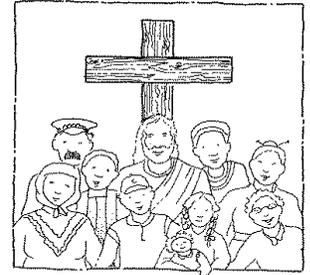


# AUGUST 21, 2016

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*cf. Psalm 86(85):1-3*

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.*



**I come to gather  
nations of every language**



**FOR OUR SICK** . . . **Johnny Ortiz**, Kimberly St. Clair, Thomas K. Walton, Monika Waller, Joe Waller, Lewis Brewer, Richard Battersby, W.J. Wetherington, Betty Free, Leszek Mazur, Bob Smith, Agnes Howard, Ricky Crowell, Darrell Wilson, Maggie Carrol, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Margaret Welsh, Mary Gray, Susan Stallings, Robin Bangart, Ruth Tavares-Toma, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Marion Milek, Sandi Smith, Jessica Watts, Jeanmarie Jonston, Joseph Piccariello, Carroll Donovan, Susan Fortson, Christine Munoz, Celia Satterwhite, Morgan Collins, Tim Downey, Ann Fincher, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest, Otto Parkerson, Jodie Riley and David Riley.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** . . . parishioner Angela Sweeney who passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup>. May her soul, and those of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**WE WELCOME** . . . Peter Salvatore DePalma, son of Joshua and Cassie DePalma, who was blessed by the waters of Baptism on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord give his angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11



**CCD REGISTRATION** . . . Registration for Sunday School takes place this Sunday after all Masses and next Sunday the 28th.

**BAPTISM CLASS** . . . The next Baptism class will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's Hall. All parents must take this one-time class in order to have their child Baptized. Julie Hird, DRE, will give the class. For questions, please call the office at 706-323-6908.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE REIGN OF GOD** . . . A threefold message is developed in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS - FALL FESTIVAL** . . . Sunday October 16th at the Johnson Farm, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixins. Petting zoo, pony rides, Molly the Clown, Hay Rides and Live Bluegrass music featuring Justice! Come join us and have some fun! Address is 4646 Old River Rd, Fortson.

**INQUIRING MINDS (HEARTS AND SOULS) WANT TO KNOW** . . . RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin Wednesday, September 14th. The Church invites those who are considering converting to Catholicism to participate, as well as those who are already Catholic but want a "refresher" on some aspects of our faith. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to take a step on the path, please call and leave your name and contact information with the office: 706-323-6908.

**ST. ANNE – PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXPANDS DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM** . . . St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School announces it is partnering with Columbus State University (CSU) to expand its Move on When Ready dual enrollment program that allows high school students to earn college credits while working on their high school diplomas. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School will begin offering Social Studies courses with CSU this school year, and hopes to increase offerings in the future. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School will continue to offer English dual enrollment courses through Georgia Military College (GMC), and has added Math dual enrollment courses to its GMC offerings. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School 11th and 12th graders who apply and meet the requirements for these programs will now be able to combine dual enrollment course offerings, taking Social Studies with CSU and English and/or Math with GMC. Advanced Placement (AP) and Pre-AP courses are also available for students to increase their course rigor for college preparation.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** . . . Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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**OFFERINGS**

*August 14, 2016 - \$12,421.00 . . . . August 16, 2015 - \$12,096.22*

<b><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u></b>				
Saturday	Aug. 20	5:00 PM	Alan Crawford	Memorial
Sunday	21	8:30 AM	Pro Populo	
		11:00 AM	Caleb Stallworth	Birthday
Monday	22	12:10 PM	John McCann & Christopher McCann	Memorial
Tuesday	23	12:10 PM	Mrs. Jason Collins	Memorial
Thursday	25	12:10PM	Vita M. Stellke	Memorial
Friday	26	12:10 PM	Alex Benny	Birthday
Saturday	27	5:00 PM	Joanna Lunsford	Birthday



**DATE**

Sat. August 20  
Sun. August 21

**MASS**

5:00 PM  
8:30 AM  
11:00 AM

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Christopher Guduz, Joseph Land  
Justin Vaughn, Rachel Vaughn  
John Calhoun, Reid Calhoun



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Sun. Aug. 21

**MASS**

5:00 PM  
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**LECTOR**

Carole Faletto  
Lula Huff  
Wayne Whitfield

**HOST MINISTER**

Kay Jenkins  
Jack Kasych  
Walter Calhoun

**CUP MINISTER**

Pat Mullane, Ismael Nazario  
Linda Kasych, David Turner  
Carolyn Allison, Mike Obermeyer

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

*First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).*

*Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).*

*Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).*

*Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).*