

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

*Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.*  
 — Romans 12:2

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,445.00	\$2,104.00
Number of Families contributing	92	66
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (35 Weeks)	\$116,630.00	\$123,605.00
Received to Date	\$109,740.56	\$92,592.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,889.44	\$31,012.80

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2017</b>
\$314.00	\$9,045.00

Twenty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT**

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$7,366.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,338.59

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

**HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2017</b>
\$300.00	\$7,586.00

Seven people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$10.00.

**27 CHILDREN** contributed \$266.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$62.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 90.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

One day a man asked a monk to give him spiritual direction. To impress the monk, the man gave a lengthy recital of all his accomplishments — his university degrees, his great importance in the business world, his many volunteer activities.

As the man talked, the monk began to fill a teacup with water. The water reached the rim of the cup, and the monk kept pouring, until the water spilled onto the table. The man said, "Stop, the cup will hold no more water!" The monk answered, "Neither can I teach you anything. You are too full of yourself now. Come back when you have some room for God."

**NO ROOM FOR GOD**

Isn't that also our problem? No room for God. Not that we do not want to listen to God. We would not be at Mass right now if we did not want to listen to God. But, from every side, we are bombarded. Our attention drawn this way and that way.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. The Family of Jack Costello in loving memory of him on the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Matt Jason, Dayna and Gunner in thanks for their baby girl Latin;
3. and Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CLARKE**

*Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is Fr. Clarke's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*

*St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish*

*Fr. Clarke a very, very, very*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**LEGION GROUP MEETINGS** will resume on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. It is important that all members attend these meetings.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** will be held in the Old Church this Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for the *Catholic University of America*. Please be generous in this very important collection.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart, Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Anthony; a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Roch and St. Philomena; a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph; and four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** Each year Our Lady of Peace School awards a special scholarship, the Saint Mary and Joseph Scholarship, based on meeting the requirements of the award. This year we awarded only two SMJ Scholarships. One was awarded to a family whose students attended OLP last year, had good grades, displayed self-discipline, and had a good attendance record. That scholarship was awarded to the family of Derek and Leah Gorman. Their sons, Ethan (grade 6) and Gryphen (grade 1) exemplify these standards. They are the grandsons of Michelle and Jimmy Gorman and Catherine Ann and Patsy Gorman. Ethan was on the AB honor roll both third and fourth quarters as well as for his final grade in every subject at the end of fifth grade. His grades for Spanish and Religion were especially impressive with a 100 average the third quarter, and a 99 average in US history for the fourth quarter. With grades such as these, it is easy to see why he was on the AB honor roll. Gryphen completed Kindergarten with Excellent as his final grade in many of the listed skills, especially in Math and Language. He also made excellent progress in the listed personal skills. The second scholarship is awarded to a family new to OLP School. That scholarship was awarded to the family of Jack and Ashton Carroll, whose son Johnny Duke is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. His grandparents are Rose Theresa and Mike Carroll and Mary Bridget and John Duke Carroll. We welcome Johnny Duke to OLP School.

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**

One day at a time — this is enough.

Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone;  
 And do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come.  
 Live in the present,  
 and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.

**GRUDGE**

*Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; it makes you bitter.  
 Forgiving doesn't make you weak, it sets you free.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Thinking no one is home, a robber breaks into a house, only to find the frightened owners in bed watching TV. "What's your name?" he says menacingly to the wife at gunpoint. "E-E-Elizabeth," she says. "This is your lucky day," he says. "I can't shoot anyone named Elizabeth because that was my dear mother's name." "My name's Harry," said the man. "But everyone calls me Elizabeth."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Labor Day  
**Friday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Saturday:** St. Peter Claver

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack Costello on the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.  
**Wednesday:** For Brett Pole McNally on his 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For Ansley on her Birthday.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Jeanette Riley on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Mary Martha & Sable	<b>Sun. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b> Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph
<b>Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Christina & Julie Ann	<b>Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b> Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	Julie Ann
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christina
<b>Thursday</b>	Natalie
<b>Friday</b>	Fallon

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b> Front Left Cup	<b>September 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
<b><u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u></b>	
<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b> Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	Mary Cat
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pete Man's Nora
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Thursday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Friday</b>	Ann Rita

**A CHRISTIAN IS:**

A mind through which Christ thinks.  
 A voice through which Christ speaks.  
 A heart through which Christ loves.  
 A hand through which Christ helps.

**INTERESTING THINGS**

- The happiest people don't have the best of everything, ***they just make the best of Every Thing.***
- Happiness in your life depends upon ***the quality of your thoughts.***
- Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, ***but it will surely add life to your years.***

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**PRAYER OF SELF-OFFERING TO GOD**

***Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me. I surrender it all to You to be disposed of accordingly to Your Will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.***