

Sep 13th, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# SAINT MARY'S

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

#### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

#### Adoration

Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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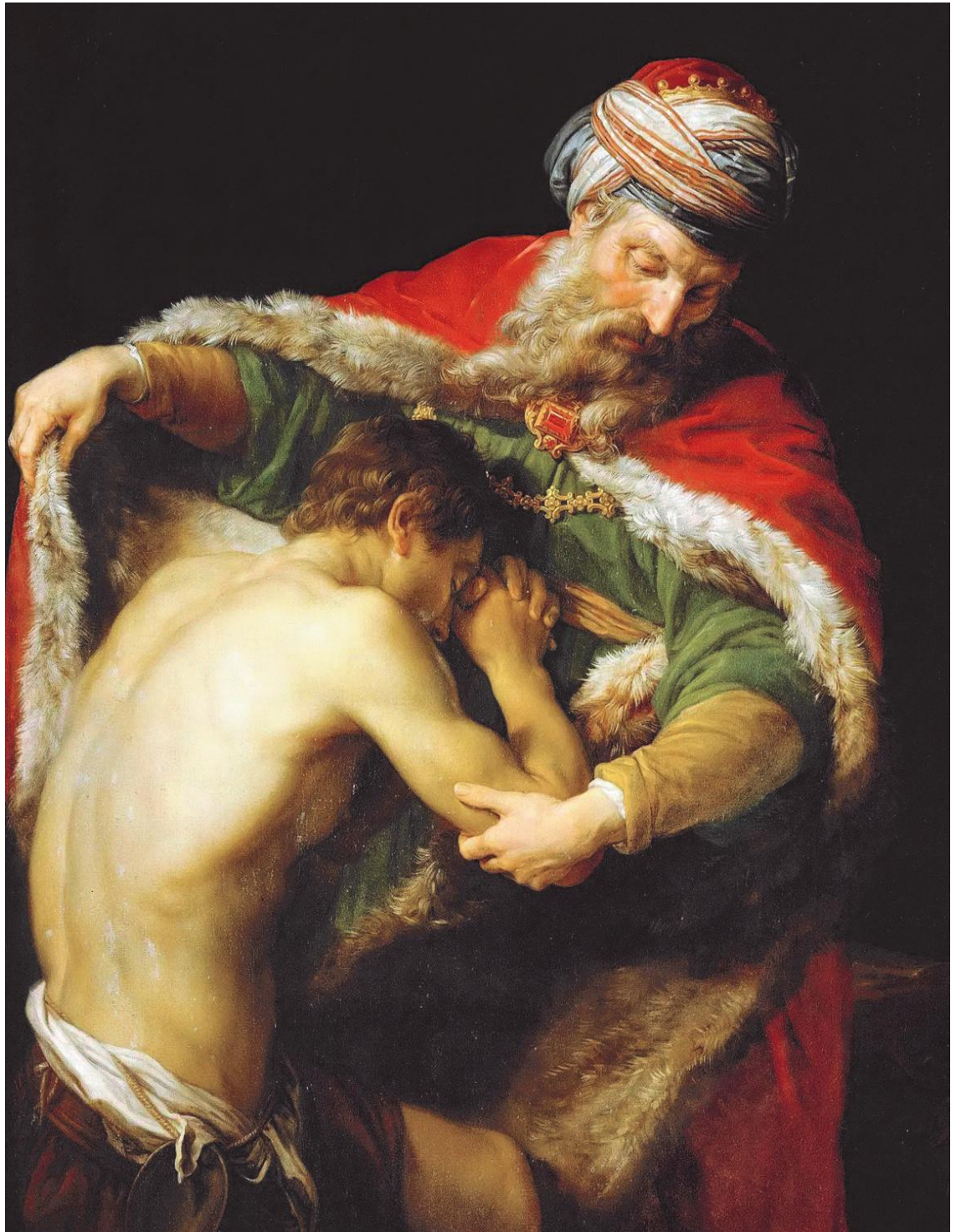
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*Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times..."*



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, September 15**

5:30 pm John Dziewior

By: Andrea Bires

**Wednesday, September 16**

8:30 am † Gene Delmore

By: Betty Delmore

**Thursday, September 17**

8:30 am † Francis Honish

By: Terri Donnelly

**Friday, September 18**

8:30 am V. Bellock & N. DeMarte

By: Anna Bellock

**Saturday, September 19**

7:00 pm Leo & Jeanette Crowley

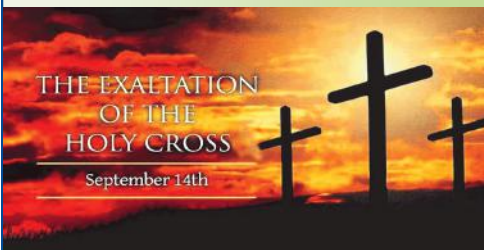
By: Family

**Sunday, September 20**

9:00 am † Mary & Ed Scully

By: Judy & Steve Scott

1:00 pm The Parishioner Mass



## Upcoming Events

**Ladies Flower Night!**

Sept 17th at 6:30 pm

**R.C.I.A Classes Begin**

Sept 20th at 10:30 am

**Religious Ed Classes Begin**

Sept 23th at 7:00 pm

**Cemetery Council Meeting**

Oct 6th at 6:30 pm

**Parish Finance Council**

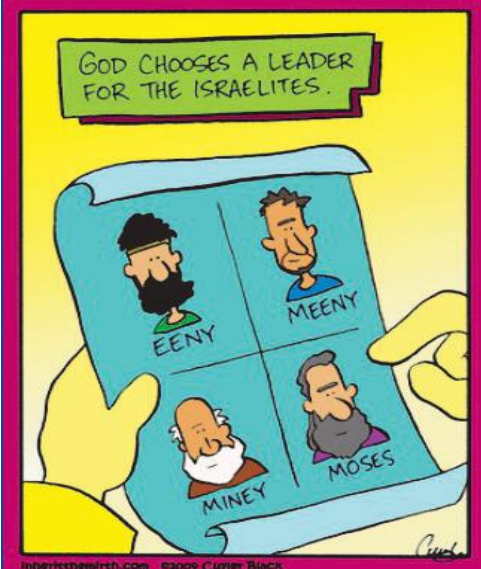
Oct 13th at 6:30 pm

**Fr. Clayton on Vacation**

Oct 19th - 30th

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Nov 10th at 6:30 pm



## Within the Word - 7 X 77 times = as many as it takes

Growing sweet corn is hard...I hate to admit it but earlier this year I wanted to experience raising a small crop of corn. I had ambitions to start a 'small' garden style, above ground 'crop of corn.' I know, this already sounds weird. And boy was I in for a learning curve. My hope was to plant a few varieties of sweet corn, watch them grow, study and observe; and discover which type was the biggest, sweetest, and what grew the fastest. These were things I had in mind. I spent some of my stimulus money, buying and building 'raised beds,' (most in 5 gallon buckets, & no they didn't work) with the hope that I'd experience what some gardeners and farmers do; as Tim M. sang, "watching them corn pop in rows." Surprisingly, I had learned a lot, especially the fact that growing corn isn't as easy as it looks. Its difficult. Matter of fact, from the 70 plus seedlings I grew and raised, most of them didn't get past 4 feet, several grew 6' plus, all but one stalk produced two cobs of corn -which weren't very impressive. See picture:



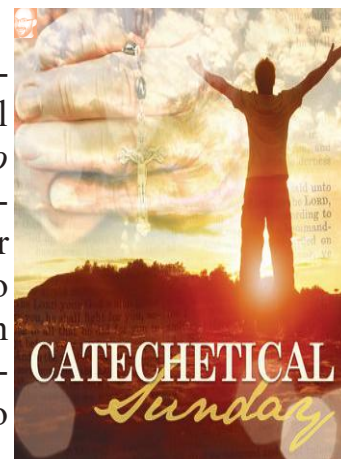
So I grew 2 shabby cobs of corn, from one stalk, and ironically from the one that miraculously grew inside Mary's Garden. So who knows...Among other things, It is undeniable, that I do not have a green thumb...I have a black thumb. Hence, why I stick with motors, Harleys and Mopars; I am a grease monkey through and through...Also, I think Mary was trying to tell me something, and that is, I should leave the corn growing to the farmers in town. In short, I thought to give it a try, but I've learned (and now understand) that growing corn is hard. Don't bother growing sweet corn in 5 gallon buckets with Miracle grow...It will grow fast & tall, & then stall and wilt; because it can't hold the moisture. It's why none of my efforts payed off, and I failed to produce any corn/cobs. I've learned an expensive lesson...& that being... 'Keep it the ground,' as my buddy Jim tells me -you were right Jim!

Folks, this Sunday's parable is about God's Mercy, which is one of the greatest divine attributes we've access too; it is one of the many universal truths. God is all powerful, God is all knowing, He is all merciful...In life, nothing but pure mercy, out of compassion can cancel out a debt like deep sin; like the one referred to in this story. Just look at how powerful it is for a person to receive a pardon.? Google Alice Marie Johnson story. A woman sentenced for life, without parole for drug trafficking and fraud. Now these are very serious federal offenses, be she didn't directly commit any of them. She was an accessory. A bit extreme? life without parole? Another example is the Cross; how God dying on the cross in such a way, canceled out all our sins. We need to be reconciled, yes, we need absolution & the process of getting rid of sins, but Jesus' death on the cross is our mercy.

Jesus words further call us to be merciful to others as we've received mercy. Divine Mercy is so much deeper than general forgiveness; it sees deep into the heart of the other, and embraces them. To end, Peter has a problem with forgiveness, (to Jews, you weren't expected to grant mercy) as Jesus makes a generous suggestion of forgiving a person seven times, only to be astounding with Christ's response to forgive a person seventy-seven times seven. (Meaning infinitely) Try it, you might find it most liberating & a joy filled thing to do...

## Catechetical Sunday 2020!!

September 20th Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 20th. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists - most importantly parents - will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith & being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Pray for our Teachers!!



Where's Father Clayton? Can you find him? He's hiding around here somewhere...and no it's not at the 1 pm mass or the wedding... Good luck : P



## St. Mary's Prayer List:

Mildred Blank, Vinnie Bellock, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helen Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Leo Schneider, George & Geri Smith, Rosalee Verette, William Zenk; those who are sick, unemployed, in any need & all the families who are suffering from CoVid-19.

AND pray for Unity!



## PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

HEAVENLY FATHER, may saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your Wisdom and Word are eternal, meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. We are all your children. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members, into eternal life with you.

AMEN.



## FALL LADIES FLOWER NIGHT!

Please join us Thursday, **September 17th @ 6:30 pm**, to put together flower arrangements for the church for the Fall season.



Refreshments will be provided! Feel free to bring a snack to share!!

## Fatima MOVIE in Portage!

Friends, a well anticipated movie, called "Fatima," is being played this weekend, at the Portage Theater, till next weekend. Now there are several movies on Fatima, most are Hollywoodized, but this movie has been endorsed by the Shrine of Fatima, Portugal, as well as by Pope Francis. Please consider Googling and looking up this movie; there are folks going to the theater, and folks live streaming it online. Either way it's a wonderful "TRUE" story about God's love and mercy and the incredible intercessory love of the Blessed Virgin Mother. GO SEE IT!!

## St. Mary's Religious Ed!

Families, we're planning on having Religious Ed at St. Mary's. Please email or contact the parish office or our Religious Ed coordinator Sandy Madland; to sign up & register your child. Classes start **September 30th at 7pm**, with orientation, safe environment and registration the week before, **September 23rd at 7 pm**. Classrooms will be spaced out & placed safely, so we can maintain social distancing and learning, along with providing masks & sanitation (just like upstairs)

Sandy's contact is **608-393-2515**,  
**lynndellldairy@frontier.com**



## Financial Stewardship

September 6, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2160.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$7.00
Offertory.....	\$900.00
Holy Day.....	\$30.00
Utilities.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles	\$91.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,208.00</b>

**Weekly Budget \$2,548.07**

(163 registered families)

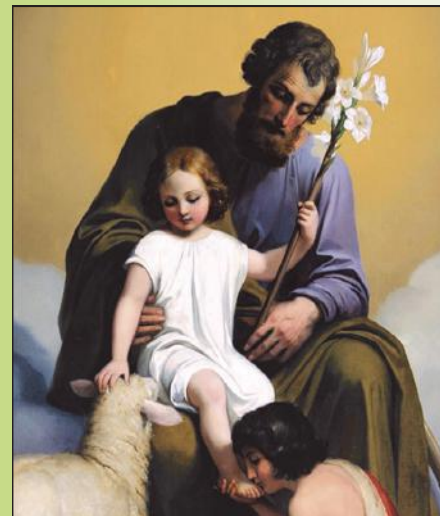
Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$25,481.33
Contributed	\$27,295.35

## Time to Go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when examples of fatherhood are so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish family during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph Pray for us!



## Floor Project

Parishioners Goal: \$75,000  
Total Received: \$68,325  
Percent of Goal received: 91.10%

## Annual Appeal

Goal: \$14,380  
Total Pledged & Received: \$14,380.00  
Percent of Goal pledged: 100%

## Where's Fr. Clayton?

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22nd Sunday - Page 3 Right Side  
21st Sunday - Page 1 Middle  
20th Sunday - Page 2 Upper Right



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