

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017
Fr. Hahn – Celebrant

Sunday, September 17

- 9:10 a.m.** Rosary Meditations for Christians
Who Are Being Persecuted
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Estelito Moraleja
by Cora Moraleja and Family
• Coffee and Donuts Social after Mass
- 10:45 a.m.** PSR Classes in the Rectory

Wednesday, September 20

- 5:00-5:15 p.m.** Private Confessions
- 5:10 p.m.** Rosary Meditations for Christians
Who Are Being Persecuted
- 5:30 p.m.** Mass for Charles Davena
by Mike and Mary Lilly

Sunday, September 24

- 9:10 a.m.** Rosary Meditations for Christians
Who Are Being Persecuted
- 9:30 a.m.** Mass for Helen Kelly
by the Streitenberger Family
• Coffee and Donuts Social after Mass
- 10:45 a.m.** PSR Classes in the Rectory
- 4:30 p.m.** Vespers in the Church
- 5:00 p.m.** Parish Picnic

Suggestions for Outreach Food Pantry:
Canned juice

RCIA 2017-2018: We are welcoming those who have a desire to learn about the faith and becoming Catholic. Please, invite someone you know to our parish for Sunday or Wednesday Mass. Sometimes it takes a simple invitation for someone to be drawn to church. Any questions, please contact Deacon Hauser or Gloria Price.

Substitute Catechist needed for PSR: A substitute catechist is needed for the 2017-2018 PSR year. This catechist would substitute if the main catechist could not make it that Sunday. You would be notified ahead of time if you are needed for a Sunday. This catechist would teach the preschool and kindergarten age children. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Pyzik at (740) 947-9543 or the Parish Office at (740) 947-2436.

Church Cleaning Schedules: The new church cleaning schedule is on the bulletin board. Please think about helping to clean the church and sign up on the volunteer line or contact Janice Streitenberger at (740) 947-5278. May God bless you for your help.

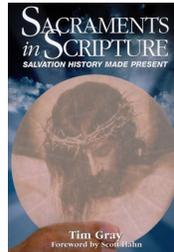
Parish Picnic: Please help set up the tent, tables, and chairs after Mass today! We will meet in the Church at 4:30 p.m. this evening for Vespers. The picnic will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for side dishes and desserts.

The Catholic Answer: Starting in November, The Catholic Answer will transition to a free, online resource. The new resource will be available on www.osv.com, starting in the fall.

Wake Up Your Marriage: Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next 2 weekends are September 15-17 and in the new year February 16-18 both in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmcecolumbus.org.

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After Divorce Retreat: Adventure into the Interior

Life: A day-long retreat of healing for individuals who are separated and/or divorced, lay leaders, and clergy, will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Grove City. The day will be led by Rose Sweet, Catholic speaker and author of seven books including the program “*Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*.” Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the option to end the day with a Vigil Mass. The cost is \$20.00 (scholarships are available) and lunch will be provided. Please register at DivorcedCatholicColumbus.org by Sunday, September 17th.

Hope Clinic of Pike County: The Hope Clinic of Pike County is a free clinic for the uninsured residents of the surrounding community of Pike County, Ohio. Our county is a medically under-served community which means there aren't enough doctors to provide medical care for the people who live here. As Christians who understand this need, we desire to live out the Gospel of Christ by working to meet the healthcare needs in our community. We are at 116 South Market Street, Waverly (former Pike County Sheriff's office building), on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You may also make a tax-deductible donation to: THE HOPE CLINIC OF PIKE COUNTY, PO BOX 101, WAVERLY, OH 45690. See: www.hopeclinicpike.org for volunteer form.

Elizabeth's Hope Pregnancy Resource Center
 Pregnant? Need help? Phone 740-947-1060, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Call option line 1-800-395-HELP,
 Confidential, caring assistance is available 24 hours.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Raphael's Hands Healing Outreach

A place where you will find an open door to hope, prayer and a safe comfortable environment, as you walk the path to healing the wounds caused by abortion in your own life. Our “NEW” location, St. Francis Catholic Outreach Center, 2311 Stockham Lane, Portsmouth. Call (740-357-9822), or email RaphaelsHands@yahoo.com to begin your journey of healing today. We are praying for you.

Raphael's Healing Hands: As the fall season begins, Raphael's Hands Healing Outreach will once again open their doors to those families who have been impacted by the drug epidemic. We invite the family and friends of those who are struggling with addiction to an evening of prayer, support, and an opportunity to experience the love and mercy of Christ through the scriptures and the sharing of our stories in a safe and confidential environment under the direction of a priest chaplain. The next meeting will be September 19th at the St. Francis Outreach Center on Stockham Lane in Portsmouth beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south facing entrance on the left-hand side of the building. For more information about the meeting, please contact us at 740-357-9540.

Hurricane Harvey Collection: The collection on September 10th for those affected by Hurricane Harvey totaled \$1,098.81. Thank you for your generosity!

**Weekly Reflections for
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives.
That is a scary, but freeing thought. What does God free us from?
What does God free us for? (Romans 14:7-9)



(Year A)
September 17, 2017

- Monday, September 18:**
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7-9; Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday, September 19:**
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1-3, 5-6; Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday, September 20:**
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday, September 21:**
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13
- Friday, September 22:**
1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20; Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday, September 23:**
1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 8:4-15
- Sunday, September 24:**
Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Lay Ministers for Sunday, September 24th:

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Shannon – Mary – Gloria
- Lectors:**
- Altar Servers:** Grace – Abby
- Rosary:** Donna H.
- Collection Counters:** Karen & Jerry Meier
- Church Cleaning Week of September 18th:** Hansen Family

Happy Birthday This Week to Sarah Hansen, Kathy Tapp, Betty Simpkins, Jeanne Behne, Jim Streitenberger, Jeff Fisher, Gil Willis, Sr., Jerome Catanzaro, Drea Tannehill, and Bob Lagnese.

Pray for Those Serving in Our Military: Matthew Pyzik

Pray for the Sick: Rose Bamba, Betty Anderson, Norm Anderson, Antonio Arriaga, Mike Blanford, Juanita Bryant, Jon Click, Tucker Davis, Rebecca Fouts, Lauren Frost, Evelyn Hammond, Judy Hart, Sr. Frances Joseph Hildebrand, Lawrence Hoffman, Kim Howard, Ronald Hurler, Cliff Jones, Bob Lee, Leslie Liebig, Andrea Lutz, Frank McDonald, Patricia Perez, Bobbie McEhee, Connie McQuay, Abby Melton, Angela Morgan, Jeff Morris, Lucille Nichols, Tracy Patterson, Ethel Portlock, MaryAnne Raphael, Betty Simpkins, Kathy Tapp, Randy Tong, Patsy Walder, and Jeannie Williams.

Shut-Ins: William Haidet, Esther Kordes, Mike Murphy, Richard Renollet, Wanda Salvail, Leona Sarver, Betty Shea, Katherine Skinner, and Kim Summers.

(Please check the Prayer List for people who are no longer in need of prayer. We strive to keep this list current for those in their hour of need. If someone needs to be removed, please call the office (740-947-2436). If someone is in need of prayer, let us know that, too!

Note: If someone is in the hospital and needs a visit, please let one of the priests or the office know since the hospital cannot notify us.

From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

I would like to share with you a meditation that I found a couple of weeks ago. It was written by Jean Vanier, who is the founder of L'Arche, an international network of communities for the intellectually disabled. The name of this short reflection is: *Lord of the Sabbath*.

Lord of the Sabbath

Some people don't know what to do with free time. They spend hours just sitting about and talking. It is sad if people have no interest outside the community, if they have given up reading, if they don't enjoy simple pleasures like walking and listening to music. We have to help each other keep alive the personal interests which help us relax and re-create us....

It is easy to be generous for a few months or even years. But to be continually present to others, and not only present but nourishing, to keep going in a fidelity which is reborn each morning, demands a discipline of body and spirit. We need a disciplined spiritual and intellectual nourishment.

The Jewish people honor the Sabbath; it is a day of rest and it is the day of the Lord.

We all need a Sabbath day, a day in the week when we allow ourselves to be refreshed and reborn; a day when we spend more time in prayer or a day when we seek more solitude. The more we live constantly with others in community life, the more they need this day of solitude.

In your kindness, please pray for Sr. Leonard and I, as we prepare for our trip to India! We be visiting the Sisters' Generalate (Motherhouse) in Kerala. In addition, we will be visiting the churches of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis Xavier. Sr. Leonard will also be visiting her family and friends. We leave on Thursday, September 28th. We will be sure to convey our greetings from St. Mary's to Mother Rexia and Sr. Shani!

Enjoy the week,
Fr. Dooley