

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ Prayer Commemorating 9-11 ~

O God,
our hope and refuge,
in our distress
we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror
of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering
those who lost their lives.
We are mindful of the sacrifice of people
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for others.
We commit them to your eternal care
and we celebrate their gifts
to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering
and we come in hope —
not in ourselves — but in you.
Let us not base our security
on this passing world,
but see that true security
is found only in you
Father, lover of us all.

In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks
for your presence in our time of need
and we commit ourselves anew to serve only you
our guide and our guardian.
Amen.

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Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY:

Our monthly Coffee & Donuts is happening this Sunday! We will gather outside the Chapel, in the Holy Family Shrine area. Please join us for some community time together. **Our next Coffee & Donuts will be on Sunday, October 2, when Fr. John will be Blessing our pets.** Special doggie donuts will be available! Mark your calendars!

**NO MASS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:**

Due to a scheduling conflict that occurred before our Saturday Evening Mass was reinstated, both Andy and Father John have committed to participate in the Notre Dame College Centennial Mass next Saturday, September 17th, with Bishop Malesic. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Saturday evening Mass will resume on Saturday, September 24th.

ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL SUPPORT CONTINUES:

Student enrollment at St. Adalbert School has doubled. The need for ongoing support is important — especially at this time. **Therefore we have decided to continue to support for school supplies, responding to their monthly needs — No. 2 Wooden Pencils, Glue or Glue Sticks, Kleenex, Paper Towels and there is a special need for Backpacks.** Any and all quantities of these supplies are welcome!

Here is how you can be a part of this outreach. Simply shop for items on the list. Kindly **return the items** whenever you come to Our Lady Chapel. **If you do not have time to shop, simply place an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “St. Adalbert’s” or drop it off in the chapel office.** Together, we work and plant our seeds of hope and goodness to this community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping the children of St. Adalberts! Contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560] if you have any questions.

**WOMEN’S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

Tuesday, October 11th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. **Father John** will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can’t make it for Mass, come anyway when you can.] It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**MEN’S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For William Rogal, father of Music Minister, Jill Rogal, who is undergoing treatment for kidney issues.
- For Curtis Jackson, incoming Freshman at St. Edward HS, who was critically injured as an innocent bystander in a shooting.
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie [‘21] and Abbie [‘23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Melanie Lowrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For William Stepanek [‘76], brother of John [‘78], Michael [‘79], Timothy [‘82], and Brian [‘89] Stepanek, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Emma Yuhas, who is recovering from major surgery.
- For Madeleine Popp, mother of Gilmour CFO, Kathy Popp, who is ill.
- For Ursula Wyras, mother of Janet Heryak, and Grandmother of Lillian [‘09], Rosa [‘12] and Edwin [‘17] Heryak, who is recovering from Knee Replacement surgery.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Bob Hovel.
- For Jerome Chandler, former Holy Cross Brother
- For Sherry Smith
- For Sister Ellen Ann Mach, S.N.D.
- For Donald Wallace, uncle of Shannon Traynor [‘20]
- For Sister Mary Brooks, C.S.C.
- For Roy Luther, brother of Brother Ed Luther, C.S.C.
- For John Raab, brother of Father Ron Raab, C.S.C.
- For Ronald Swencki, father of Paul [‘85] and Mark [‘88] Swencki
- For Jack Rath, grandfather of Lilly [‘22], and Liam [‘24] Colaluca, and Jack [‘11] and Peter [‘14] Dolan.
- For Queen Elizabeth II

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

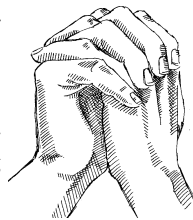
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For a growth in awareness of the blessing of family life.
- For all those struggling with various addictions.
- For an end to sexual abuse and lack of respect for human persons.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.
- For a greater awareness of our call to create a more humane and just society.

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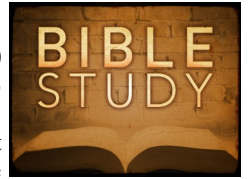
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Sabrina Kumar, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron ['25] and Mason ['28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Joe Weber ['52], who is seriously ill.
- For Michael Bares, brother of James ['80] Bares and Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel, uncle of Michael ['08], Steven ['10], Meghan ['13], and Kevin ['15] Pryatel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For David Francisco, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery.
- For Tom King, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Marty Szakaly, brother of Father Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., who is seriously ill.
- For Luca Palazzo, who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish ['30], who is undergoing treatment for many medical issues.
- For Tricia Ashkettle, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Matthew Gebhart, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy ['87], son of Kathleen Roddy, former teacher's aide in the Montessori, and brother of Mary Roddy-Stretar, Marketing Associate at Gilmour, and cousin of Daniel ['83], Mike ['85], and Matt ['86] Roddy, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For David Mattis, husband of former Middle School Director, Paula Mattis, father of Kim ['89] and Bill ['91] Mattis, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie ['17], Frank ['18], and Mia ['19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michael Nestor ['98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Elaine Hocevar, mother of Greg ['97], Matthew ['98], Ryan ['00], and Sarah ['01] Hocevar, who is awaiting a heart transplant
- For Joseph Borkey ['82], brother of Jeff ['80] and Jerrod ['87] Borkey, father of Christian Borkey ['16], and uncle of Jerrod ['12] and former Gilmour student, Ian Borkey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Mary Goers who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane ['36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Karuna Singla, Sister-in-law of Science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil ['13] and Nupur ['17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer.
- For Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark ['94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco ['96], grandmother of Aurelia ['28] and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Tom Podnar, father of Lower School art teacher, Eileen Sheehan, who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- For Father James Caddy, former pastor of St. Francis, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word.



Our topic: Brokenness and Repentance.

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, September 11: 24 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 12:	NO MASS
Tuesday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross	NO MASS
Thursday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows	NO MASS
Friday, September 16: St. Cornelius	NO MASS
Saturday, September 17: 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, September 18: 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

R.C.I.A [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]:

We are beginning to form our RCIA program for this year. If you have been thinking about investigating the Catholic faith, or if you know someone who has been thinking about it; if you have been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith — then consider joining or having them join our RCIA program. **Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.**



LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST:

People who are living life to the fullest always have two things in common — they believe the future can be better than the past, and they believe that they can do something today to bring about that better future.

—Matthew Kelly

TWENTY-ONE YEARS:

It was twenty-one years ago that my mother went into the hospital for a somewhat routine surgery and never came back home. I was at my parents' house when I got the call. The woman I had just walked the hallways of the hospital with earlier that day was barely hanging on to life due to a massive heart attack, probably brought on by complications with painkillers. I had to make the call to remove life support because my father and sister could not face the situation. It was reality crashing in on us all.

A person can feel so lost when life takes a sharp turn toward tragedy. If you live long enough, everyone finds himself or herself wandering and wondering how life can change so fast. Within the last twenty-one years, both my sister and father have both passed away as well. I read a book about how one can feel abandoned when parents and family die — almost like an orphan. It doesn't matter your age. How you have identified yourself from birth is now gone because those people that created your identity are now gone. You feel like you are somehow a missing person, waiting to be found again.

Twenty-one years.

Jesus liked to use parables to hammer home the promise that if you are lost, God will find you, and if you seek a way home, God will be waiting [Luke 15:1-32]. You are, I am, at times, lost sheep or coins, or prodigals that have decided to put our will and desires above that of our Creator. But when we are lost, it is at those times that we become most precious to God.

Sometimes, we stray from the path without really knowing that we are going astray. Sheep are not smart animals. A coin cannot think for itself. We can find ourselves somewhere else due to lack of planning, ignorance, or sin. The reality is that at these moments we can't find our way back. We need a shepherd or coin owner to look for us, and not in a nonchalant manner. We need someone greater than ourselves to pull out all the stops to find us, because if not, we could be lost forever.

At other times, we simply need to face the facts and say that God's will is more important than our own. Like the prodigal son, we can make our way back, but we have to fight fear, pride, and humiliation before traveling back home. But these are human emotions that do not speak to the truth — there is no reason to fear or be ashamed in the presence of our Father. He waits for us to return, and when we are seen in the distance coming toward our home, he does not sit still. With compassion, he runs toward us for the embrace we thought we might never experience again.

Time can harden our human hearts, but with God, time has no ill effect. If it has been five, ten, or even twenty-one years, God will either continue to look for you or will run to you upon your return. The good news is that you can begin again. Through the love of God and the sacramental life of the Church, the transgressions of the past are no more. You were lost, but now you are found.

Twenty-one years.

It was twenty-one years ago we watched multiple passenger airliners fly directly into some of the tallest buildings in our world. 2,996 people lost their lives on that day, while six thousand others suffered physical injury as well. But we all suffered injury on that day. For many of us, our innocence was gone and the belief that we were untouchable was shattered.

Although we proved to be strong and resilient, as the years go by, in many ways we continue to be lost. Recent studies speak about the decline of belief in God and the tremendous exodus from our faith communities. We put faith in politics and politicians, in science, in money; and in many ways we have given in to fear and prejudice. As a nation we are following our will, much like the prodigal.

But there still is a Shepherd looking for his sheep. There is still someone looking for the lost treasure of our faith. And there is still a Father waiting to run toward his own with an embrace that will chase all fear and pain away.

**A TIME FOR SILENCE:**

For many people in today's world, time for personal silence has been stolen. It's time to reset and recover this stolen treasure. Think about Jesus' advice in the Gospel of St. Matthew about not getting so absorbed in "what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear" [see Matthew 6] that you miss an awareness of God's presence. "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow" [Matthew 6:26-28]. Take some time for silence to appreciate what you have.

St. Paul is straightforward: "Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" [Colossians 3:2]. Reset. Give yourself breaks of silence and prayer. Come up for some air.

The wonderful value of silence and prayer was imprinted on our minds when Pope Francis made a visit to Auschwitz in Poland. He was there alone. He walked through the gate of the Nazi extermination camp in silence. He sat on a wooden bench alone — in silence. Before the death wall — where thousands were executed — he prayed and placed a simple candle. In the underground cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe — the Franciscan who volunteered to replace a husband and father marked for death — Francis prayed in silence. He embodied silent prayer. His silence, in effect, was golden. Giving silent time to talk with God is an example for all of us.

The pope had specified beforehand that he wanted "to go to that place of horror without speeches, without crowds. Alone, enter, pray. And may the Lord give me the grace to cry." His only public words were written in the guest book: "Lord, have pity on your people. Lord, forgive so much cruelty."

There's a time for words just as there's a time for silence. We use words to reach out to one another, to connect, inform, console, beg forgiveness, and express our love. Pope Francis has spoken and written many powerful words, but his visit to Auschwitz was a place and time for silence and prayer. Such silence and prayer was not unusual for the pope. It enriches his life every day — as it can ours.

—taken from the writings of Friar Jeremy Harrington, O.F.M., which appear on the internet

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33, Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Mark 4:1-10, 13-20
Wednesday: Numbers 21:4b-9 & Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17
Thursday: Hebrews 5:7-9, John 19:25-27 & Luke 2:33-35
Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, John 17:11b-19
Saturday: Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16, Matthew 7:21-29

25th Week in Ordinary Time: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13