

Week of September 17, 2017

MONDAY

1 Tm 2:1-8 * Ps 28:2,7-9 * Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

1 Tm 3:1-13 * Ps 101:1-3,5-6 * Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

1 Tm 3:14-16 * Ps 111:1-6 * Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Eph 4:1-7,11-13 * Ps 19:2-5 * Mt 9:9-13

FRIDAY

1 Tm 6:2-12 * Ps 49:6-10,17-20 * Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

1 Tm 6:13-16 * Ps 100:1-5 * Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 55:6-9 * Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 * Phil 1:20-24,27 k* Mt 20:1-16

*All events take place at St. Gabriel East Campus unless otherwise noted.

CATECHETICAL WEEKEND



Parish Activities

Mon., Sept. 18	6:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Tues., Sept. 19	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Quilters at Faith Baptist
Wed., Sept. 20	10:00am	Parish Knitters
Thurs., Sept. 21	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting
Sun., Sept. 24	6:15pm	Youth Ministry Cookout

THANK YOU!!! It takes many hands to make any parish event an enjoyable, successful event. I just want to say thank you to **ALL** of the amazing people who helped out last Sunday for our Parish Picnic. As with every year our picnic would not have come together the way it did without all the volunteers/commissions who helped on the day, from the people who setup, cooked and served the food, conducted games, the many who brought a dish to share, helped take down and cleanup. Thank You. A special thank you to the Parish Council, Worship, Christian Service, Administration and Education Commissions, Weatherman Fr. Tom, Greg Bouza for donating the ice and ice cream, Tom Premo for making the ramps and handrails, all Parish Staff, and to Ryan Cooley for equipment from Rock N Ry DJ Entertainment. We are a wonderful Parish because of You.

We hope everyone who came had a great time!

Deb Lupo – Parish Council Chair

ALL ARE WELCOME to come and **SING A NEW SONG!!!** A new night and new choir director. We welcome Rachael Mills, a student at CMU, in her 4th year majoring in music education and minoring in flute, she has graciously accepted the position of associate music director for our parish. Choir practices will be **Wednesdays**, 6:30-8:00pm. Our first practice will be Oct. 4 at the east Campus. We are looking forward to new members and welcoming back those who have generously given of their time and talent. Questions & answers? Call Susan LeVasseur at 205-4322.

Scripture Study begins Tues., Oct. 3, 10:00am in the Parish Center. We will continue using *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, A Catholic Bible study that brings you on an extraordinary pilgrimage, revealing Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Hope you will join in for this DVD based series that was filmed on location in the Holy Land, which will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Everyone is welcome, even if you did

not join us last spring for the first two sessions. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org.

The Auburn Christian Quilters, an ecumenical quilting group, will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September 2017 to June 2018. The theme this year will be "Words to Live By." We will be creating a panel quilt, which is a great quilt for beginner or experienced quilters. Call Terri a 662-6052 if you have any questions. The first meeting will be Sept., 19, 6:30pm at Faith Baptist Church.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$9,264.50
In Memory of Jean Alvesteffer: \$1,180.00

Some "Good Deeds" listed on children's contribution envelopes:

My "Good Deed" was...

"helping my Mom pick up the house."

"nice to my friends at preschool."

"feed and give water to our dog."

"cleaning up dirty clothes."

"doing my homework."

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Can you remember a time when you needed to be forgiven? How did the person you hurt respond?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Forgiveness can be hard, whether we are giving it or receiving it. We do not like to feel that we have done something wrong, but all of us sometimes need forgiveness. It can help to remember our failings when others are unkind. In these times, we need to rely on the deepest parts of our hearts that are connected to God. In that place we will always be able to find the strength and patience to forgive, even if it is seventy-seven times.

► **Living the Word:** Ask family members to try on the skin of a forgiving person today. Tell them to see if, for one day, they can forgive big and little things that happen. At the end of the day, ask them: How do you feel? Will it be easier to go to sleep at night? Did you find your day went smoother since you weren't focusing on the bad things but the goodness of God's forgiveness? What things were harder than others to forgive? Is this a practice you could keep up?

► **Elementary Religious Education Registration** taken at the Parish Center. **Mon., Sept. 18** is the deadline for children to attend the first evening of Religious Education which begins **Mon., Sept. 25, 6:15-7:30pm**. All 1st graders will participate in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* this year. The atrium is located in the Parish Center for this program. Forms are available at www.auburnac.org. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org.

► **Youth Ministry:** Registrations will be taken at the Parish Center. Forms are available at the parish website www.auburnac.org. For any questions, contact Stephanie Schacher at sschacher@auburnac.org.

► **Sacramental Preparation:** Applications will be available in the Parish Center. Please read carefully – prayerful consideration should be given as to the suitability of committing your child to sacramental preparation.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **Thank You** for participating in our **Parish Fall Raffle**. We appreciate your support of our school. The money will be used to support our technology and science needs.

- ▶ The **Book Mobile** will be here on Thurs., Sept. 21, 1:15-2:15pm.
- ▶ **Thank You** to the Columbian Club of Fisherville for a generous donation to our playground fund. It will be put to GREAT use!
- ▶ **1st – 5th graders** will be having Mass with the Bishop on Wed., Sept. 20 at the Cathedral.
- ▶ **Little Caesar's Pizza Sales:** AACs students will be selling pizza kits starting Mon., Sept. 25 – Oct 9. To order, please contact a school family, or Ms. Chris in the school office at 662-6431. Delivery day will be Tues., Oct 17. Thank you for your support!



From Father Tom's Desk

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Today's Gospel takes up the theme of what to do with anger or injury. We can picture Peter looking around at the other disciples and raising an eyebrow as he asks Jesus, "How often do I have to forgive such as these?" With princely magnanimity, he proposes going to extremes. His question and semi-offer, "seven times?" is really a way of asking, "Should I forgive lots more often than seems to be reasonable?" Jesus responds with what could be made into a rhythmic playground chant: Not just seven / but seventy-seven / over and again / forever and ever / Amen!"

To help the group get the message, Jesus weaves them a tale about a great con-artist who amassed a debt so big that their language didn't have real numbers to describe it. Putting on an Oscar-worthy sad face, the debtor begged for a little time to get it together, and the master let him off the hook knowing that repayment was ridiculously improbable. Then, that wicked charlatan who should have been throwing a block party to celebrate his redemption, instead threw one of his poor companions in jail for a debt that, while miniscule in comparison to the first, was way more than the poor guy could come up with. Of course, nobody cried when they heard that the once-forgiven, never-forgiving debtor ended up getting just what he had given the other.

Our Tapestry

McGlone, Celebration

Sirach told his readers that remembering that we are all going to die can shed important light on the choices we make today. In his novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude* the Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez told the story of Amaranta, a woman whose name seemed to be an indecisive combination of the words amor and amarga, Love and bitterness. Amaranta had received a vision in which she learned that she was to weave her own shroud, and when she had finished, she would die. She did her work faithfully, sometimes weaving, sometimes tearing it apart, consistently reworking it until the day it was done, and she was ready to die. Her artisan task was symbolic of the undertaking of every human life. We each weave our own stories, mending, tearing, making mistakes and introducing new textures and themes; undoing and reworking until one day the task comes to completion.

As individuals, the life we weave is in our hands. We cannot determine what will come our way, but we can decide how we will weave it into our story, how we will interpret it, whether we will let it engender love or bitterness. As communities, the world we pray for can only come about through the work of human hands that are open to receive the grace and work together to make a world worthy of the people of God.

Let It Go (Sirach)

Celebration

Not all of Sirach's teaching will hold up to 21st century standards, especially when it comes to questions of the role of woman in family and society, but that doesn't undermine the perennial wisdom that can be mined from his writings.

Today's teaching about anger and forgiveness is good for the playground, an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, or a session of restorative justice. The first thing to notice is that Sirach focuses not on the wrongdoer and his or her criminality but on the one who is offended. Sirach tells the angry victim that she must make a choice. She was injured once. Now, if she holds to that anger, the injury will become a major factor defining her life. She will end up hugging anger and wrath and having no room in her arms for anything more valuable and life-giving.

Ben Sira warns the person bent on vengeance that each of us participates in creating the world conditions in which we will live. One cannot both nourish anger and look for healing and forgiveness from God. Ben Sira is saying, "Face it, you can only receive what you are willing to give. So, be careful!"

Toward the end of the reading, Ben Sira offers a somber and solid technique for discerning what is important. "Remember your last days...remember death and decay." A day is coming when all you can do is look back and ask yourself, "Did I make it worthwhile?" Thinking of that day, Ben Sira says "set enmity aside" because you are building the reality you will face in your own final days. As today's Gospel parable will point out, the mercy sought by a pitiless person is only a scam.

**"Lord, give me the grace
to be forgiving."**

September Wedding Anniversaries

(continued from last week)

20 years or more	Robert & Kathy Fritz Robert & Kimberly Miller Tim & Cindy Chartier Robert & Lori Kloc Ron & Sue Koenig Michael & Kristin Lance Keith & Lisa Boswell Dennis & Gail Sarnowski Darren & Amber Herington
10 years or more	August & Mary Rudnick William & Valerie Daly Brent & Susan Beardsley Gene & Teresa Finner John & Eva Hinterman Chad & Jaime Idzior Cory & Lori Pickvet David & Peggy Connors Chad & Amy Wegener
Less than 10 years.....	Greg & Margaret Gerulski Luke & Chelsea Reder Gregory & Stacy Gibbon David & Joan Moszyk Martin & Jessica Spencer David & Elizabeth Hackett Christopher & Sarah Tyrrell Todd & Nicole Grzegorzcyk Brian & Linda Luptowski Nicholas & Melissa Vouaux Andrew & Jessica Krauss

Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness.