

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

Sunday, September 10

5:00pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Alan Schadlow
8:00 Anna & Gennaro Pontillo
10:00 Joseph & Marianina DiRubbo
12:00 Thomas McCarthy

Monday, September 11

9:00 Lillian Olecszuk

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Wednesday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom

9:00 Leonard Duskiwicz

Thursday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 Mary Melfi

Friday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 Evelynne Wickrematunge

Saturday, September 16 – St. Cornelius

9:00 Claire Slaight

Sunday, September 17

5:00pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Marion Vogt
8:00 Linda Finnegan
10:00 Catechists of Holy Spirit Parish
12:00 Matthew Carlone

The Sacramental Bread and Wine for the Week of
September 10th was donated in memory of:
Jesus Espitia



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Reading	Romans 13 8-10
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20

RESPONSE

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For all who lost loved ones on September 11th

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT
WEEKEND**

Saturday, September 16th

5:00pm Fr. Francis

Sunday, September 17th

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

Sunday Offering

\$8,816

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

\$1,521

Propagation of the Faith

\$2,520

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: **Grace Vlasaty, John Carlucci, Linda Carlucci, Abigail McSweeney,**

Raymond Rogener and Bob Sorrentino. Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Patrick Sellick and Mary Staltore.**



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Pertelesi, the 50/50 Maintenance Club Winners for the month of August. Thanks to all of you the amount of \$205.00 was shared.



This week, we again commemorate the tragic events of 9/11. We continue to pray for friends and family who lost a loved one 16 years ago.



From the Desk of Fr. John

Hurricane Relief---By now we have all seen the devastation left behind by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and neighboring states. We pray for all those who have been displaced by this monumental storm and for those who lost their lives in it.

As part of our effort to help, I have placed offering boxes at the doors of the church for your donations. They will be left there for the next few weeks. You can place your donation either by check (made out to Holy Spirit Church and marked "hurricane relief") or cash. I will forward all donations to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for helping in a relief effort that is expected to take years to complete.

Little Sisters of the Poor—Thank You - This past week, I received a letter from Sr. Mary John of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Sr. Mary John was here several weeks ago soliciting your help and prayers. In the letter, she thanked us for our generosity which has so far raised \$4,088.00 for the elderly at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx. As always, your generosity comes as no surprise and I thank you.

This weekend, **the Altar Society and the ladies who clean our altar linens** are joining us as a group at the 10am Mass followed by a breakfast for them at the Parish Activity Center. It is our way of saying a big thanks to them for all they do to help keep our church and linens clean.

Youth Ministry—One of the activities that I am looking forward to as we begin another school year is the formation of a Youth Ministry for our parish. With the help of the Pastor's Advisory Group, I will gather some of our young people for some discussion about ideas and hopefully hire a Youth Minister to lead the program and its various activities. We will also encourage our Confirmation candidates to participate. In the meantime, please keep our youth and their families in your prayers.



The Gold Envelope for Debt Reduction—A year ago, September, we began placing a monthly envelope into the mailing packet for the purposes of a donation to debt reduction on the Church. There is no collection for this envelope but parishioners are invited to donate when they wish and as they wish. The monies collected are strictly used to help us more easily meet our quarterly payments.

I am happy to report that for the fiscal year which ended on August 31st, we have received \$36,704. This generous sum represents a quarter of our annual obligation. It has served as an extraordinary help to our accounts and thanks for all the "quiet" and generous support.

Donations to our debt reduction can also be made via Parish Pay, (the online donation program). More information on making a donation to our debt reduction, registering for the parish and/or signing up for Parish Pay is available at the Rectory Office.

Pilgrimage to Ireland and London--The parish is planning a pilgrimage to Ireland and London for next summer. Recently, about 25 people joined me last October for a trip to Central Italy which included the cities of Rome and Florence among others. I was delighted that everyone had a great time. I enjoyed travelling with a wonderful group as we enjoyed the historical sites and delicious meals.



I will have the brochure and all the details for our trip to Ireland and London soon. I hope to host another successful trip and that you will be able to join us.

We welcome back all of our **Religious Education Children** and their families this week.. I wish them all a happy and grace-filled year. If you are new to our program, I look forward to seeing you here on Sunday and at a special meeting with you in the Fall. God Bless... **Fr. John**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Ed Program is looking forward to a great new year. Classes begin on September 12, 13 and 14. The registration form is available on the Parish website or in the Religious Ed Office for anyone who has not yet registered. Questions? Please call Elizabeth Kogler at 914-734-9243.

becoming a catechist

Do you have a desire to share your faith? Our Religious Ed Program is in need of faithful men and women to help the children of our parish know and love Jesus and learn about our Catholic faith. Volunteers are needed for second and sixth grades on Tuesday at 4:30 and fifth and sixth grades on Wednesday at 4:30. We provide Catechist manuals and resources to help you share our faith. Please contact Elizabeth Kogler at 914-734-9243 for more information.

Birthright

Join **Birthright of Peekskill** for a day of music, performers, and guest speakers... pack a lunch and bring the family! On **Saturday, September 16**, they will be hosting their first annual **Festival for Life** at Peekskill's beautiful Riverfront Green from 11 am to 3 pm. So let's celebrate **Life** together!

Birthright of Peekskill is a crisis pregnancy center in downtown Peekskill. They are part of an international organization, inter-denominational, non-political and are devoted to helping mothers, fathers, and their babies. If you know of someone who is pregnant and needs help, please call:

1-800--550-4900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—Classes will soon begin

We would like to invite all adults aged 18 and older who are interested in becoming Catholic or who would like to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation to join us for RCIA.



We have several catechists who teach in the program. Classes meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm in the Parish Activity Center. Classes will begin in the Fall.

If you or some family member or friend you know would like to receive the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office to register for the classes. Candidates will receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.



First through seventh graders are invited to join the **Children's Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Adults are also invited to join the **Adult Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13th 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!

Healing Weekend



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend from October 6 to 8, 2017 at the St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the **loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation**. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Mary Anne at 914-260-5087.

New Altar Servers



We would like to encourage families with 4th and 5th graders to become servers for our parish. The practices will begin September 26th and continue every Tuesday afternoon at 5:30pm for a couple of months. Deacon Larry Candarelli will lead the practices which he has been doing for our parish for many many years.

Forms are available at the church doors and in the Office. Take a moment to fill one out and join us.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS



The Fran Boylan-Holy Spirit Food Pantry has been especially busy over the summer months. We are so grateful to the parishioners of Holy Spirit for the continued support to our pantry. We are especially in need of **tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, juice and cereal.** We would also in need of diapers of any size thanks. Please make sure that the food items have not expired.

The next food distribution dates are Monday, September 18th from 6:30-8:00pm and Wednesday, September 20th from 10:00am- 12:00 noon.

Language of love

Those of us who know and love God must be His voice in our world. We need to speak a language of love that will bring hope and inspire others to live according to God's plan. Spreading God's love is what He wants us to do.

- Growing in Faith

Vacation Bible School



We had an amazing week at Vacation Bible School, Maker Fun Factory, Created by God, Built for a Purpose. While the weather was a little cool for August, it was beautiful. Mrs. Guinta led "Bible Discovery". Our counselors (mostly Confirmation candidates and some high schoolers) led "Snack Factory", "Game Makers", "KidVid Cinema" and "Imagination Station". They all did an incredible job. And all our campers had a fun week. During the week, we learned that God lovingly creates people, that He is always there for us, that He is always with us, that He loves us forever and has plans for us. A special thank you to our twelfth graders who have led activities for the last several years: Peter Andersen, Sal DeDona, Erin McDonald, Gina Moskalik and Trevor Straub. Families joined us for a picnic on the lawn to celebrate the last day. Join us next year for "Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus!"



Church of the Holy Spirit



Golf Outing, Buffet Dinner & Auction

Monday, October 2, 2017

Hollow Brook Golf Club

Oregon Rd., Cortlandt Manor, NY

Join us for Golf, Buffet Dinner and Auction

Or

Buffet Dinner and Auction Only

10:00 am Registration and Brunch

12:00 pm Shotgun Start

5:00 pm Cocktail Hour/Silent Auction

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Door Prizes

Sports Memorabilia Auction



Brunch, Golf & Buffet Dinner—\$200 per person

Dinner Only—\$65 per person

Someone will be available after every Mass to take your Reservation