

August 27, 2017
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5pm . . . SUNDAY 9am, 10:30am

The 12Noon Mass will resume on September 10th.
The 6pm Sunday Mass will no longer be offered.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 26

5pm **Allysa Barberi**; family

SUNDAY 27

9am **Joseph S. Roman**; family

10:30 **Thomas Flynn Sr.**; Flynn & Patterson family

MONDAY 28

8:15 **Mary Conroy**; Pierron family

TUESDAY 29

8:15 **Jack Collins**; Bob & Vivian Allen

WEDNESDAY 30

6pm **Patricia Bailey**; St. Columba Ladies Auxiliary

THURSDAY 31

8:15 **Jack Collins**; John & Nancy Nucifora

FRIDAY 1

8:15 **John C. Bonnici Sr.**

SATURDAY 2

8:15 **Genara Vendrell**; Lillian

5pm **Patrick Bailey & Bob Mascarelli**; Bailey family

SUNDAY 3

9am **Robert Benedict**; Nancy Zimmerman

10:30 **Annalisa Scalia**; family

SECOND COLLECTION

Second collection is for Church & School repairs.

Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:

Vicki Bahamundi, Benjamin Howard, Kelly Petrocelli, Sue Orts, Kyle Petrocelli, Alfonso Dela Cruz, Connie Yacenda, Thomas

Plahovinsak, Carmen Almirol, Danny Mulvey, Cecilia Layson, Mary Bessinger, Laurie Patterson, Terry Bradley, Romeo Dela Cruz, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Lawrence Schall, Andrew Milza, Edgar Labi, Joan Bonomi, Teresa Patruno, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Jack Shea, Patrick Finley, Edward Allen, Dylan Witmer, Carmelo Giorlando, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Monique Lager, Ruth Rivera, Ines Cella, Vilma Rosario, Eddie Calderin, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Susan Zikoyanis, Barbara Williams, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Frank Rich, Br. John Lawrence, Emily Scrobe, Anya Quinn, Kim Salotti, Robert Weis, Alan Wilson, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Larry Higgins, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Donald Maynard, Janet Simonson, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt

Your prayers are requested for those who have died.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Parishioners:

During our new fiscal year beginning September 1, 2017, there will be many projects for which we must count on your generosity. For instance, in the fall we will once again hold our very popular **Designer Handbag Bingo** and come spring our highly successful **Tricky Tray**. These events are successful because of the continued giving of your time, your talents and your generous monetary donation.

For our **Designer Handbag Bingo**, maybe you would like to sponsor a Designer Handbag. You can donate money towards the cost of said bag, or even donate one of the top designer bags of your choice. **Please remember they must be new.** Dooney & Bourke, Coach, Michael Kors, Cole Hann, and Ralph Lauren are just a few of the beautiful bags we had for prizes last year. The same will hold true for Tricky Tray, you can choose to give us gift cards to restaurants, movies, hair and nail salons, stores, etc. to name a few. And money is always a great choice.

The more donated the less Saint Columba must invest. Please consider making a donation to these two worthy causes helping us to meet our budgetary obligations and making a better financial return for our church. It will also afford you two great opportunities to have a fun evening with friends.

Thank you in advance and I ask Our Lord to bless you for your continued support to Saint Columba.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Father John

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

ALTAR CANDLES are burning this week in loving memory of:

Mark Hopkins; req.: Gloria Bilcik

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS ARE BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

RED: Robert Verneau; req: Gloria Bilcik

WHITE: Joanne Palmer; req: family

BLESSED SACRAMENT: Bob & Frank Piliere; req: family



WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD

Saint Michael, please keep them safe.

Rocco Church, Tyler Correa, Alex Davis, Mark Gonzalez, Michael Grasso, Erin Johnson, Alex Kaczor, Kayla Marion Katt, Mark Lawlor, Lauren Lucena, Draven Mena, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Michael Polanski, Anthony Ruiz, Cory Seipp, Ryan Sheehan, Josh Truman, David J. Wiley

9/2 & 3 LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

5pm A. Marrero J. Furey, C. Rodriguez

9am B. Allen M. Burns, E. Hurley

10:30 B. Mutino J. Cassano, R. Tuzio



**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
THIS WEEKEND, AUGUST 26 & 27**

Archdiocese of Changanacherry, Kerala, India.

Father Tomy Joseph will speak at Mass on Aug. 26 & 27 on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith. In Kerala, India there are 3 orphanages which will benefit from this mission appeal.

**CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Please place any last minute "back to school" donations in the food pantry closet.

REQUESTED ITEMS: HARDCOVER COMPOSITION BOOKS
CRAYONS . MARKERS . . PENCILS . . . GLUE STICKS PENS . .
.HIGH LIGHTERS . . LOOSE LEAF 1 1/2" BINDERS

Thank you to all who generously and consistently contribute throughout the year. One of our parishioners volunteers to take the collected (nonperishable) food each week to the Chester Community Food Pantry located in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Chester.

TWO GRAND SERIES . . . WEEK 9 – 08/20/17
#28 James Mortimer and #47 Buzzell family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights meet on the third Monday of the month - 7:30pm.

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS A FUNDRAISER
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When you purchase a Shoprite gift card from Saint Columba, the Church automatically receives a 5% donation. Use your gift card as cash in Shoprite for your weekly shopping. Gift Cards are in the parish office.

**HOSPICE OF ORANGE & SULLIVAN COUNTIES
FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING 2017**

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. Volunteers share skills and interests in a manner that provide comfort and enrich the quality of life for those served. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization, one of which is office support in both Newburgh and Middletown. Once training is complete, volunteers can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside. Hospice also welcome those who are veterans, bilingual and/or Snow Birds.

Training: Wednesdays 10am to 5pm Sept.13, 20, 27, Oct.4, 11, 18, 25 . . . 90 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY 10940

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- Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 1**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education office, closed in August, will reopen on September 6th. The first day of class is September 10th. Please see calendar of important dates attached.

**THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
FEAST DAY: AUGUST 29th**

St. John the Baptist was called by God to be the forerunner of His divine Son. In order to preserve his innocence spotless, and to improve the extraordinary graces which he had received, he was directed by the Holy Ghost to lead an austere and contemplative life in the wilderness, in the continual exercises of devout prayer and penance, from his infancy till he was thirty years of age.

At this age the faithful minister began to discharge his mission. Clothed with the weeds of penance, he announced to all men the obligation they lay under of washing away their iniquities with the tears of sincere compunction; and proclaimed the Messiah, Who was then coming to make His appearance among them. He was received by the people as the true herald of the Most High God, and his voice was, as it were, a trumpet sounding from heaven to summon all men to avert the divine judgments, and to prepare themselves to reap the benefit of the mercy that was offered them.



The tetrarch Herod Antipas having, in defiance of all laws divine and human, married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, who was yet living, St. John the Baptist boldly reprehended the tetrarch and his accomplice for so scandalous an incest and adultery, and Herod, urged on by lust and anger, cast the Saint into prison. About a year later, Herod gave a splendid entertainment to the nobility of Galilee.

Salome, a daughter of Herodias by her lawful husband, pleased Herod by her dancing, insomuch that he promised her to grant whatever she asked. On this, Salome consulted with her mother. Herodias instructed her to demand the death of John the Baptist, and persuaded the young damsel to make it part of her petition that the head of the prisoner should be forthwith brought to her in a dish.

This strange request startled the tyrant himself; he assented, however, and gave the order to behead the Saint and bring his head in a platter and present it to Salome, who delivered it to her mother.

St. Jerome relates that the furious Herodias made it her inhuman pastime to prick the sacred tongue with a hairpin. Thus died the great forerunner of our blessed Saviour, about two years and three months after his entrance upon his public ministry, about a year before the death of Our Lord.

HEALING MASS

The monthly Healing Mass at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will take place on Thursday evening, August 31st at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

"TERESA & THERESE IN ART AND STORY"

Award-winning Artist and Author Bro. Mickey McGrath will share his paintings and the stories behind them on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:30 - 3:30pm at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940. Brother Mickey's work celebrates the deep connections between art, beauty and religious faith. Cost is \$30pp and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Please make your reservation by October 2nd by calling Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.