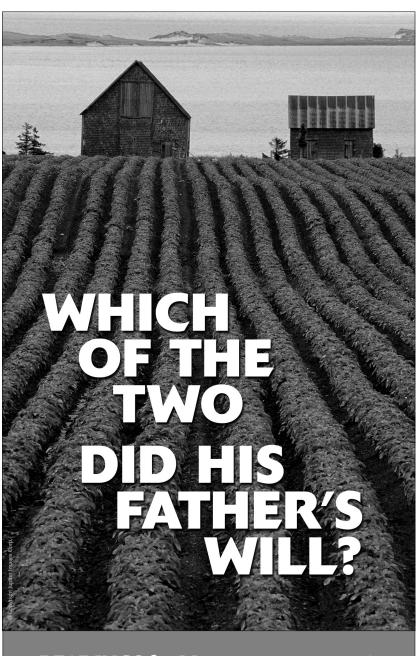
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

September 27, 2020 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM (except Thursday) Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses listed below).

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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ERNIE MIHALYAK

requested by his Family.



Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, September 26 - Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: **Angela Castorina Toce**, *Req. by Danielle*

4:30 PM: **Peter Piscatelli**, **Jr.**, *Req. by Family*

SUNDAY, September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: **Annette Lovegrove**, *Req. by her Family*

9:30 AM: **Harry Graham**, 3rd Anniversary, *Req. by Kathy*

Graham

11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha**, *Req. by his Mother and the Family*

MONDAY, September 28 - Weekday

7:30 AM: Thom Reilly, Req. by Ursula Reilly

TUESDAY, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:30 AM: **Ernie Mihalyak**, *Req. by Pat & Family*

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

THURSDAY, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM: No Mass

FIRST FRIDAY, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels 7:30 AM: John A. Golub, Req. by OLOV Parishioners

SATURDAY, October 3 - Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: Deceased Members of the Vidali and Tarini

Family, *Reg. by Cathy*

4:30 PM: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Santilli, Req. by Diane

and Tom Coleman

SUNDAY, October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Mark LoRusso, Reg. by the Boyne Family

9:30 AM: **Diena and Peter Schwickert**, Req. by Family

11:00 AM: **James Roumeles**, *Req. by Family*

Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)

Adoration takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass. Social distancing and masks are required as we strive to keep people safe.



Future Endeavors

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,



livestreaming of the Mass and other events in the church and could also

be used by Religious Education and other activities that take place in the hall. Even if COVID never came about, this really makes sense, in our present age, as an evangelization method to reach out to anyone who wishes to connect with us.

I'm pleased to let you know that our parishioner and Altar Server, Robbie Vets, has chosen as his Eagle Scout project to install the memorial bricks that were at the flagpole on Jones Hill Road. The bricks will be installed in the shape of a cross as they previously were, and will be at the Our Lady of Victory statue in the oval, outside the main entrance of the church. Unfortunately, we didn't take a picture of the bricks before they were removed, so you most likely will find that your brick will be in a different location than it had been previously and it will have new neighbors. Robbie looks to have this project completed in the not too distant future.

Don't forget the Blessing of Animals on October 4 at 1pm: pet owners and pet lovers are welcome to attend. Have a great week.

Sign Up to Attend Mass

Masses are reaching capacity and walkins may not be allowed to enter. The link to sign up can be found here:

Website: Go to www.olov.org

- At top of page, click on "September Sign ups"
- At the far left, click on SignUpGenius.com
- Click on the Mass you want to attend
- Then, at the bottom, click on "Submit."
- Put in your name and email and click "Sign

Up Now" then you're all set!

Facebook: @olov.westhavenct Or, call the rectory by Noon on Friday:

(203) 934-6357

Last week I wrote about the sale of the property on Jones Hill Road and what the sale brought to us financially. This week I want to share another way that this sale is benefiting us: If we were to still have the unoccupied property, it would cost us \$5,350 per month, on average, in utilities, insurance, security and routine maintenance -- or a total of \$64,200 per year. That doesn't include winter heating, snow removal and unexpected expenses. This savings is a big benefit for us.

I, as with anyone who moves into a new home, have learned more about my new "digs" as time has moved forward. One project I will have to tackle in the Spring is the replacement of the sliding doors in the rectory: all of the door casements are rotted. Currently, all of the sliding doors are permanently screwed shut because they don't lock properly. One of the doors is in the rectory living room and the others are in the two rooms that open onto the "green courtyard" by the church. In addition, the doors by this courtyard are part of a single unit that includes a large window on each side that will have to be replaced. Because of the pandemic, I'm waiting until the Spring to tackle this project with the hope that it will be safe, or safer, to have workers in the house. I really look forward to being able to have fresh air in the rectory instead of all of the "hot air" that presently fills the place.

We are also looking into expanding the Wi-Fi accessibility to the church and parish hall. Having greater Wi-Fi access will help with the



Welcome to our Parish Family:

Olivia Jean Cuomo

We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen and Peter Alonso, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Frank Consorte, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Karen Cronan, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, Albert DeLucia, Frank Dini Jr., DeNigris Family, Patti Dowling, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Geraldine, Patty Gigola, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Judy Florio, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Julianna, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Angelo Nista, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, Jim Raymond, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Rose Santilli, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack & Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terasi Sr., Anthony Terrasi, Jr., Jessie Terrasi, Doris Worrell

In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

John Lorenzo, Jr., Tim Garrison, The Victims of the Coronavirus

Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

Jeffrey Batres, USMC Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby Pfc Teagan Fransen, USMC SPEC Giovanni Gigola Airman Gabriella Gigola Airman Aaron Butner Airman Sean Hufcut E3 Lexi Ronan, USN E5 Ryan Ronan, USN Pvt. Christopher Miller **SPC** Alexander Capuras E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton ıst Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse

Our Monthly Parish Devotion for September:

Our Lady of Sorrows

May we always comfort our Mother in her sorrows as she always shares and strengthens us in ours.

Prayer to our Lady of Sorrows

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His Passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example and stand by all of your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Courage

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

We often think of the word "courage" as the act of a person that is extraordinary and beyond the expectations of others. Recently, we commemorated the events of September 11, 2001 and the attack on our country. Great acts of courage were shown from the first responders, police, firefighters, and the passengers on the planes

who gave their lives to prevent horrific acts that day. We think of the medical responders now during this pandemic, exposing themselves and their families to give medical care to the sick and dying and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There is also the courage of our family members who are

serving to protect our nation and the people of other countries. The list goes on and on. These are heroes who place the lives of others above their own. We owe them enormous gratitude for their sacrifice.

Courage, however, doesn't always entail putting one's life on the line. It also includes stepping out of our comfort zone and doing something that is different from other people's expectations: the person with a life of substance abuse who finally emerges to turn a new page and stay clean from alcohol or drugs, or the person who has a violent temper and seeks professional help to safeguard the people they love. These are examples of courage and heroism which do not get much recognition. They are unsung heroes who move away from past behavior to start anew.

The prophet Ezekiel talks about a very subtle courage, but nonetheless, very important change in a person's life. A person who turns away from their wickedness and seeks God's help. How many of us are burdened by a repetitive sin and can never seem to escape it? It takes courage to turn to God to seek forgiveness and free us from its hold. Jesus uses the "Parable of the Sons in the Vineyard" to tell us of the courage to do as

God asks and to follow through with our promise. That takes courage, also. The son who says "yes" to the father's request, but does not follow through, is weak. The other son is obedient to the father and receives his reward for the courage to do as he promised.

St. Paul's letter from Philippians, Chapter 2, is entitled "Imitating Christ's Humility." Courage takes humility, to be obedient to things we

must do. St. Paul and the early disciples showed humility and courage in proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ. All the early disciples made themselves vulnerable to criticism and even physical abuse. However, they took the example of Christ. As St. Paul describes Jesus, He was humble and obedient. Even

though Jesus is God, He never regarded being God, but only an obedient son doing the will of the father.

Our life is God's gift to us. We can do as we wish and never acknowledge God as our Father and Jesus as our Redeemer. However, through humility and courage, we can become obedient sons and daughters by turning to God, by loving Him through our love of others. Then we too can share equally in the rewards of Eternal Life promised through the Resurrection of Christ.



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As religious education classes get underway— sort of! — we're looking for the following donations to keep everyone safe:

- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes
- Paper towels
- Disposable masks
- Disinfecting spray

If you are in a position to donate any of these items, please leave your donations in the back of the church.

Thank you!



2020 Mass Memorials Available

You may book Mass intentions for the remainder of the year by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday AM Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

Weekends:

Vigil, 4:30 pm - 11/14 8:00 am - 12/27 9:30 am - 11/22, 11/29, 12/20, 12/27 11:00 am - 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

December 8, Holy Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

7:30 am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm

Weekdays at 7:30 am:

September: 25, 30

Oct.: 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 30,31 November: 2,4,6,7,9,10,13,14,16,18,21,24,25,28 Dec.: 2,4,5,7,12,14,15,16,18,19,21,22,23,28, 29,30

Sanctuary Candle:

Week of 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6

Social Justice Committee is Looking for Help!

Drivers Needed

The Social Justice Committee would like to acknowledge the work of so many during this pandemic, specifically those who have been feeding the hungry in so many ways under the awesome direction of Deacon Dean.

Now, here's where you can help:

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR TWO ON-GOING EVENTS:

1. Taking food to seniors who cannot get out, every other Saturday morning at 10:00. You would sign up for the Saturday that you can do it. The more drivers, the less often you work.

 Picking up salvaged food from Cumberland Farms on Monday mornings, or possibly other mornings.
 Again, the more drivers we have, the less often you are scheduled.

Call Deacon Dean: (203) 521-0199

Sunday's Readings: Sept. 27

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ... How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others

(Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]). **Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you

(Matthew 21:28-32).

Annual Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm

You and your pet are invited to our Blessing of Animals in honor of the

feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing will take place on the oval outside the main entrance of the church. Bring your cat, dog, llama, goldfish, hamster, iguana or other animal but please, all animals must be leashed or caged and all humans must wear a mask and keep socially distant. Everyone is invited even if you don't have a pet and are just a pet-lover.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

September 27, 2020
"Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee"
The 106th World Day of Migrants and
Refugees will take place on September 27. The
chosen theme for this year's celebration is
"Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee." It will focus on
the pastoral care of displaced persons inspired by
the document "Pastoral Orientation on Internally Displaced People," which is published by the
Vatican. With the title "Like Jesus Christ, Forced
to Flee," Pope Francis urges us this year to discover the reality of internally displaced people.

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This week, we focus on the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. In our Catholic tradition, work is more than just a way to make a living; work is one of the ways we participate in the ongoing work of creation in our world. Those who are responsible for the employment of people have a special responsibility to make decisions that uphold the dignity and safety of workers and their rights.

Those rights include being able to earn fair wages, to have productive work, and to have a say in decisions that affect them, including the right to organize. Under this principle fall issues such as living wages, fair hiring practices, availability of job training/skills, discrepancy in employment for women and minorities, and job availability for thriving not just surviving.

Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

Free Tables and Chairs

Due to the move to our new location, we have extra tables and chairs that we no longer need. If you would like some of these items, please call the Rectory Office. The following are available:

- Wooden round table 5ft. diameter: Qty. 10
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- Metal folding chairs: Qty. 60

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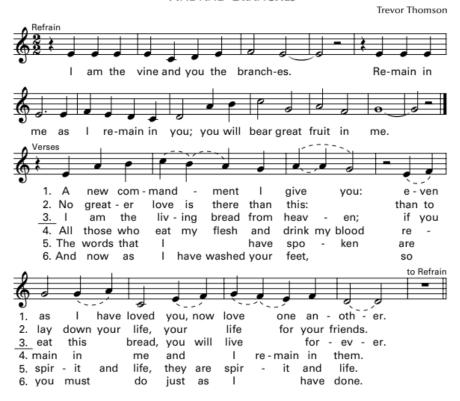
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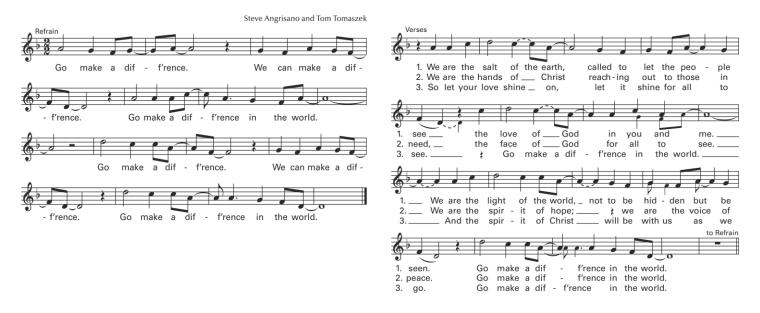
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