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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 30, 2020

### SUNDAY'S READINGS First Reading:

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Whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me  
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

#### Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

#### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27  
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

### Masses for September

September 5/6 Last name beginning with E-L

September 12/13 Last name beginning with M-R

September 19/20 Last name beginning with S-Z

September 26/27 Last name beginning with A-D

If extra seats available **All Are Welcome.**  
Call 518-758-9401 to register.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:**

Anonymous, Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florientino, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Charlene Genaway, Mary Ann Goodine, Leshia Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykityw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon

### CHANGES TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

We want to let you know about a few changes to the annual campaign formerly known as the Bishop's Appeal:

- The campaign will now be known as the **Diocesan Appeal** and themed, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
  - There will no longer be "in-pew" collection of pledges.
  - The 2020-2021 Diocesan Appeal will begin with a mailing sent to parishioners from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany (RCDA) - Office of Stewardship and Development. You should expect to receive this correspondence between now and early September; it will include a pledge card and envelope.
  - Pledges and payments will no longer be processed in the parish office.
  - The appeal year runs through June 30, 2021 (rather than ending in March as in the past).
  - Monthly or one-time gifts by credit card can be made via secure website at [donate.thediocesanappeal.org](https://donate.thediocesanappeal.org). You can also make a pledge at that site as well as pledge payments. For more information on the appeal, visit [www.thediocesanappeal.org](https://www.thediocesanappeal.org).
- Questions - call the RCDA Office of Stewardship & Development at 518-453-6680 or email [stewardship@rcda.org](mailto:stewardship@rcda.org)  
As the Diocese serves as a critical partner with us in serving you, we thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a pledge to the Diocesan Appeal.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE LAVIANO

**Firefighter of the year !!!!**





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Pastors Blog,

*Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Matthew 16.21-23)*

As we build upon last week's passage from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, we see that Simon, who moments before was given the name Peter, 'the rock', is now being referred to as Satan! In a turning of a dime, he has turned from being the rock of the foundation to a stumbling block that will be an obstacle. It reminds us of those times in school or at work when we had the perfect answer and then should have kept our mouths shut. In our new Zoom world, we should always remember when it's time to hit the mute button.

One of the hardships of the pandemic is that it has forced us to think and behave differently. In a strange way, however, this has been thought-provoking and spiritually challenging in positive ways. In our second reading this week from St. Paul to the Romans, we hear proclaimed, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12.2

While the world does not seem to be good and pleasing and perfect, that may actually be the point. We are called to follow Jesus despite the obstacles the world places before us and find ourselves transformed in the process. The examples of those on the frontline of this pandemic, including the first responders, inspire us with a sense that, by simply doing their jobs, they are heroes and role models.

As Christians, we are called to do our jobs as well. We remind us of the beautiful quote from Scripture, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6.8) In prayer and service to one another and our God, let us walk together and help lead the way by getting behind Jesus and truly being his followers. God bless you!

Fr. George

## GOD OPENS NEW POSSIBILITIES

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, August 29**

4:00 pm **Joan Avery** by Eileen Avery  
**Myroslaw Mykytiw** by Luba & family  
**Veronica Wistar** by Andrea, Jon & Katherine

#### **Sunday, August 30**

7:30 am **Joanna Moore** by Robert Halvelka

### FAITH FORMATION

**The Annual School Supply drive has begun. Please bring purchased items to church Saturdays 3:45-5 pm or Sundays 7:15-8:30 am.**

**Monday-Thursday supplies can be left at the Rectory between 9am and 1pm.**

**If you have any questions, please call Ruth Ellen at the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry office at 518-758-1828.**