

THE RECTOR’S NOTE

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sitting in my brother’s living room last Sunday evening, taking advantage of the holiday weekend to visit with family, it felt that it was super late. The body felt it and it was dark outside. And you know what’s coming – it was only 8 o’clock, or earlier. Yup, the lengthy summer days are gone. The next day a random memory popped into my head of a Labor Day from at least a decade ago while stationed at St. Jude in Monroe. It was a warm sunny day. I was walking around the campus. I noticed the trees north of the rectory had started to change color. I listened to a song by Richard Strauss. The song was “September.” On the surface, it is about the changing season. Below the surface, it is more than summer that is passing as “slowly it closes its now wearied eyes.” It is a song about life and death. We can recall that the spectacular colors that await us in the weeks ahead as the leaves change are the result of life leaving the leaves. This time of the year for the United States and especially in the northeast, we remember life and death on September 11. Twenty-five years have passed and yet I imagine that any of us who experienced that day in even the smallest way can go back in our memories to the images, news, conversations, and thoughts. Our prayers in the Universal Prayer in the newer Mass and the Prayer for Peace at this weekend will continue for our country and throughout the world so that one day each life will be viewed as beautiful, good, and important, and that the unjust taking of all human lives may cease. The prayer from the Noon Mass is below and I invite you to pray it on your own.

Oration
O God, from Whom are holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give to Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being devoted to the keeping of Thy commandments, and the fear of enemies removed, our times, by Thy protection, may be peaceful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Friday, September 18
7:00 PM – Holy Mass (1962) Ember Friday

Saturday, September 19
9:30 AM – First Reconciliation and First Communion Meeting

OFFERTORY

- September 5 & 6
 - Sunday Offertory \$2,218.00
 - Second Collection \$1,098.00
 - Online Giving \$675.07
 - Total \$3,991.07



QR Code for online giving.

September 12 – September 20

Saturday, September 12
8:30 AM – Int. of Kelsey Gilmore
4:00 PM – Guiseppe Zaccone +

Sunday, September 13
7:30 AM – Garry Thomas Hansen +
9:00 AM – Guiseppe Zaccone +
10:30 AM – Int. of Marge Hansen
12:00 PM – John J. Collins +

Tuesday, September 15
8:30 AM – Rev. John C. Ford, S.J. +

Wednesday, September 16
6:00 PM – Garry Thomas Hansen +

Thursday, September 17
8:30 AM – Eddy Van Geelen +

Friday, September 18
8:30 AM – Int. of Ronan Ackerlund
7:00 PM – Int. of Rev. & Mrs. Richard Cipolla

Saturday, September 19
8:30 AM – Int. of Eddie Ackerlund
4:00 PM – Margherita Pagano +

Sunday, September 20
7:30 AM – Int. of Michael Krakowiak
9:00 AM – Michael Rossi +
10:30 AM – Garry Thomas Hansen +
12:00 PM – Int. of Teresa Karwowski

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.
Kathy Romano, Joe & Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jagodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve, Henry Banks Bourtin, Susan Kleinmann, Margaret DeFine, Alexander Whitman, Deborah Marino, Jim Cote, Morris Cote, Jim Jagodinski & Linda Jagodinski Flynn.
Repose of the souls: Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar, Theresa Truffini, Timothy Burns, David Robert Majoris, Jr.

ORATORY NEWS

PARADISE – DANTE READING GROUP

The third and final installment of the reading group will start its meetings in the upcoming weeks. Even if you have not participated in the previous sessions, you can still join. Meetings last approximately 90 minutes each session during which several *canti* (chapters/sections) are read aloud together. The proposed meeting night is Tuesday. The other options are Monday and Thursday. Please contact Fr. Novajosky to express your preference if you wish to join.

GAUDETE MARKET VENDOR REGISTRATIONS

Our annual Gaudete Market will be on **Gaudete Sunday, December 13, 2026**. Vendor registration forms are available in the Oratory Office. For more information or to register, call the office at 203-544-8245 or email: office@gtoratory.org. Mark your calendars.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION MEETING

There will be a meeting for those interested in sacramental preparation for first reconciliation and communion on September 19 at 9:30AM in the Hall.

SACRAMENTS AT THE ORATORY

Georgetown Oratory offers the Sacraments in both English and Latin. First Holy Communion, Baptism, Funerals, Matrimony. Please contact the office at 203-544-8245.

OCTOBER BREAD BAKE SALE

What's better than bringing home a fresh-baked loaf of bread? Be a part of our October Bread Bake Sale! More details coming soon! Contact a Hospitality Member or ask at Coffee Hour if you're interested in participating.

NOON MASS HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need a hospitality coordinator for clean-up after the 12/ Noon Mass on Sunday. Volunteers for the morning Masses will set up for the 12/Noon coffee, but **we need a coordinator** and volunteers to be in charge of clean-up. We will not be able to offer coffee and after the 12/Noon Mass without a coordinator.

PROCESSIONAL

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, three in one,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

Words: Edward Cooper 1770-1833
Tune: RIEVAULX

Mass Readings:

Glory & Praise pg. 922 (Year A)
RCDM pg.771



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**Dominica XVI post Pentecosten
/ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 AM (1962) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM

Wednesday

6 PM (1962)

Friday

8:30 AM (1962)

Saturday

8:30 AM (1962)

4:00 PM (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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