

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 5TH, 2014**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 5, 2014</b>
9:30 AM	Mary Steiner
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 6, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Jeanette Gale
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 7, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 8, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Joseph & JoHanna Carney
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 9, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Andrew Keppler
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 10, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Cindy Harkins
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 11, 2014</b>
8:00 AM	Francesca Montagnino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 12, 2014</b>
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of The Jacob Kunka Family

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The second Vatican Council, in its *Dogmatic constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium 1964)*, spoke beautifully of the community of Christ's disciples as God's vineyard, with Christ as the true vine. Such imagery is rooted in biblical passages such as those we read today: the prophetic writing about God's vineyard (first reading) and the parable of the wicked tenants (Gospel). However, unlike Vatican II's description of the Church, today's passages are more than a little ominous.

Both Isaiah's lesson and the parable describe a failure. Isaiah sings of a vineyard, "the house of Israel," that fails to produce fruit; Jesus tells of tenants who withhold from the vineyard owner what is rightfully his. Jesus' final words deliver a crushing blow to his opponents: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce fruit."

Though Jesus was addressing his adversaries among the "chief priests and the elders," "his living word speaks to us, and so we must ask: How will we know that we are producing fruit worthy of God's reign? What if we fail? Saint Paul in the second reading allays our fears: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything...make your requests known to God." There we will find "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding."

Preaching today's Gospel can be challenging; Jesus gives the impression that God has forsaken the covenant with the Jewish people and given it to someone else. Catholic teaching, however, affirms that God's covenant with Israel endures.

**LITURGY BYTE**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Grant us, almighty God that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

**Reflection:**

We call upon God to reinvigorate our lives and give us the sustenance that will nourish our body, mind, and spirit. Our prayer is offered in faith, with the hope of becoming, as St. Augustine tells us, that which we have received. "The prayer was newly composed for the post-Vatican II missal. It quotes the end of Leo the Great's Sermon 63, where he says that we pass into the Communion we take, carrying the risen Christ with us" (Paul Turner, *Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal*, 2010, World Library Publications, p.148).

We bring our whole selves to the Eucharist and place our joys and burdens on the altar of sacrifice. As Jesus offers them to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit, we enter into and become the mystery that we celebrate by the power of the Risen Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we are restored and fed, not for our own sakes, but rather to become the hands and feet of Christ for the sake of others. Refreshed and nourished, we are sent forth to love more profoundly and to serve more intensely.

**Prayer:**

May we who gather at the table of God's Word and feast around the altar of sacrifice, be restored to our innocence and strengthened by the Bread of Life so that we may become the Christ for those who are broken, poor, sick, and burdened.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Religious Education Office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays 4PM – 5:30PM and Wednesdays from 3PM – 5:30 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM. If you need to register your child for classes, please call TerriAnn at 718-447-7686 during these times or leave a message at other times. You can also set up an appointment at [crestmaryrosebank@verizon.net](mailto:crestmaryrosebank@verizon.net)



**CHOIR**

The choir has begun rehearsals this fall. Anyone interested in joining should call the rectory any weekday afternoon for information. 718-727-0671.

### **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

This is the last call for basketball registration! Come to St. Joseph on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 5:30 PM or Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 10AM. Registration will also be held for our clinic for players from the ages of 3 (by December 31, 2014) to 5.

Clinic is \$75. First grade through 10<sup>th</sup> grade's fee is \$250 first & second grade if a uniform is needed and \$200 if no uniform is needed (they would have played for MIJ last year). Add \$25 for grades 3 – 10. Fees are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you cannot register by the above times, please call Bill at 718-815-2147.

**THE HOLY WHITE MASS**  
**For Healthcare Professionals**  
**"Blessing of the Healing Hands"**  
Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

Blessed Sacrament Parish  
30 Manor Road

This year's honorees are  
Dr. Theodore Strange & Dr. Thomas Forlenza  
Reception to follow in Parish School Hall

### **TACHS**

#### **Test for admission into Catholic High Schools**

The test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS), the entrance test for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be administered on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Applications for this exam are available in our Catholic elementary schools for pupils whom they enroll. Public school students wishing to take TACHS can pick up application forms at their local parish, elementary school or any participating high school. Students may also register 7 days a week online via [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) or via telephone from 8AM to 7PM at 1-866-61TACHS.

### **GRACE INSTITUTE**

Grace Institute, a deeply rooted organization in New York City with over 117 years educating women, offers a **free**, six month business-skill training program. Interested? Please call Lanette or Irllem at 212-832-7605, ext. 162.

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### **OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY**  
25 Landis Avenue  
Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
1PM – 4PM

**ST. JOAEPH by-the-SEA**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for Girls  
12 noon – 3PM  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for Boys  
12 noon – 3PM

**XAVERIAN**  
7100 Shore Road, Brooklyn  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
10AM – 2PM

**ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**  
200 Clinton Avenue  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
1PM – 4PM



### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a**

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."