

September 2, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Rev. Anthony Columba Ekanem, MSP:

Monday, September 3, 2018, the memorial of St Gregory the Great, is also a public holiday in the United States of America and Canada. It is an annual national holiday set aside to celebrate the achievements of workers since 1894 even though it has been commercialized to an extent.

For a lot of people – Labor Day has two things: “ A day off from work and “ An end of summer vacation.

Labor Day has its origin in the Labor Union Movement specially the 84 day Movement, which advocated

“ 8 hours for work, “ 8 hours for recreation “ 8 hours for rest.

Tomorrow, we pay tribute to those hardworking men and women in our society and pray for all the unemployed that they may find gainful work. We pray also for those who lack job skills that they need that they may receive necessary training and for all those who do more than one job to make ends meet for their family. We pray too for those who intentionally work so many hours to the detriment of family relationship and even their health in our society that they gain that the balance that is essential to a whole human person. Tomorrow’s Mass schedule (8:15 am and 12:05 pm) remains the same. Please invite your family and friends to come and pray for blessing as we begin a new month.

Since LABOR DAY marks the end of summer vacation and begins the regular parish and school activities, we as a parish community need to come together and plan our parish affair together. Please mark your calendar for our first Parish Pastoral Council Meeting coming up on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Just as we have already done two training sessions for those interested in serving as extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors, we are also looking forward to organizing workshop for our Altar Servers, the Ushers and other ministries.

All the three readings today tie in with one another about ritual cleanness and that of the heart. Moses urges the people to be faithful to the God’s law, while St James tells us the essential link between faith in God and love that we may not pay lip service to our God and neighbor as we see in the Gospel but with a sincere heart and with a depth of commitment show true love.

**Donors Plaque for the Renew+ Rebuild Campaign:**

The names on the plaque are currently being engraved and should be completed soon. They have promised us it would be here very soon. Thank you again to all our donors.

**Collection:** The collection for last Sunday, August 26, 2018 was \$ 2954.

**Second collection:** Church Property Insurance for last Sunday was \$887.00

**Our 2018 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal Update**

**Pledged: \$27,842 (68% of goal)**

**Goal: \$41,000 (We need \$13,158 to reach our goal!)**

**Families/Parishioners Participating Today: 100 – Our Goal: 194**

***Now is the time to make your pledge TODAY!***

**Today’s Focus: Using What We Have:**

*throughout our history, the Church has experienced a tension between faith and actions. Rather than viewing this tension, however, we truly follow Christ when they are united.*

**Living and Praying with the world:**

Lord, you teach us your ways in the commandments, in the Beatitudes, through Church teaching, and in those who make you known by doing justice. Give us your mind and heart to see you in all people we meet. Help them find Christ’s eyes in ours.

The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team

Invites you to our Upper Counties Conference, Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10:00AM - 5:00PM, at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D,

Garrison, NY. Doors open 9:00AM. Fee is \$25 a person (includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and conference). Theme: *Lord Deliver Me!*

Speakers: Fr. Vincent Druding, "Deliverance Ministry: The Why And How Of It"; Fr. Chris Argano, "Discernment Of Spirits: To Protect Ourselves"; Ryan Young of Camp Veritas, "How Do We Live In The Spirit In A Hostile World?". Please visit website for more detail, flyer, and registration: CatholicCharismaticNY.org or call (845)223-5653, no later than September 16, 2018.

**Food Collection:** This Sunday September 2, 2018 we will have monthly food collection for needed in our community. Please remember we only collect non perishable items. Once again thank you for your generosity.

**Monday September 3, 2018 is Labor Day: the Rectory office will be closed**

***Our religious Education Program is on Saturday mornings from 9:20 am to 11:00 am.***

**September 2018:**

8th: **Orientation 9:00 am~** Religious Education Classes Begin- 9:30 am –11:00 am

15th: Religious Education Classes –9:20-11:00 am

22th: Religious Education Classes –9:20-11:00 am

29th: Religious Education Classes –9:20-11:00 am

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**September 2, 2018 to September 9, 2018**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm**

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday September 2, 2018:**

7:30 am-For the Parishioners

9:00 am-Milagros Payano

Alina Payano

11:00 am-Manuel Tome

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

**Monday September 3, 2018:**

12:05 pm- Beatrice Zambrosky

William Zambrosky

**Tuesday September 4, 2018:**

8:15 am- Rose Kunny

Family

12:05 pm– Cesar Dominici

Marta Vega

**Wednesday September 5, 2018:**

12:05 pm– Cesar Dominici

Marta Vega

**Thursday September 6, 2018:**

12:05 pm– John Brennan

Maureen Brennan

7:00 pm-Legion of Mary

**First Friday September 7, 2018:**

7:00 pm– Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday September 8, 2018:**

12:05 pm-Victoria Reyes

Family

5:00 pm-Rita Navarro

Carmen Navarro

**Sunday September 9, 2018:**

7:30-For the Parishioners

9:00-David Estevaniz

Maria Neto & Family

11:00-Richard Duarte

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

**Parish Membership:** All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the office of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.