

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
*(Week no. 37) -- TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- -- SEPTEMBER 24, 2017*  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**TODAY:** Second collection is for our utilities.

**TODAY:** Our financial statements for fiscal year September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 are finalized, and are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a copy home and review it. Any questions, call the rectory.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:** CCD classes start tonight and will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Tuesday starting at **6:00 p.m. only**, with Rosary recitation and Benediction.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26:** Party will be held for all the hard workers who organized, worked many hours, and made the celebration of our 100th anniversary on Sept. 17th so beautiful and successful. **Please come to the rectory at 7:00 p.m.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** We will resume choir practice **Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m.**, to prepare for upcoming Holidays.

**DONATIONS FOR OUR 100 ANNIVERSARY:** Steve Glamuzina, owner of Georgetown Liquors, donated all the wine for our dinner. Bruce and Rose Styn, in memory of deceased members of Zak and Radlowski families; Our Lady of Charity Parish of South Buffalo: Arthur Kowalski and family; Croatian RC Church, St. Anthony of Padua, Welland, Ontario; Croatian Sisters of Charity, Welland; We are very grateful for your donations.

**DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH:** Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti; Ante (/Tony) Cacic, who came from Oklahoma to be at our celebration last week; We thank you for your donations.

**DANAS: 25. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU:** Isusova parabola o radnicima koji u različito vrijeme dolaze na posao u vinograd, a na koncu svi dobivaju po denar, sadrži voliku Objavu o milosrđu i dobroti Božjoj, što nadilazi svako ljudsko očekivanje. Čitav bi svijet bio odviše siromašan, kad bi nas Bog sudio i nagrađivao prema ljudskoj pravičnosti! Bog najprije svakom čovjeku daje životne šanse. Poziva u i svako vrijeme, i to ne radi toga, jer bi trebao radnike, nego mnogo više radi toga da surađuju i sudjeluju u njegovu vinogradu. Nikad nije kasno! Bitno je samo odazvati se i poći. Nagrada neće izostati! Bog nadalje ne računa (barem ne ljudskom računicom)! n nagrađuje i dobru volju. Nije toliko važno što smo uradili ili postigli. Više se radili o dobroj volji i nastojanju da se odgovori volji gospodarevoj. Bog očinskom brigom vodi računa o svima, svoj svojoj djeci bez ikakve razlike i razlučivanja. I za najzadnje ima nagrade i priznanja. Bitno je da su se odazvali. Tu dolazi do izražaja neizmjerana Božja dobrota i ljubav prema svim i svakom. Ta njegovo sunce grije dobre i zle, a kiša pada na dobrima i zlima. Spomenutom parabolom želi Isus naglasiti činjenicu da denar vječnog života i blaženstva u Bogu mi ni u kojem slučaju ne možemo zaraditi ili zaslužiti. To je sa strane Božje samo čista, nezasluzena i nama poklonjena milost, koju nam daje dobrota Božja -- -- Bog jer nas ljubi i želi nas usrećiti kroz svu vječnost.

**TODAY, 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jesus' parable in today's Gospel is about workers who start work in a vineyard at various times of the day, and yet receive the same pay as the workers who worked all day. God does not judge and reward us according to human justice. His mercy and goodness exceed human expectation. God gives everyone's life a chance. He calls us to work not because He needs workers, but so we may cooperate in the work of His vineyard. It is never too late to begin. Our talents do not matter. What is needed is to answer His call. God does not calculate as we do. He rewards always the 'good will'. It is not important what we were working at, or what we have accomplished. A 'good will' is what counts and an effort on our part to answer the Lord's will. God takes care of all His children with Fatherly love, with no distinction. There is a reward and recognition for those who come last. We just have to answer His call, and do what is needed. This tells us how immense God's love and goodness is toward all of us. His sun **shines** on good and bad, and it **rains** on good and evil. The reward of Eternal Life is God's to give, unearned, because God loves us and wants to make us happy for all eternity.

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Forty Days For Life** will begin Wednesday, Sept. 27 and will run until Sunday, Nov. 5th. This is 40 days of Prayer, Fasting, Community Outreach and Prayerful Vigil at Buffalo Women's Services, 2500 Main St., Buffalo. All participants must sign a peace statement and stay within the yellow lines on the sidewalk. Come and be a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of life. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo) or call Gene Mendrysa at 716-634-8997.

**Respect Life Mass** is Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. There will be a blessing of babies, expectant mothers and families immediately after Mass, followed by a light social.

**Life Chain** will be on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2 to 3 p.m. along Niagara Falls Blvd. Participants nationwide hold a sign with a life-affirming message while they stand quietly and pray. Signs will be available in the vestibule of our church next weekend. Some of our parishioners pray in front of the Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. Please come and join us! Any questions call Jane Mead at 827-1923.

**VOCATION THOUGHT SEPT. 24, 2017**

One certainty about vocations is that there is no typical sound of God's voice or a common mode of communication. How is God calling you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**LECTORS THIS WEEKEND**

5:00 p.m. David Petrus  
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr  
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

- Saturday, Sept. 23: 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Leonard Manka (5 year death remembrance) by niece Joanne Barbic. Robert Levulis by Joanne Barbic and Lorraine Vuich. Robert Urban (Death remembrance) by daughter Janet Dragone and family. *(2nd & 3rd Mass January 3 and January 24 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)*
- Sunday, Sept. 24: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Robert Bartokvich by Anne Baker and family.  
*(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)*  
**10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends.
- Monday, Sept. 25: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.  
*(Weekday)*
- Tuesday, Sept. 26: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Stella Lesinski by the family. Jason Jablonski by Margaret Ann and family.  
*(Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)*
- Wednes. Sept. 27: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Living and deceased members of Schenck and Hanslick families by Gregory Schenck. Genevieve Brudzynski by Dragone family.  
*(St. Vincent de Paul, Priest)*
- Thursday, Sept. 28: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Edward Manka by daughter Deanna Zak and family. Christine and John Burkowski by family.  
*(St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions, Martyrs)*
- Friday, Sept. 29: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Sister Clarissa Zbodulja by Petre family. Ante Višić by wife Jelka.  
*(Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels)*
- Saturday, Sept. 30: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Joseph Klemenich by son Peter and family. Intentions of Our Lady by Petre family.  
*(St. Jerome, Priest & Dr. of the Church)*  
**5:00 p.m. = dec:** Living and deceased members of the Abram and Dengler families by Gregory Schenck. Geraldine Laszewski by Henry and Dorothy Widiak. Mark Henline by friends at Our Lady of Bistrica parish. *(+ 2nd and 3rd Mass November 17 and January 26 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)*
- Sunday, Oct. 1: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Ed Krypel by Chris and Linda Duncan. Sister Clarissa by 'Mikey' and family. *(+ 2nd Mass October 26 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
**10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends.