

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 20, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Second: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

FOCUS: We are called to bear Christ's merciful image.

The Lord delivers Saul into David's hands, and yet David chooses not to kill but to show mercy. As followers of Christ, we are called to love even our enemies and treat them as we would want them to treat us. We are asked to ignore our natural inclinations toward revenge and recompense, and instead choose forgiveness and generosity – to conform ourselves to Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Even though Saul is delivered into his hands by the Lord, David chooses not to kill him. Paul writes that just as we have borne the image of Adam, we shall also bear the image of Christ. Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies, give to everyone who asks, and be merciful as the Father is merciful.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Timothy Hale, Virginia Trochmyczuk and Clare Costello
10 a.m.: Rosalina & Domingo Rodriguez, Frances Hernandez and Robert Engbers

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 13-20: Totaled \$ 6,650.51
Envelopes: \$ 1,603.00 – Online: \$ 5,047.51
THANK YOU!

SHOPPING LIST

Our busier-than-ever Food Pantry always welcomes donations of unexpired and non-perishable foods – as well as paper and plastic bags suitable for packing groceries.

We could use:

Saltines, Ritz-type and snack crackers
Tuna, chili, Spam, mayo, mac & cheese
Instant oatmeal, granola bars, cereal
Ziti or elbow pasta, peanut butter, jelly
Hot cocoa, coffee, tea

PLEASE, NO CANNED VEGETABLES, BEANS or FRUIT, SOUP, RICE or DRY SPAGHETTI. We are very well-stocked on these items thanks to holiday food drives.

We appreciate all that you do!

A FORGIVEN PERSON FORGIVES



Maybe the reason it seems hard for me to forgive others is that I do not fully believe that I am a forgiven person. If I could fully accept the truth that I am forgiven and do not have to live in guilt or shame, I would really be free. My freedom would allow me to forgive others seventy times seven times

By not forgiving, I chain myself to a desire to get even, thereby losing my freedom. A forgiven person forgives. This is what we proclaim when we pray "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."

This lifelong struggle lies at the heart of the Christian life.

Henri J. Nouwen

1932-1996



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- Cardinal Dolan

VOCATION

(Pope Francis on May 25, 2019)

It is true that the difficulties they experience in their own family can lead many young people to ask whether it is worthwhile to start a new family, to be faithful, to be generous. I can tell you that it certainly is. It is worth your every effort to invest in the family; there you will find the best incentives to mature and the greatest joys to experience and share. Don't let yourselves be robbed of a great love. Don't let yourselves be led astray by those who propose a life of rampant individualism that in the end leads to isolation and the worst sort of loneliness.

If we are indeed convinced that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we can "once more cast out the nets" in the Lord's name, with complete confidence. We can dare, as we should, to tell each young person to ask whether this is the path that they are meant to follow.



UNDERSTANDING THE SYNOD

Pope Francis has called the universal Church to Synod, 2021-2023: "Communion, Participation and Mission."

What is a synod? Simply put, a synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders. "Synodality" refers to the way that these synods make decisions. It is a model that includes listening to a broad range of people and then discussing the issues with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the church.

Pope Francis has said this means not entering the discussion with the idea that there will be "winners" who get their way and "losers" who do not, but leaving agendas at the door, speaking with parrhesia (a Greek word that appears in the New Testament and means "frankness," "boldness" or "courage"), listening humbly and being open to others' ideas.

In theory, no topic is off-limits, and disagreement is welcome. After the discussions, the bishops of the synod draft a document and vote, paragraph by paragraph, to approve it. The pope uses that document to inform his decisions following the synod. It will be useful to you to listen as Cardinal Dolan explains Synod 2021-2023 at www.archny.org/synod and to visit the Vatican Synod website: www.synod.va/en.html

IN THE LOOP



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Parish Musicians are invited to a **Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection** to take place from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The presenter is Fr. Sebastian White, O.P., editor-in-chief of Magnificat magazine. The \$30 registration fee includes lunch. For more info: 914-968-6200 Ext. 8177, liturgy@archny.org or visit www.nyliturgy.org/dayofreflection.



Young men between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to **St. Joseph Day**, a free event March 19 at the seminary to explore the four dimensions of priestly formation. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will celebrate Mass at noon, and the day includes prayer, talks, food trucks and rock climbing. To learn more, visit nypriest.com.



Free **tax-preparation assistance** is available through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way's Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. There are 15 sites in Orange County, including locations in Pine Bush, Montgomery, Middletown and Walden.



Walkkill East Rotary and the Town of Crawford and its Police Department are joining forces to sponsor a **Food Drive** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. next Saturday, February 26. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Crawford Senior and Community Center, 115 Route 302, Pine Bush.

St. Paul's will be one of the pantries to benefit.



The church office will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of **Presidents Day**. Next week is also Winter Break for Religious Education.

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