



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021



**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**SATURDAYS AT 5PM**  
**SUNDAYS AT 8AM & 10:30AM**

**DAILY MASSES:**  
**MON, TUES, WED, \* , FRI &**  
**SAT AT 8AM**

**\*COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
**THUR AT 8AM**

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**SATURDAYS 3:30 - 4:30PM**

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 11**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish  
 5:00pm: Giorgio Santi  
 Rosemary Casey Brundage

**Sunday, September 12**

8:00am: Margaret Vena  
 10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

**Monday, September 13**

8:00am: Dominick Sidari

**Tuesday, September 14**

8:00am: Frank Dachs  
 Abelardo Quilet

**Wednesday, September 15**

8:00am: Dr. Thomas W. Tully

**Thursday, September 16**

8:00am: Peter Marra  
 Mr. & Mrs. Strubbe

**Friday, September 17**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

**Saturday, September 18**

8:00am: Dr. Thomas W. Tully  
 5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

**Sunday, September 19**

8:00am: Otto Cortesi  
 10:30am: Gaspare DeLuca  
 Elzbieta Roza Rdzka  
 Silvo Nudo



MASS		LECTOR
Saturday, September 18	5:00 PM	Celeste Moresco
Sunday, September 19	8:00 AM	Angie Nutter
Sunday, September 19	10:30 AM	Kay Elli
Saturday, September 25	5:00 PM	Steve Hauer
Sunday, September 26	8:00 AM	Bryan Green
Sunday, September 26	10:30 AM	Cheryl O'Hare



## Father Mike's Homiletter – September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Scripture:** Isaiah 50:4c-9a; Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

This weekend we remember the almost 3000 people who died on September 11, 2001 for no reason other than hatred. There will be a lot of reflection on the national impact and meaning of the day. For some, the United States was humbled before the world; for others, we deserved the world's sympathy. For all that, the relatively few men who planned, facilitated, and carried out the attacks got nothing of any real value for themselves: no money, no admiration, no constructive change in the world order. They did terrify the world: it froze in place for a time, then resumed operating, with multiple procedures designed to prevent future attacks of a similar nature and a determined confidence in the future.

Twenty years on, we still take off our shoes at the airport (thanks to an imaginative but inept traveler who tried to hide explosives in his sneakers), we submit to a full body scan (thanks to another traveler who could be referred to as the “underwear bomber”), and accept other limits on our activities (thanks to general fear) in order to board an airplane. Such is the effect of hate.

The actions of our attackers have not had any positive effect on the world: they have not fostered any additional respect for Islam as a faith, but rather brought it into some disrepute in many quarters. They have not achieved any additional international respect for the nations they represent. They have changed travel from an exciting adventure to a dreaded chore. But amid all the talk-show discussions, we should also remember the impact of their hate on individuals: almost 3000 families lost a beloved member, in some cases more than one. Parents, children, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, beloved friends and colleagues - all died for no reason on a beautiful, otherwise “normal” Tuesday morning. No more summer barbecues, Christmas dinners, birthday cakes and candles, fireside chats, baseball games, or Saturday chores. Suddenly, people were widowed, single parents, orphans, childless. In some cases, it was weeks before they knew for sure what had happened to them – it took a long, uncertain, hope-against-hope time before their new reality became a certainty. Others were traumatized and changed forever by being caught in the horror. All these people needed our prayers then, and need them now. The pain of their loss may fade and become tolerable, but it does not go away. Hate can do so much harm – for no gain.

Yet for us, amid the hate, there were those who responded out of love: people who helped others escape or comforted those for whom there was no escape; first responders who rushed into the maelstrom to save everyone they could; the air passengers who refused to be used for more killing, even though it meant their own deaths; an outpouring of generosity and volunteer effort to provide closure, and to replace the rubble produced by hatred with memorials of love and admiration. All these people fulfilled St. James' challenge to demonstrate their faith by their works.

God can draw good from evil, but that is a difficult lesson to absorb. Jesus begins to instruct His disciples in that hard truth in today's Gospel, and Peter, who has just gotten 100% on Jesus' pop quiz when He asks who the disciples say He is, strikes out on this issue – Peter tries to steer Jesus away from the negative message. He doesn't yet see the possibility of good amid evil. I wonder if Peter is trying to protect the other disciples from the image of an unpleasant future or trying to protect Jesus against the loss of disciples who can't accept the negative message. But Peter was only human – his horizons would broaden, but he wasn't there quite yet. Jesus had more work to do to bring His disciples to a fuller understanding of His mission: He was the Suffering Servant Isaiah describes and He would be with His disciples, and all of us, amid the hatred, drawing out the love, for all time. Even now.

Peace!

Father Mike

# CORKS & FORKS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you all well and healthy! As you know, we had to cancel Corks & Forks last year due to the Covid crisis, but we were hoping that this year we could pick up the tradition again. A date has been booked with Bella Via, Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

However, with the new Delta variant intruding in our daily existence, I would like to check with the congregation to see what the feelings are about proceeding.

The concept for this year would differ from previous years: rather than having a walk-around wine tasting and a buffet-style dinner, we were considering a sit-down wine tasting dinner. I am suggesting a three or four course meal, each course accompanied by one or two wines. This way you could book a table with friends and family, be seated with people you are comfortable with, while still enjoying the camaraderie of our wonderful parish community. We would also restrict this event to immunized individuals or require a recent covid test.

We would like to hear back from you to determine if there is enough interest in this concept to proceed. We don't need a firm commitment at this time, just an indication of your sentiments towards this event. We are looking for a **"show of hands"** from all of you to gauge interest in planning this year's event. Your response is very important. **Please email Natalie Hennigan at the parish office [nhennigan@icparish.org](mailto:nhennigan@icparish.org) to let us know if you may be interested.**

Thank you very much and God bless!

Hans van Overbeek

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## Food for Thought...

We are all healers who can reach out and offer health, and we are all patients in constant need of help.

- Henri Nouwen



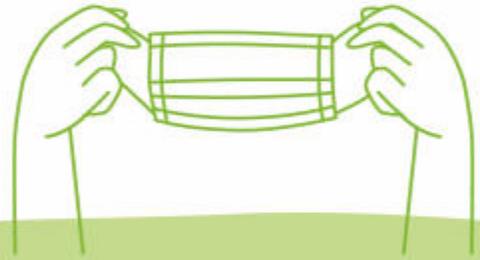
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Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15  
Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00

Please contact Barb at [Prepoffice@icparish.org](mailto:Prepoffice@icparish.org) if you are interested and available in joining our team by serving as a catechist or substitute.

THANK YOU!

## Please Use Face Masks Indoors Regardless of Vaccination Status

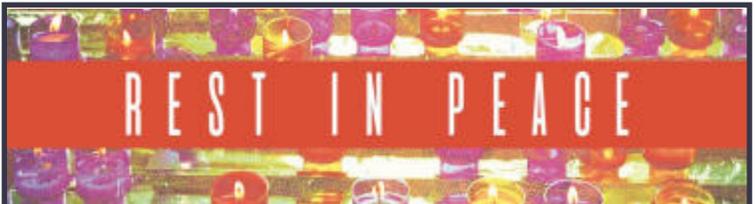


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Funeral Mass Monday, September 13, 2021 10am  
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**When: Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Attendance on both Saturdays is required.**

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Bottom row left to right: Betty Colacicco, Ann Geraci, —???

Does anyone know the names of the two ladies that are not identified???? We would love to find out can you help us.