

THIS WEEK AT

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## MASSES

### SUNDAY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH - 7:00 & 10:30AM

PARISH CHURCH - 9:00, 10:15, 11:30AM,

12:45 and 7:00PM

### SATURDAY MASS VIGIL:

PARISH CHURCH - 5:00PM

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### CONFESSIONS:

SHRINE CHURCH - Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

### DAILY MASSES:

#### SHRINE CHURCH

6:30 & 9:00AM Monday ~ Friday

9:00AM ~ Saturday

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

### A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

Today's Readings: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a (Worship Pgs.1181)

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM**  
JULIAN ALFONSO

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
PEGGY TIMONEY

**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
HEHIR & LOVETT FAMILIES

**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
ANTHONY V. PALMIOTTO, JR.

**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
DENIS WALSH

**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO

**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
MARIA CANIVEL

**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
MARIA A. SANTOS

**MONDAY**

6:30 AM SR. ACHILLA S. Sp. S.  
9:00 AM JULIA DOLAN

**TUESDAY**

6:30 AM REGINALD MAIORANO  
9:00 AM ROBERT ANNESI

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 AM ANTHONY GADLER  
9:00 AM MARY & EDWARD FUHRAM

**THURSDAY**

6:30 AM JOHN & MARION ZAMBRI  
9:00 AM LODOVICO POGGIOLI

**FRIDAY**

6:30 AM JANE & BILL LYNCH  
9:00 AM IN THANKSGIVING TO  
ST. MICHAEL & THE ANGELS

**SATURDAY**

9:00 AM ANTHONY J. CUPO  
5:00 PM MARY LaMOTTA & VENERINA TRAPANI

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
ROSINA D' AGOSTINO

**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
VERONICA BLAINE

**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
FRANCES & JEFF BROUSSARD

**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
CONSUELO, JASON & MATTHEW SHRAGA

**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO

**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
JERRY DiCOLANDREA

**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
EMMY LYON

3<sup>rd</sup> Nils Erickson & Jenny Francisco  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pierre Senat & Stacey Guignard  
Vincent Costa & Christine Knauer  
1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Simini & Alyssa Caputo

*Community News*

**ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL POCKETBOOK BINGO**

St. Anthony School in Nanuet will host a "Pocketbook Bingo", on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the School Gym at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm). Designer bags – Vera Bradley, Coach, Furla, Michael Kors, Kate Spade. \$40 for 10 Bingo cards with 20 chances to win, raffles (grand prize – Tory Burch), 50/50 and door prizes. Bring your own appetizers and beverages. For tickets call Sue at 845-624-5542 or remit to EVENTBRITE: <https://stanthonymbingo2017.eventbrite.com>

**BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY  
RUMMAGE SALE 2017**

A **RUMMAGE SALE** sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality of St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet will be held from 2pm to 6:30pm on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and from 9am to 2pm on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the St. Anthony's School Cafeteria. A **BAKE SALE** will also be held. Anyone wishing to donate items, in **GOOD USABLE CONDITION**, may do so from 11:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria. **CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO FURNITURE OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMPUTERS, KEYBOARDS, RADIOS OR TELEVISIONS -PLEASE. NO USED STUFFED ANIMALS.** No drop offs at the rectory. A donation receipt is available upon request. Questions: contact Diane Hennessy - 623-3939.

**ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH MINISTRY**

Any student in grades 8 thru 12 who are interested in joining and all current members please go to St. Anthony's Parish website and register by click on the flocknote link on the top of the home page. For further information please contact us at [st.anthonys.yg@gmail.com](mailto:st.anthonys.yg@gmail.com).

**COFFEE AFTER MASS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

Coffee, tea and more will be served after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by St. Anthony's Seniors. All parishioners are welcome.

**ST. ANTHONY'S MEN'S CLUB**

To the most valued by those who most value our faith! Let's create a strong fellowship between us and others. Come, join and be part of the parish's "**Men's Club**". If interested in joining please contact Deacon Ray Masbad.



I thank you for your consistently generous response to “Renew and Rebuild”. (Please see the “Renew and Rebuild” update in this bulletin.) *We are well on the way to surpassing our goal!*

We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima in our Parish Family! *We will celebrate a Mass on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 7:30PM in the Parish Church!* This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparition of our Lady at Fatima. We will pray a Rosary for world peace after the Mass!

With Prayer and Deep Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

**TITHING NEWS:** Last week our collection totaled \$19,955.50. Last year our collection totaled \$19,708.00. Thank you!

### **RENEW + REBUILD UPDATE**

We are continuing the capital campaign, **Renew + Rebuild**, here at St. Anthony’s. It will help with several needed Parish projects and the needs of the Archdiocese. *The Cardinal’s Appeal is incorporated into this campaign for this year.*

So far **84 families** have contributed with pledges totaling almost **\$1,400,000.00**. Our average gift is over 3,000.00 per year over a 5 year period. Most families should have received their packet. We have a benchmark of reaching \$1.5 Million by October 1<sup>st</sup> which is approximately 75% of goal. Then, we move on to the final phase of the campaign. Please consider turning in your pledge in the next several days to help reach the October 1<sup>st</sup> milestone. This can be left at the Parish, mailed to Renew and Rebuild at the Archdiocese or you can make a pledge online at [RenewRebuild.org](http://RenewRebuild.org). **Again, I thank you for the generous outpouring in the recent weeks.**

Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Jerry

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### **ST. ANTHONY’S MASS IN HONOR OF THE THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF FÁTIMA**

On October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Church we will be having a Mass in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fátima. Please join us for this special Mass celebrating Our Lady of Fatima.

Rosary for world peace will follow the Mass.

**BAPTISMS:** First and Fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Instructions for parents of children to be Baptized must be arranged with the Priests of the Parish. Only instructed Catholics should be invited as Godparents. A copy of the child’s birth certificate and sponsor certificates for the Godparents are required when you meet with the priest.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Shrine Church.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months before the marriage takes place.

**SICK CALLS:** Any time. Do not neglect to call a priest to a person seriously ill (while the person is conscious, if possible).

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** Each First Friday 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**NOVENAS:** To St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass; Miraculous Medal: Monday at 8PM in the Shrine Church.

**HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION:** on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

#### **SOCIETIES:**

**BLESSED MOTHER’S SODALITY:** Meeting on Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

**SHRINE TO THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY’S** - A Shrine to the Unborn is installed in St. Anthony’s Shrine Church. The centerpiece of the shrine is an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A Book of Life is enshrined there. Those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, through stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion, or of a child who lived for just a short time, may have his or her name inscribed in the Book. If you wish to have an unborn child included; applications are available at St. Anthony’s Church office 623-2138 between 8:30am & 3:30pm. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

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**TODAY:** **SECOND COLLECTION** will be for Evangelization.  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
**JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.  
**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** at 5:15pm in the Shrine Church Hall.

**MONDAY:** **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**TUESDAY:** **NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY** following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.  
**HOLY HOUR** from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.  
**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.  
**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 8<sup>th</sup> year students ~ sign-in before 6:20pm (doors will be lock at 6:20pm).

**WEDNESDAY:** **NO SENIOR CLUB MEETING.**  
**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.  
**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

**THURSDAY:** **BIBLE STUDY** from 10:00- 11:00am in the Rectory.

**SATURDAY:** **P.R.E.P. Classes** for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.  
**CONFESSIONS** from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** **SECOND COLLECTION** will be for St. Joseph's Seminary.  
**COFFEE AFTER MASS** after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses in the Shrine Basement sponsored by Seniors.  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
**JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

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**PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1**

<b>SCHEDULE:</b>		<b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>	
<b><u>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</u></b>		<b><u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1</u></b>	
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	4:30 -5:30PM FR. JERRY FR. RONELO	SHRINE CHURCH	7:00AM FR. JOE
		PARISH CHURCH	9:00AM FR. JERRY
		PARISH CHURCH	10:15AM FR. RONELO
<b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>		SHRINE CHURCH	10:30AM FR. JOE
PARISH CHURCH	5:00PM FR. CRESUS	PARISH CHURCH	11:30AM FR. ED
		PARISH CHURCH	12:45PM FR. ED
		PARISH CHURCH	7:00PM FR. CRESUS

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**ROCKLAND COUNTY BLUE MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> AT NOON HOSTED BY ST. AEDAN CHURCH**

The Blue Mass is an opportunity for the entire community to show gratitude to our first responders and their families. All responders, active and retired, are asked to wear their dress uniforms or other apparel identifying their service. A Blue Mass is a special celebration which the Catholic Church offers for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel. The color blue refers to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services. Similar to the Red Mass, the service honors those who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving as first responders.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Our 21st prayer vigil for life will begin Sept. 27 at 3 pm on PUBLIC property on Perlman Drive in Spring Valley. It will run for 40 consecutive days. Please take one hour and be a prayerful witness for LIFE. For information call 845-492-6709 or email [rachelminister1@aol.com](mailto:rachelminister1@aol.com)

**THE 25TH ANNUAL ROCKLAND LIFE CHAIN RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY -- OCT. 1**

Come join the Christian community of Rockland standing in peaceful, prayerful solidarity in defense of the unborn. We'll be at the intersection of Route 59 & Middletown Rd in Nanuet from 2 to 3:30 pm.

**ST. ANTHONY PREP [Parish Religious Education Program]**

If your child is entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in September 2017, please remember to register him/her in Religious Education. IF YOU ARE REGISTERING A NEW STUDENT, you must register IN PERSON at the Religious Education Office please send us an email to [prepfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:prepfamilies@gmail.com) to set up an appointment. The PREP Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

<b><u>REGISTRATION FEE</u></b>	<b>after June 15, 2017</b>
One [1] child	\$175.00
Two [2] children	\$245.00
Three [3] or more children	\$285.00

Sacramental Fees: First Penance & First Eucharist \$50.00  
Confirmation \$90.00

All families must be registered members of St. Anthony's Parish. Weekly Mass attendance at St. Anthony's with your child is a requirement. Parents/Guardians are the best and primary educators in their children's Catholic faith journey.

**ALL NEW REGISTRANTS MUST BRING:**

- Baptismal Certificate** [unless baptized at St. Anthony's]. No registration is processed without it.
- For 3rd grade registrants and up, First Communion and First Penance records.** Please contact your previous parish and request them to forward us your records directly.
- For 2nd grade registrants and up, record of prior religious ed. program or Catholic school.** Please contact your previous parish and request them to forward us your records directly.
- If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office [624-2230] and leave a message.**

**THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SPARKILL *SPEAKER SERIES***

The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill invite you and your parishioners to an upcoming lecture on spirituality. This is the first in a new, ongoing *Speaker Series* being held at Dominican Convent in Sparkill, NY. On **September 28, Dr. Elizabeth A. Dreyer** (professor, author and lecturer) will present on the topic "*A Deeper Look at Incarnation: A Foundation of the Christian Story*". This event is free, but guests do need to register. Registration required: online at [sparkill.org/events](http://sparkill.org/events) or call 845-359-4136

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF HUDSON VALLEY**

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend from October 6 to 8, 2017, at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, New York. 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 or registration, please call Mary Anne at 914-260-5087 or Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or email to [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org).

**NIGHTFEVER NYC ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

**Nightfever NYC is coming back to St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday November 18, 2017.** On this night, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at [nightfevernyc@gmail.com](mailto:nightfevernyc@gmail.com).

**ARCHCARE (THE CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK)**

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about: Housing for seniors and disabled persons, Access to healthcare, Health-related legal and financial issues, Dementia care, Transportation options, Caregiver support groups, Food and nutrition, Volunteer opportunities. Call ArchCare. We'll Answer. ArchCare Care Navigation Center 855-951-CARE (TTY/TDD): 711). Our Care Navigator are here to help you from 8:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

"The Rockland County Chapter of the Knights of Columbus invite you to join them at their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at The View in Piermont. This year the Knights are proud to honor His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan our Archbishop and an outspoken supporter of our Church and its principles. All profits realized from the Ball go to local Catholic charities. The cost is \$120 per person. Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. To reserve seats, please contact Bernard Listwan, Chapter Treasurer, at (845) 357-5940. If you wish more information about the Knights and their workings or feel that you can and wish to show your personal support to the Cardinal by taking an ad in their Journal, please feel free to contact Charles Gardella, Chapter Chairman, at (845) 634-9381. Ads run from \$150 for an 8x10 gold page to \$45 for a quarter page. Any and all assistance is appreciated."

**PARISH PAY/LPI**

If you are interested in a new way to electronically contribute each week to St. Anthony's, you can sign-up with this new program. You may do so by visiting our website at [www.thechurchofstanthony.com](http://www.thechurchofstanthony.com) or calling 1-866-PARISH1 or LPI's number 1-800-950-9952 and dial 1 for "We Share Customer Support".

**NY ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team invites you to our Annual Conference - 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10:00AM - 5:00PM, at Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th Street, New York, NY. Doors open 9:00AM. Fee is \$10 per person (includes continental breakfast and conference). Theme: Looking Back....Moving Forward!! Please join us to proclaim the Word and how God has worked in our lives. Tom Mangan, National Service Committee, will be keynote speaker. Jimmy Archer, Board Member of The Ark and The Dove, will present an overview, and Marybeth Greene of LAMP Catholic Ministries will give a Duquesne Weekend witness. Praise Music by Steve Leaden and The Voice of Praise, and Closing Liturgy Celebrant will be Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of NY. Please visit website for more detail, flyer, and registration: CatholicCharismaticNY.org or call (845)223-5653, no later than October 3.

**CAPUCHIN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES RETREAT**

**TEENS: You know that longing in your heart?...you were created with it; that insatiable need to connect?...you were born with it.** What exactly is it, and what can you do about it? Come on Day By Day Agape Retreat and find out. Real teens giving real talks about real life and real love, supported and assisted by adult team and Friars. Great music, food and fun social breaks. Teen Girls: No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, satisfy your deepest longing, 7pm Oct. 6 through 5pm Oct 8, 2017. Cost \$140. pp for materials, meals & lodging. All paperwork & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline, by Oct. 3; Deduct \$10 for Early Bird must be received by Sep. 27. For more info visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) or give us a call. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Is someone you know thinking about becoming a Catholic? Baptized in another denomination? Not baptized yet? St. Anthony's is currently holding information sessions on the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] process for those thinking about joining our parish. Please call Barbara Peters at (845)598-1136 if you are interested.

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**OPEN HOUSE:** On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., St. Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting an Open House for prospective students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys) and their families to gain more information concerning St. Joseph Regional, its programs & the people who make up the SJR community. SJR students will provide tours (beginning at 11:15 a.m. & 12:15 pm) and guests will have the opportunity to speak with SJR faculty, administrators & parents. For more information & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or register at [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org).

**PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Paramus Catholic High School cordially invites 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 1:00-4:00pm and Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> form 7:00-9:00pm. The School is located at 425 Paramus Rd. Paramus NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext.104.

**THORPE VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR**

The Senior Citizens, residing at Thorpe Village on Route 340 in Sparkill, have scheduled their annual Craft Fair for the benefit of the South Orangetown Ambulance Corps and the Sparkill Fire Department. The Fair will be held on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am until 3:00pm. All the proceeds raised at the event will be divided between the two groups. Featured will be hand-crafted items, home baked goods, special raffle prizes, children's prizes and lots more! All are welcome.

**H.A.N.D.S. (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors)**

H.A.N.D.S. sponsors a **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S. who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The next meeting are October 4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S also now has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City. For further information please contact Ann Carucci at 634-6706.

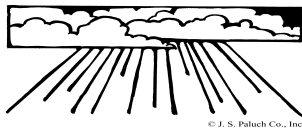
**PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK**

**SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN** Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, we can benefit from a conversation with an experienced professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective. Our parish can make a connection for you through the archdiocese's PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK. Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor in Rockland County or anyplace in the archdiocese for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session. Tell Father that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the appointment desk on your behalf and then you can call and arrange your first visit.

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 24, 2017**



Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b