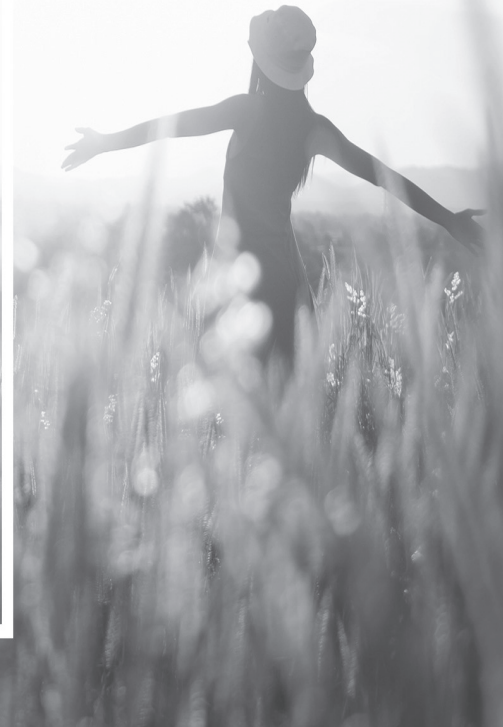


25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# GENEROSITY

"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Lord's Day:**

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

**Weekday:**

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM  
(No Mass on Wednesday)

**First Friday:**

9:00 AM

**Confessions:**

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF September 23 & 24, 2017

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. September 23 - Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - George J. Ridick, Jr. (28th Ann.) - Family

Sun. September 24 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Michael Sulminski - Family

11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

Monday, September 25

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Mar-  
yann & George Gagne - Family

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 AM Special Intentions for the  
Adair Family - Family

Sat. September 30 - Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - John B. McAdam Sr. & Thomas P. Vassar Sr. - Family

Sun. October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM - Special Intentions for Prisca & Robert Yawluí

11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. *But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.*



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
**Agapito Berrios.** Memorial Hospital: **None Listed.**  
UMass. Campus: **None Listed.**

Please pray for Daniel Kachadorian who is actively serving in the Army, stationed in Afghanistan



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

**Saturday, September 30**

Lector: Christina Marotta

Commentator: Mary Ellen Bohdiewicz

Altar Server: Kristopher Curnin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon & Eileen Kaminski

**Sunday, October 1**

Lector: Daniel Fullen

Commentator: Patricia Reardon

Altar Servers: Noah Sulminski & Tony Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Catherine Darenbourg, Jo Luikey, Jean Doiron, Alma Sheehan, Elaine Halpin, Ben Sulminski

**Books for the Bazaar**

Once again we are asking for donations of books for our Christmas Bazaar. We appreciate your generosity. We are accepting books published after 1999 and please NO Textbooks. We also will need puzzles, movies and CD's.

There is a box outside the elevator to leave donated items.

Thank you and God Bless!

# BINGO

September 29, 2017

Team # 4— Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen, Sonny Collins

## The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

## Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:

Jo Luikey & Lynn Lorusso

\*\*Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin\*\*

## Blessing of the Animals

This year's Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 1st at 1pm** on the terrace in front of the church. The format will include prayers, scripture readings, music and treats for the pets and their people. Each pet will be blessed individually and presented with a St. Francis of Assisi medal. All are welcome!

## Spaghetti Dinner

Come one Come all!!! We'll be having a Spaghetti Supper on October 7 in the parish hall. It will start after the 4pm Mass. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. There will be entertainment, 50/50 raffle and other raffles. This is being held to raise money for the meals our parish serves at the Mustard Seed. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the meals please see Mike Buffone.

Tickets on sale beginning September 17th, adults \$5.00, children age 6-10 - \$3.00.

We are also looking for **donations for the raffles**. If you would like to donate a gift certificate or a basket please call Jo Luikey 508-450-0478 or you can drop it off at the rectory by September 21st.

Thank you in advance for supporting this event.

## Bingo Appreciation Luncheon

We invite anyone who works at our Bingo Ministry to join us for a delicious lunch at Wrights Chicken Farm on Sunday, October 8th. We will leave the church parking lot immediately following Mass. Please sign up on the sheet on the table near the elevator so we have a count by October 1st.



Thank **HANKS!** you to all the people who helped make our Chicken Barbeque a success! The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful!

# Fall Happenings

## September 23rd

Parish Luau Dinner & Dance  
5-8pm

## September 26th

Cursillo Meeting  
9:30am

## October 1st

Blessing of the Animals  
1pm

## Catholic Schools Collection

This weekend the second Collection will be for Catholic Schools. If you would like your donation to benefit one of the schools that our parishioners attend, please be sure to indicate either St. Stephen or St. Mary or St. Joseph's on your envelope. Unless otherwise specified, these funds raised will benefit the Central Catholic School within the diocese.

Thank you for your support of our Catholic Schools!

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 17 2017

Current Expenses \$12.00, Religious Education Collection \$22.00, Collection for Hurricane Harvey \$773.00, Sunday Offering \$1807.00

Many thanks to all of you who send in your weekly contributions to the parish even when you are away on vacation. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship at this time of year. While people go away for periods of time, the bills keep showing up!