

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY

246 Dodd St. corner Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

SEPTEMBER 1st, 2019

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Served by:**  
**Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer**  
*Pastor*  
**Rev. Charles M. Kelly**  
*Priest in Residence*  
**Rev. Vincent Sebastine**  
*Priest in Residence*  
**Rev. Mr. Leo Woodruff**  
*Deacon*  
**George Henderson**  
*Music Director*  
**Marilyn Spesak**  
*Parish Secretary*

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:

Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday in the Chapel

### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Rectory for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every First Friday of the month, 7PM-12AM in Church.

### SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest 1 year in advance of the wedding date.

### MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Rectory.

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We invite new parishioners to register at the Rectory. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the secretary.

### Parish Website:

[www.hnjeo.org](http://www.hnjeo.org)

**(Improvements in Process!)**

RECTORY AND PARISH CENTER: 184 MIDLAND AVENUE, EO, NJ 07017

Parish Center Hours - Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Rectory and Parish Center Phone:** 973-675-4444

**CCD Emergency Phone:** 201- 953-5077

**Protecting God's Children Victim Assistance Coordinator:** 201-407-3256

**E-mail:** [coholyname@verizon.net](mailto:coholyname@verizon.net)

**Social Services:** 1-800-227-7413

# YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE

Humility is a virtue that has become misunderstood and somewhat trampled upon in modern culture. Some in our society tend to label a lack of humility as confidence. Others see any hint of bravado or pride in one's abilities as distasteful or pompous. The extreme positions can easily encourage people to gravitate to a position of feeling less than or more than others around them. Neither position is healthy, and God does not call us to either form of humility. God calls us to a humility where we understand that who we are and what we have is a blessing from Him and that He is God and we are not.

There is a theme one can notice in some Evangelical and Catholic circles of seeing ourselves as so lowly that we have little value outside of God. This denies the fact that God created us in His image and in a fearful and wonderful manner. The value of every human life is profound, and there is intrinsic value in all of us. For those who seek to follow Christ, we have also been made new creations in Him through our baptism. Yes, we are imperfect and subject to sin, but that sin is never greater than the grace of God.

In the third chapter of Sirach, the prophet states, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." These words do not suggest we are to see ourselves as nobodies, but instead challenges us to see that true favor does not lie in earthly greatness, but instead with the favor of God. We are who we are because of God.

Throughout Scripture, we do not find the premise that we are all equally blessed. However, like in Jesus' parable of the talents, God's favor lies in what we do with what we have been given. In fact, as Sirach points out, those who have been given more — and find themselves with greater status because of it — need even greater humility.

When Jesus is speaking at the dinner of a Pharisee in Luke 14, he addresses the issue of those who are nearly void of humility. Here the issue is not seeing one's self as worthless, but instead seeing one's self as exalted above all others. Jesus watched as those present at a dinner party jockeyed for positions at the table. He begins explaining to them the need to be careful with where one sits because someone else of greater status may make them move, and that could be a source of great embarrassment. Before Jesus completes his lesson for those present, he suggests that future dinner parties should not include only those who jockey for status, but the true guests of honor should include those who have no means of paying back the favor: the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. These are the ones who God favors for they have no earthly status. For them, humility is a natural byproduct of their position in life. For those who are currently at the party, humility is a virtue they must learn and cultivate in their lives.

In this life, we are not to hold our heads down in false humility. We are sons and daughters of a king. We are members of a royal priesthood. We have been created uniquely and been given many gifts so we may honor that king. However, it is when we forget that all we are and will be is tied to the One who created us, we place ourselves into the position of becoming our own god. We become like those at the dinner party, comparing ourselves to others and strategizing how to rise higher in standing.

When we are considering where we stand in this world, perhaps we would do well to heed the words of many parents: "Be sure to choose your friends wisely." We can spend time with those who bring us down and make us feel worthless. We can spend time with those who prop us up and inflate our egos, making us in greater need of humility. Or we can spend time with "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." God has already chosen to offer them the seat of honor at the table. It would seem prudent for all of us to spend more of our time in such good company.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

## PRAYER

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.

Guard me so, O Holy Spirit,  
that I may always be holy.

Amen.

*—St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit*



**Elizabeth Hegarty, Delano Kimbrough, Ellis Thomas,  
Fred Watson, Kevin Watson, Rev. Arthur Jackson,  
Dorothy Jackson, Helen Hiner, Adrien Marc Gilles,  
Mary Angela Kunst, Paula Del Vento, Julia Daniel, Neil  
and Mary Lou Boylan, Bob Simons, Catherine Mazzie.**



## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**August 25th, 2019**

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

5:30 PM – Marisa Scolaniero

By Robert and Maria  
Simons

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

9:00 AM – Douglas Malazo  
Memorial

By HNJ Women's Prayer Group  
11:30 AM – People of the Parish

## Masses For The Week



**Monday, September 2, 2019**

**Labor Day**

9:00 AM – Catherine Fillion

By Mary Ann Bulgia

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

8:00 AM – Marilyn Spesak

Birthday Blessings

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

8:00 AM – Titos and Nellie Samia

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

By Samia Family

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

8:00 AM – Frank Gagliano

By Anna Pfeifer

**Friday, September 6, 2019**

8:00 AM – Rev. Paul J. Lehman

7:00 PM – Marie St. Fleur

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

8:00 AM – Cynthia Dias

Birthday Blessings

5:30 PM – Mr. and Mrs. Isidro

And Amparo Samia Memorial

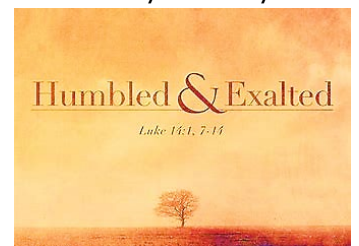
By Samia Family

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

9:00 AM – People of the Parish

11:30 AM – Thanksgiving for

Andaya Family





**Monday, September 2, 2019**

**Labor Day**

*Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Gospel: Luke 4:16-30*

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

*Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11*

*Gospel: Luke 4:31-37*

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

*Reading: Colossians 1:1-8*

*Gospel: Luke 4:38-44*

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

*Reading: Colossians 1:9-14*

*Gospel: Luke 5:1-11*

**Friday, September 6, 2019**

*Reading: Colossians 1:15-20*

*Gospel: Luke 5:33-39*

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

*Reading: Colossians 1:21-23*

*Gospel: Luke 6:1-5*

## What the Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches...

### Why does the human race form a unity?

All people form the unity of the human race by reason of the common origin which they have from God. God has made "from one ancestor all the nations of men" (Acts 17:26).

All have but one Savior and are called to share in the eternal happiness of God.

### How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound, that thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

### Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one's parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment

when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.



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## COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY

August 25th, 2019

**STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION - \$ 2,446.55**

**FUEL COLLECTION - \$ 1,545.00**

**Thank You for Your Faithful Giving!**

**Luke 6:38-39 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of the inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be two collections, the Archdiocesan Assessment and a national for the Catholic University of America.

## PARISH PICNIC

Our Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 8, after the 11:30 Mass on the front lawn. It will be potluck or you may donate \$20.00 towards the cost of food. Please remember there will be a tribute to Peggy Yates.

## GEORGE HENDERSON TRIBUTE

There will be a celebration of George Henderson's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Church Musicianship on Sunday, September 15 after the 11:30 Mass. It will be a potluck in the Fatima Center. Sign up sheets will be at the exits.

## HNJ FUNDRAISER

There will be a fundraiser on Friday, November 22nd from 6-11PM the Latin Room of the Bamboo Grill 52 Portland Ave, Bergenfield. The cost is \$50 per person. Please RSVP or call with questions to Ludy Viray, 973-985-0297.

## EMAIL SCAM

An email scam has surfaced again in the Archdiocese. The scam email purports to be from your parish priest, who is asking for money or gift cards because of some urgent need; for example, to help someone in hospital.

Please be assured that no priest of the Archdiocese would ever legitimately ask for money in this way.

We encourage you to report such incidents to the New Jersey Cyber Crimes Unit and delete the email message.

## PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

There are plans for a pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 26. Please advise anyone in the Women's Prayer Group or call the Office if you are interested no later than Sunday, September 22nd.

## 50/50 UPDATE

Congratulations to Helen Gavghan, the winner of the 50/50 for August! She will receive \$165.00.

The next 50/50 drawing will take place on Tuesday, September 27. Please remember that you do not have to take five tickets; also, if you wish to have tickets mailed there will be forms at both Church exits.

Please sign and return to the office. If you wish to sponsor a month, the stipend is \$100.00.

## RANKING OURSELVES

In an army, a corporal is more important than a private, a sergeant more important than a corporal, and of course a general outranks them both.

In a college setting, a tenured professor has a higher status than the students or teaching assistants, and the academic dean is above them all.

In our governmental system, a governor has more power than a mayor, but a mayor has more influence than members of the city council.

None of that information comes as a surprise. The status of those in the military, on college campuses, and in the halls of government is well known. However, in other situations rankings are not as evident or accepted.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7-14) Jesus tells a parable about people at a wedding banquet arguing about who deserved the places of honor at the head table. Obviously, there were differences of opinion. Each guest, at least in his own estimation, thought he outranked the others who had been invited.

We live in a world much like that described in the parable - a status-conscious society where people often judge themselves as more important than others. Like the guests at the wedding banquet, they think they deserve the "best places."

We see that in the way many people drive. They drive as if they deserved the places of honor on the road. In their estimation, their travels and their time are more important than those of their fellow drivers.

We see that in the manner some people treat the waiter, the store clerk, or the maintenance worker. They consider those service people as ranking below them on the social ladder, as deserving of little respect.

We see that in the way certain people speak about those who hold political opinions or ideas different from their own. Those with opposing views are thought of as being ignorant, bigoted, racist, or worse. Such people are negatively viewed by those who rank themselves as better educated, informed, and sophisticated.

We see that in the manner many individuals regard the sick, the elderly, and the poor. In their ranking system such people are near the bottom for they have little political power or financial influence. At the table of life, they barely rate a seat near the kitchen door.

If we are honest, we have a tendency to rank ourselves in relationship to other people. In our rating system, like that in the Gospel, we often find reasons why we deserve "places of honor at the table."

Yet Jesus tells us not to rank ourselves above others, but to humble ourselves. In fact, he tells us to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" into our circle of care and concern. We are not to look down on others, but to look out for them as fellow children of God.

What Jesus asks of us is what he himself did for us. As the Son of God he outranked us all, but he humbled himself and came as our Savior. As Saint Paul tells us, "Though he was in the form of God .... he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness .... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Today's Gospel warns us about the dangers of rating ourselves above others, for as Jesus tells us, "every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."