

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*

— Sirach 28:2

### FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$2,892.00	\$1,893.00
Number of Families contributing	104	63
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (37 Weeks)	\$123,630.00	\$130,981.00
Received to Date	\$116,810.56	\$98,537.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,819.44	\$32,443.80

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$214.00	\$9,564.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$7,541.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,163.59

Two people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$90.00	\$7,946.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

27 **CHILDREN** contributed \$125.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$170.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 265 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 225.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A very old lady looked in the mirror one morning. She had three remaining hairs on her head, and being a positive soul, she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she braided her three hairs, and she had a great day.

Some days later, looking in the mirror one morning, preparing for her day, she saw that she only had two hairs remaining. "Hmm, two hairs...I fancy a center parting today." She duly parted her two hairs, and as ever, she had a great day.

A week or so later, she saw that she had just one hair left on her head. "One hair huh...," she mused, "I know a pony-tail will be perfect." And again she had a great day.

The next morning she looked in the mirror. She was completely bald. "Finally bald huh," she said to herself, "How wonderful! I won't have to waste time doing my hair anymore."

*This tells you to always look for the positive side in things. A positive outlook, more positive events, makes a person much happier. So why hurt yourself and your sense of happiness by looking for what is wrong. It is much easier finding wrong than right, but what is the point?*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jack Michael and Jodi in thanks for York on her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Jack Suedle Carroll in loving memory of him on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. the Family of Little John Riley in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
4. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks.

### PADRE PIO'S FIVE RULES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Weekly Confession.
2. Daily Communion.
3. Spiritual reading.
4. Meditation.
5. Examination of conscience.

**FALL ADORATION** Adoration will be Mondays thru Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Religious Education Classes begin this week. It is very important and essential that all children attend class on their appointed day. *Please see bulletin cover for class days.*

**SILENT SMILE** Silence is the best way to avoid many problems. Smile is the powerful tool to solve many problems. So have a silent smile always.

## THINKERS

Positive thinkers have a **solution** for every **problem**.  
Negative thinkers have a **problem** for every **solution**.  
Stay positive.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Jim grabbed his plate and walked up to the party buffet for the fourth time. "Aren't you embarrassed to go back for so many helpings?" asked his wife.**

**"Not a bit," Jim replied. "I keep telling them it's for you."**

## BE CAREFUL

*Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out,  
You just may have to eat them again someday.*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. Januarius  
**Wednesday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions;  
**Thursday:** St. Matthew  
**Friday:** Autumn begins  
**Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** Funeral.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
**Wednesday:** For Patrick Lewis Riley on his 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl Carroll on her Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Mary Lisa McNally on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Susie McNally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

## SANCTUARY

Whenever I'm feeling troubled,  
When the trails of life press in,  
When my spirit's overburdened  
With real or imagined sin,  
I seek out a sanctuary.

There, alone in contemplation  
I recall a passage dear,  
From the psalms or from the gospels  
And I feel God's presence near.

Then the solace, the strength and courage,  
Blessings from God above,  
Fill my being with contentment,  
In the knowledge of His love.

And as I abide in patience,  
All my cares just drift away,  
And with spirit cleansed and quickened,  
I can turn to face life's fray.

## READERS

**Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Mary Rita &  
Ann T.

**Sun. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Theresa Maria Cat &  
Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina &  
Natalie

**Sun. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Theresa Maria Cat &  
Jimmy Joseph

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Julie Ann
Tuesday	Ann T.
Wednesday	Christina
Thursday	Natalie
Friday	Fallon

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**  
Front  
Left Cup

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Bridget Ann  
Winnie Ann

## Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Ann Rita

## IF YOU

**If you really want to do something:  
You'll find a way.  
If you really don't:  
You'll find an excuse.**

## RUMORS

Are carried by *HATERS*  
Spread by *FOOLS*;  
And accepted by *IDIOTS*.

## ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

## PRAYER TO ST. ROCH

Dear Medicant pilgrim, you once took care of sufferers from the plague and were always ready to help others by kind service and fervent prayers. You yourself had no home and you died in a dungeon. No wonder countless invalids have confidently invoked your help. Please grant a cure to (name of the sufferer), and help us all become spiritually healthy. Amen.