for graciously accepting my invitation.

Pilgrimage to Italy -

I’m delighted to be leading a group of 26 parishioners and friends to Italy this October. The trip will include visits to Florence, Siena, Assisi, and Rome, which will include a special audience with Pope Francis. While in Italy, I will offer my daily Mass for the needs of the parish.

That’s all for now but enjoy the rest of the fleeting days of Summer... **God Bless.. Fr. John**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING BEGINS



Boys and girls 4th grade and up, we will be starting training for new altar servers on **Tuesday September 20th**. Training will be held for one hour every Tuesday in the church **@5:30PM**.

Please fill out a form available at the church exits, at the Parish office or on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

May God's Blessings be upon the children and families who respond to this very special way of serving the Lord. --Deacon Larry -- 914-736-1342

Midnight Run

Have you had a chance to look at the parish website and decide what you can contribute for our September 30th Midnight Run? There are over 25 items to choose from, everything from backpacks to peanut butter. Just go to the Holy Spirit website and click on the Midnight Run Link. It's as easy as online shopping, and much more meaningful.



GOLF OUTING NEWS

We are looking for more volunteers to help with our Annual Golf Outing/Dinner, Monday, October 3. We need help before and during the event.

Anyone interested in getting involved, please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 7PM in the PAC. All are welcome!

CHOIR NEWS

First through seventh graders are invited to join the **Children's Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m. Adults are also invited to join the **Adult Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Come and get involved! If you have any questions, please call the office and leave a message for Joan, our Music Director. Hope to see you there!

Praise Life! Save lives!

Birthright of Peekskill will be training new volunteers in September. If you can give one morning/afternoon/evening per week in our office to meet women in a crisis pregnancy, please call (914)737-0344.

Religious Education Catechists

There will be a meeting for catechists on Tuesday, August 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. We hope you can join us.

Religious Education

Do you sometimes feel that God is calling you to get more involved? Do you have a desire to share your faith with the next generation of Catholics? If you answered yes, you might just be who we are looking for! Did you know that most catechists do not have a degree in education, theology or religion? Did you know that our catechist's manuals are easy to use and are a tremendous help to all our catechists? They are written to assist those volunteers who have no experience teaching Religious Education. If you think it is your time to get more involved, please call Elizabeth Kogler at 914-734-9243 for more information.

Religious Education classes begin Tuesday, September 6th, Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th. If you haven't yet registered your child, please stop by the Religious Ed Office or download the registration form from the Parish website.

Attention 30- and 40-somethings!

Here's what Catholic in Real Life has in store for you this summer. We hope to see you there!

3rd Annual CiRL Friday Night BBQ

Friday, 9/9/16 at 7pm

Church of the Holy Spirit Rectory Patio

Bring your favorite side dish and/or beverage to share!

RSVP to CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com or

Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life

Remember ...

Jesus gave us a great gift when He created the Sacrament of Confession (John 20:23). He knew we would want to hear the words of absolution to know He forgives us. Remember that no matter what happens, you are just one Confession away from coming home.