

SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON

Next Sunday, September 20th is “National Catechetical Sunday.” The theme for this year’s celebration is “Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person”. In choosing this topic, the Catholic Bishops wish to make it a part of the agenda for all catechetical efforts in parish life during this coming academic year.

With just a bit of thought, we can see that this theme is both heavy and broad and yet at this time in our country, VERY appropriate! Every single day we hear on the news something that speaks of the terrible abuse of someone – usually by another person and very often, unnecessary or preventable. Too many “safeguards” are just not in place! None of us has all the answers to this proliferation of violence that we witness, not only in our country, but around the world but we can’t just say, “Too bad” and keep going as in the Bible story of the “Good Samaritan.” We need to be the ones, as Catholic Christians, to stop and at least try to help.

As the scope of the situation is large, so also are our choices in response to the many tragedies that confront us. These can range from physically being involved, getting help, making phone calls, volunteering in shelters, to writing/petitioning law-makers, speaking up at gatherings (family, school, work) to fervently praying for a greater understanding by all peoples that it is a FACT that ALL human life from beginning to end – whatever, race, religion, color, education or ability absolutely MATTERS!!

“Dignity” implies HONOR. Not only does human life truly matter but it MUST BE HONORED. That is the next step but as we sadly acknowledge it is often missing even in our personal relationships among family and friends. Honor implies that we agree to disagree or that we RESPECT another’s perspective, opinion, personality flaw, way of doing things etc. It isn’t easy but it calls us to “take the higher road” and realize that this other person has a right to be here, to exist and ultimately answers to God and not to us! Even when it is our position or task is to stop or correct another, it MUST be done while safeguarding the dignity of the person BECAUSE ALL people belong to God and as such deserve “honor” regardless of the situation. This is one reason why torture and defilement of the body is considered immoral.

Three basic requirements for upholding the dignity of all people is the virtue of compassion (feeling for another), the discipline of self-control and the ability to see all of life as a gift from God meant to return to God. These are Gospel values and a great directive for this coming year of “religious education” – at home, in our parish programs or wherever we “evangelize” just be being who we are in Jesus Christ! May we be courageous and blessed in this task!

A. Regina, SSM

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, September 14
8:30 Dale Parker

Tuesday, September 15
8:30 Llyod Kennedy

Wednesday, September 16
8:30 Father Robert Pachana

Thursday, September 17
8:30 Alice Gannon

Friday, September 18
8:30 Thomas Kelly

Saturday, September 19
5:00 Lois-Ann Clark

Sunday, September 20
8:00 Elizabeth Kohlberger
10:00 Bozo Picinic
12:00 Special Intentions
6:30 People of the Parish

The Bread and Wine have been donated in loving memory of
Patrick McCormick
by his wife and family.



CALLING ALL SINGERS!

With summer at a close, the Sacred Heart Adult Choir is beginning rehearsals for the new year. The choir is looking for new members! Men and women are not only wanted but needed for each section. The choir rehearses every Wednesday evening in church and guides the congregation for mass each Sunday at the 10am mass, as well as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Confirmation, and special occasions. An exciting lineup of choral music is planned for this year including pieces of various styles and eras, and extraordinary choral settings of hymns. Come be a part of this wonderful ministry, make new friends, increase your love of music, and deepen your faith! Please see Andrea Covais after the 10am or 12 noon masses or email her at andrea.covais@gmail.com for more information. Remember, those who sing, pray twice!



SERVICE THROUGH SONG

Spread the word, make your voice be heard! All girls and boys in grades 2 through 8 are invited to come and sing with the Sacred Heart Children's Choir. We meet in the church on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration for this season will take place after all masses on September 19 and 20 and our first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, September 23. Contact Mariann Anecchino at (201) 384-6410 for more information.

St. Joseph-Sacred Heart Endowment Fund

The St. Joseph-Sacred Heart Endowment Fund was established a number of years ago to support Catholic education in parochial schools. It is open to students that belong to either the Parish of St. Joseph in Demarest or Sacred Heart Parish in Haworth. Partial scholarships will be available for the 2015-2016 school year. Eligible students must be enrolled in a Catholic school. Priority will be given to elementary school students, followed by high school students. Please complete the form below and return to the parish office. In order to qualify, applications must be received by **October 15, 2015**.

Student' Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____ Grade _____

Parish _____

HELP FOR THOSE THAT GREIVE

We have had many families who have lost a loved one over the years. I have been privileged to pray at the wake service and helped the relatives plan the funeral Mass. In the fall, in preparation for All Soul's Day, I will be sharing a very insightful DVD on grief called "Changed Forever, Grieving the Death of Someone You Love." Everyone who has suffered a loss is invited to attend. If someone would like to watch the 50 minute DVD beforehand, just let me know. Please e-mail me at shpahaw@aol.com or call me at (201) 387-0080. Peace, Sr. Joanne

MERCY WORSHIP HERE AT SACRED HEART

In conjunction with the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis we would like to invite you to a 7 part study on Mercy. This series will help you rediscover the incredible history of God's mercy in your own life and the importance of extending God's love and mercy to those around you. Wednesday evenings: Sept. 16, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21 Nov. 4, 11 from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Reserve your seat by contacting either Barbara.A.LaPorte@gmail.com or Angie.Girardin.nonnasangel2@verizon.net.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

Please share your parish photos with us! Yours could be on the next bulletin cover. All images should be high resolution. Send to parishoffice@sacredhearthaworth.com.



BERGEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

will be selling raffle tickets on Oct 3rd & 4th, Respect Life Sun. First Prize will be a 2016 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV, retail value 42,000.00. Second prize ShopRite Gift Certificate \$1,000.00, 3rd prize ShopRite Gift Certificate 750.00, 4th prize ShopRite Gift Certificate \$500.00. Chances are available for \$10.00 each at all of the church doors that weekend.

TRIP TO CATHEDRAL FOR ST. MARIA GORETTI

A bus is planned for Monday, September 21, from Our Lady of Victories in Harrington Park to the attend Mass at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark and venerate the remains of Saint Maria Goretti. The bus will leave Our Lady of Victories at 4:30PM. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call OLV Rectory 201-768-1706 (\$10 fee per person).

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF HAWORTH

is holding their annual All You Can Eat Beefsteak Dinner catered by Nightingale's on Saturday, October 24th at Sacred Heart Church, Haworth. Doors open at 6:15. BYOB and enjoy a great dinner, entertainment by the USO Show Troupe, gift basket raffle, 50/50 and wine cork pull. The cost is \$40 per person prepaid. Please purchase your tickets by October 14th at the Haworth Apothecary or by calling Seta Izmirly at 201-387-2860. All proceeds from this event fund our scholarships and various charities.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to actively participate by peacefully praying during a 40-day vigil outside the Women's Choice Abortion Clinic, 10 Zabriskie Street, Hackensack, or Metropolitan Medical Associates, 40 Engle Street, Englewood, Hours: 7AM to 7PM. We pray for the babies, their moms and the staff as well as for God's protection of all human life. For More information go to WWW.40Daysforlife.com.