

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



LABOR DAY is the “premature” end of summer [my expression only]. We all know that autumn actually begins in late September, but somehow the beginning of the school year pre-empts the natural culmination of the season – I guess it’s because vacations are behind us and the new academic year signals the resumption of the long-range routine of domestic life.

Labor Day affords us an opportunity to consider the Church’s social teaching related to work, employment, and the “theology of labor” that has evolved over the years since the onset of the Industrial Revolution. It was that epochal social and economic Revolution that prompted the Church to adopt a distinct credo on the issue of labor.

In quick summary, the Church continues to teach and uphold the principle that each human person has the right to wholesome and satisfying work. He/she has the right to be adequately compensated for his/her labor. It is a grave act of injustice to deny or diminish either right to a person who works in the rightful labor force of a society.

Transitioning to a theological perspective, we learn that work is a gift from God. It is the way that people cooperate with God in the completion of creation. Creation continues – when God created humanity, God gave the original man and woman dominion over all of His holy creation. This divine/biblical mandate of dominion over nature means that we humans are responsible for the world, all that it contains, and all that it has the potential to become. Dominion means development, enhancement, and working to bring creation to its fullest capacity. From this standpoint, it is implicit that labor and stewardship go hand-in-hand. Work, properly exercised and justly compensated, tends toward a prudent and wise use of nature and its resources. We are commissioned to bring out the best in all areas of work & labor in its various manifestations: industrial, scientific, artistic, humanistic, and social. Creative collaboration with the Divine goes into all that enhances each area of human endeavor.

And so, as we celebrate Labor Day, let us be thankful for the opportunities that God provides for us through the gift of work. Let us be appreciative of the goods that our work brings to our personal life, the lives of our families, and the common good of society. No matter what our work may be, it in some way continues the creative work of God.

On Labor Day, there will be only one Mass at 8:00 AM. Celebrating Mass is a worthy way of fulfilling our duty to thank God for all His gifts, especially the gift of work and its manifold products that enrich our lives. We also thank God for the work that has been accomplished by our friends and relatives who are now retired and who have been loyal contributors to the welfare of our society. We pray that those who are without work, and those who are in dire need of it, will find a job soon. Enjoy the holiday break and best wishes for a new school year to those who are returning to the classroom.

*Fr. Nick*

“As often as you can during the day, recall your mind to the presence of God.... Consider what God is doing, what you are doing. You will always find God’s eyes fixed on you in unchangeable love.”

*St. Francis de Sales*

<b>Monday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>9/4 Labor Day</b> MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION	DAUGHTER NANCY
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>9/5</b> MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION	DAUGHTER NANCY
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>9/6</b> JULIA GRACE GRICOL MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION	DONOR DAUGHTER NANCY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>9/7</b> MICHAEL ANDREOLI MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION	FAMILY DAUGHTER NANCY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>9/8</b> ERSILIA DI BONAVENTURA MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION	DAUGHTER DAUGHTER NANCY
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	<b>9/9</b> MARY T. DI BIASO – SPECIAL INTENTION ANTHONY BERNARDO	DAUGHTER NANCY FAMILY
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>9/10</b> PARISHIONERS LUIGI & ADELE MIRTO ROBERT FLOYD	GRANDDAUGHTER WIFE & FAMILY



## Next Sunday’s Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

### Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

### “God’s Plan for Giving”

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 08/27/17

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,822.00
Avg. Weekend Last Year:	\$11,361.51
Difference:	-\$1,539.51
Percent Difference This Week:	- 13.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 4,058.17

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Karen Berman	Carter Biondi	Helene Black
Roger Chao	Anita Dauphin	Nicky DeAngelo
Mary T. DiBiaso	Attilio DiGiacobbe	Tommy DiVirgilio
Joanne Dover	Eddie Ellis	Christopher Ganey
James Ganey	Bonita Della Rocca Jodz	Elizabeth Laraway
Chelsie Marra	Grace Marie Mataleno	Bill McNabb
Nick Mercantini	Isabelle Meredith	William J. Nardo, Jr.
Patricia Ogonowski	Kelly Panella	Jack Paradee
Kim Resnick	Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Lucretia Serio
Jimmy Silicato	Larry Silvestri	Nancy Sosnowski
Albert Vietri	Robert Walton	Christopher White, Jr.

*...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.*

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In your charity, please pray for  
**Louise DiSabatino**  
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office and Grade School will be closed Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the only Mass of the day will be held at 8:00 AM. Have a Happy Holiday!

## Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, tune in to hear Bishop Malooly's homily recorded at the August 19<sup>th</sup> ordination of permanent deacons. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

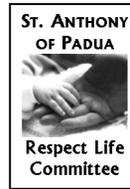
## Vocations

St. Paul's words in today's second reading are as timely for us as they were for the Romans to whom he originally addressed them: "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." The most important thing we can do is discern God's will for our lives and then work toward carrying it out. And that requires allowing God to transform our minds, so that the most important question changes from "what do I want to do with my life" to "what do You want me to do with my life, Lord?" If you think God might be inviting you to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

## Property for Rent

Three bedroom, 2 ½ bathrooms property near Trolley Square. Off-street parking for 2 vehicles. For more information, call 743-0815.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



The Diocese of Wilmington has prepared a Catholic Advance Health Care Directive so that your desire to be faithful to the Gospel of Life will be respected. Advance directives from secular sources might encourage choices that we as Catholics believe to be immoral. A person chosen by you can be appointed with a power of attorney and entitled to make decisions (by proxy) in accordance with your expressed wishes in the event you are unable to do so for yourself. Copies are available on request at the diocesan office.

## Day of Prayer

At St. Anthony of Padua Church, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We pray for political harmony in our nation; nonaggressive international conflict resolution; peace and freedom from fear of terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the church open for private prayer from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. At 4:45, there will be a Closing Benediction.

## PREP 2017/2018 Program Year

...will start on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Parish children who are in non-Catholic grade schools are eligible. If you would like to sign your child up for the class, or you know someone who is interested, please contact Patty Roach at [302-421-3700](tel:302-421-3700) x121 or [proach@stanthonynet.org](mailto:proach@stanthonynet.org) for registration.

## Crab Feast!

Please join The St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Home & School Association for a crab feast on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 4 pm outside of the school gym. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids age 5 and over. Price includes all you can eat crabs, beer, hot roast beef sandwiches, corn on the cob, and more! Tickets can be purchased online via Square at <https://squareup.com/store/st-anthony-of-padua-church-grade-school-home-and-school-board>, or by contacting Elizabeth Alfieri at [\(302\) 593-8773](tel:302-593-8773).

## Red Mass

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass, and the homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law professors and students, and government officials. The Mass invokes the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those who seek justice and serve in its administration. Dinner follows in the church hall.

## Hurricane Harvey Relief

*Next week, there will be a special second collection used to help those who are suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. All donations will be submitted to Catholic Charities USA and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to assist in relief efforts. Please be generous.*

## Save the Date!

Forty Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard will be sponsoring a day of reflection and growth for pro-life leaders and for all who are committed to the cause on Saturday, September 16th, in Masci Hall at St. Helena's Church on Philadelphia Pike in North Wilmington. This year's speaker is Terry Beatley, head of the Hosea Institute. Registration begins at 2:00. The cost for the day and the dinner is \$20 per person, \$10 children aged 5-12, with a \$60 maximum per family. For reservations, go to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/preview?eid=36692460136> or contact Pat Radell at [patradell@reagan.com](mailto:patradell@reagan.com) or [302-723-9254](tel:302-723-9254).

## Pray for Victims of Abortion

You are invited to attend a prayer service at the graveside of aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery, 2400 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The prayer service is part of the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children co-sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. Members of the Delaware Knights of Columbus and other representatives of the pro-life community will be in attendance. The grave in Cathedral Cemetery holds the earthly remains of 63 aborted babies that were abandoned at a Chicago abortion facility and brought to Wilmington by Delaware Right to Life in December of 1988.

## Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage

**Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,  
Washington, D.C.**

**September 30, 2017, 10AM-4PM**

During the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima, come, rejoice in the Lord with Bishop Malooly and priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and shrine of the patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception. Come pray where Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta prayed during their visits to the United States. Visit the site of the first saint canonized on American soil, St. Junipero Serra. Take a guided tour of the Basilica, home of the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to her many titles. Visit the recently-dedicated Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden. Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Malooly. Visit the souvenir shops and have your Marian souvenir blessed. Be among the first to glimpse part of the Trinity Dome to be unveiled in December. Be a part of salvation history by bringing your petitions, family, friends and, above all, yourself, to Jesus through Mary, the immaculate Conception. Those interested in transportation to and from the pilgrimage should contact Edith Ryan at [edith\\_dallas@hotmail.com](mailto:edith_dallas@hotmail.com) or 302-384-8717 for more details.

## Special Education Teacher Wanted

Special Ed teacher needed at the grade school! Please contact Judy White at 421-3743 or via email at [jwhite@stanthonynet.org](mailto:jwhite@stanthonynet.org).

## Nun Run

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** invite you to run or walk the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nun Run 5k. Registration is now open to walkers and runners of all ages **in one of the largest 5k's in the area.**

**When:** 9:00am start, Saturday, September 16, 2017 (registration opens at 7:30am)

**Where:** Jeanne Jugan Residence at 185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713.

Parking both at the residence and at Christiana HS, directly across the street.

**Cost:** \$25 (before 8 am Sept 15) \$30 (day of race)

**The Course:** Wheel measured by Doug White. Out and back course, flat and fast.

**Awards & Amenities:** Trophies to 1st place Male & Female runners in Open and Masters divisions and 1st place Male & Female walkers; plus medals to Top 3 runners in **5 year age groups**, 13 under through 70+. Each pre-registered participant is guaranteed to receive a race T-shirt. All participants will enjoy:

- Post-race refreshments – including pizza, chocolate milk, beer (ID req'd), fruit & more.
- Live DJ playing upbeat music, Goody Bags at the finish line, Free entry into prize raffle, Bake Sale
- Additional donation of \$20+ earns you a Nun Run Tote Bag or sitting mat as a token of our appreciation!

**For more information or to Register,** visit [www.NunRun5K.org](http://www.NunRun5K.org) or email to [race@NunRun5k.org](mailto:race@NunRun5k.org).

Visit our website to view a **video** of the Nun Run and to see our sponsors!

**Charity Proceeds** from the Nun Run 5K will benefit project for their residents. The Little Sisters are a registered 501c(3) non-profit and deeply appreciate your support!

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, Saturday, September 9th, 10 a.m. at Cathedral Cemetery

Join together to commemorate the lives of 63 aborted infants buried at Cathedral Cemetery, 2400 Lancaster Avenue Wilmington. Their beautiful grave site was donated by the Knights of Columbus and has observed yearly services for almost 30 years. We will hold a prayer service as part of the national Day of Remembrance on Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. Join us in this nationwide event.

## National Life Chain Sunday in ALL Three Counties, Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

Join hundreds of thousands of people who stand in silent, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life at public locations throughout the nation. Delaware has participated in this event for several decades and we are pleased to include the following locations for 2017: (Signs provided.) *New Castle County:* Concord Pike across from Fairfax Shopping Center