

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013



**Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from September 28—October 6, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	+	Agata Montemurro by Liliana Mammarella Rosario & John Maddalena by wife Giuseppe Giovinazzo by Teresa & Sam Angi
Sunday	9:00AM	+	Benny Ricci by sister-in-law Mary & family Anna Giovinazzo by her children
Monday	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	+	Raffaele Tummolo by Mr. & Mrs. Tom DiGioia
Wednesday	9:00AM	+	Lucia Rosati by Mr. & Mrs. Benino Iannantuono
Thursday	9:00AM	+	Domenic Rosati by Maria Bernardi
Friday	9:00AM	+	Nicolina DiCenso by Maria Nardilli
Saturday	5:00PM	+	Carmelo & Rosaria Miraebile by granddaughter Agata Presti Rosario & John Maddalena by wife & family Vincas & Antose Bieliunas by son Jerome
Sunday	9:00AM	+	Carl & Olive Madsen by Cheryl Maurice & family Mario Ricci by Mary & family Agata Montemurro by Fortuna & Rita Scolaro
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



*"Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony."*

Luke 16:19-31

**Last Sunday's Collection - \$1544.39  
Building Fund - \$25.00  
Bless you for your continued  
generous support.**



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

### From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday September 25, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In the Creed, we confess that the Church is "one". When we consider the rich diversity of languages, cultures and peoples present in the Church throughout the world, we realize that this unity is a God-given gift, grounded in our common Baptism and our sharing in the Church's one faith and sacramental life. Like a great family, we are united to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever they may be. We might ask ourselves how much we appreciate and express in our daily lives, and particularly in our prayer, this reality of our unity and solidarity in the communion of the Church. The world needs our witness to God's plan for the unity, reconciliation and peace of the whole human family. Let us ask the Lord to enable us, and Christians everywhere, to work to overcome our tensions and divisions, to strive, as Saint Paul bids us, to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (cf. Eph 4:3), and to cherish the harmony which the same Spirit creates from the richness of our diversity.

### About Reciting the Rosary by Pope Francis

I would like to recall the importance and beauty of the prayer of the Holy Rosary. Reciting the Hail Mary, we are led to contemplate the mysteries of Jesus, that is, to reflect on the key moments of his life, so that, as with Mary and St Joseph, he is the center of our thoughts, of our attention and our actions. It would be nice if we could pray the Holy Rosary together in the family, with friends, in the parish, or some prayer to Jesus and the Virgin Mary! Praying together is a precious moment that further strengthens family life, friendship! Let us learn to pray more in the family and as a family!

**In the month of October, 20 minutes before all weekend Masses, we will pray the Rosary in the church. Please plan to join the Rosary and let us pray together as a family.**

### "The Church as the family of God" by Pope Francis

In recent months I have more than once mentioned the Parable of the Prodigal Son or, rather, of the Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32). The younger son leaves his father's house, squanders all he has and decides to go home again because he realizes he has erred. He no longer considers himself worthy to be a son but thinks he has a chance of being hired as a servant. His father, on the contrary, runs to meet him, embraces him, restores to him his dignity as a son and celebrates. This parable, like others in the Gospel, clearly shows God's design for humanity.

What is God's plan? It is to make of us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him, as in the Gospel parable, feels the warmth of being God's family. The Church is rooted in this great plan. She is not an organization established by an agreement between a few people, but — as Pope Benedict xvi has so often reminded us — she is a work of God, born precisely from this loving design which is gradually brought about in history. The Church is born from God's wish to call all people to communion with him, to friendship with him, indeed, to share in his own divine life as his sons and daughters. The very word "Church", from the Greek 'ekklesia', means "convocation": God convokes us, he impels us to come out of our individualism, from our tendency to close ourselves into ourselves, and he calls us to belong to his family.

Furthermore this call originates in creation itself. God created us so that we might live in a profound relationship of friendship with him, and even when sin broke off this relationship with him, with others and with creation, God did not abandon us. The entire history of salvation is the story of God who seeks out human beings, offers them his love and welcomes them. He called Abraham to be the father of a multitude, he chose the People of Israel to make a covenant that would embrace all peoples, and in the fullness of time, he sent forth his Son so that his plan of love and salvation might be fulfilled in a new and eternal Covenant with the whole of humanity.

When we read the Gospels, we see that Jesus gathers around him a small community which receives his word, follows it, shares in his journey, becomes his family, and it is with this community that he prepares and builds his Church...

(To be continued next week)

### Upcoming Parish Events



**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Classes are ongoing **Wednesdays 6:30pm at the Rectory**, with *Catholicism* film screening.

**Pie Sale:** Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm. Pies will be sold by our Parish Youth Ministry for \$10. Pre-orders preferred. Volunteers will begin in the church basement promptly at 10:00am. To place an order call the Office 905-732-5046.

**Tuesday's Mass back to 9:00am:** October 8<sup>th</sup> return to winter schedule.

**World Mission Sunday:** October 19/20<sup>th</sup>. Special collection at all Masses.

**Parish Pasta Dinner:** Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: An Act of Solidarity!

This past year was marked by several pastoral projects initiated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), including the Nation Week for Life and Family. The CCCB also published a number of education materials and resources to support the work of the dioceses in teaching the faith. The CCCB helped to coordinate the participation of over 1,000 young Canadians at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This celebration involved Pope Francis' first apostolic visit outside Italy.

**The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is being held today across Canada. We thank you in advance for your generosity, solidarity and support.**

Knights of Columbus Council 1394 presents its **Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner for "Wells of Hope"** on Saturday October 19, 2013 at Club Capri (356 Cleveland Ave. Thorold)  
Doors open 5:30pm. Dinner 6:30pm.  
Cash bar, entertainment and prizes to follow  
Tickets: \$25.00 per person Call Mike at 905-682-5216

### Life Chain Sunday October 6, 2:30-3:30pm

Please report to one of the two Niagara Falls locations at 2:15pm:  
Dr. W.H. Little & Assoc. Dentist—Prince Edward Ave & Lundy's Lane  
Midas Muffler—Dorchester Ave & Lundy's Lane