PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For John Zippay, family friend of Bernadette and Stephen Ritley, who is seriously ill.
- For Jill Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for mental health issues.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Debbie Langer, friend of Cindy Frimel, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.
- For Nada Kucmanic, who is seriously ill from cancer
- For Josephine Fernando, who is seriously ill.
- For Sean O'Toole, Gilmour Athletic Director, father of Owen ['18], Connor ['20], Kelsey ['24], and former Gilmour student, Erin, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Mary Vislosky, who is seriously ill as a result of bone cancer.
- For Brother Joseph LeBon, C.S.C., who is under the care of hospice.
- For Cathy Force, mother of Erika DiCello Lacroix ['90], Grandmother of Andre ['23] and AJ ['25]
 Lacroix, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Lawrence Wynn, Gilmour Strength and Conditioning Coach, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Brother Tom Maddix, C.S.C., who is undergoing medical treatment., and preparing for surgery.
- For Terry DeBacco, mother of Michelle Chiacchiari ['96], mother-in-law of Mark Chiacchiari ['94], grandmother of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing rehab following a fall
- For Richard DeBacco, father of Michelle Chiacchiari ['96], father-in-law of Mark Chiacchiari ['94], grandfather of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is the care of hospice.
- For Frank McCamley, former Gilmour teacher, father of Brian ['03] and Lauren ['08] McCamley, who is seriously ill.
- For Karen O'Keefe, wife of former Gilmour transportation associate, Richard O'Keefe, who is seriously ill.
- For Brother Edward Libbers, C.S.C., who is in rehab following a fall.
- For Cheri Ramos, future mother-in-law of LS Montessori instructor, Jacqueline Schmidt, who is seriously ill following a ruptured aneurysm
- For Father Ray Sutter, pastor emeritus of St. Matthias Parish, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- For Sheldon Gray, who is suffering from a-fib, a recent fall, and has a brain bleed.
- For Maryann Kennedy, wife of Larry Kennedy ['66], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Daniel Lazzaro, brother of Thomas ['82], father of Will ['23].
- For Jim Repasky, uncle of Upper School instructor, John Overman, and great uncle of Jack Overman [*25].
- For Martin Skufca ['70]
- For William Cecil, father of Father Bruce Cecil, C.S.C..
- For Gordon Rodeen, father of Upper School Instructor, Mary Merkel, and grandfather of Bart Merkel ['10].
- For Joel Betters, brother of Father John Betters, pastor of Ss. Robert and William Parish

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. 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

LABOR DAY:

Monday, September 2nd, we take time to celebrate the final holiday of the summer—Labor Day. Besides reflecting on summer, the holiday, by its very title, invites us to reflect upon the contributions that each person makes toward the building of the human family. All of us are called by God to continue to participate in the work of creation. Each of us, because of our baptism, is called to bring to life, through our talents and energies, to that small piece of God's kingdom on earth. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM on Monday. We would be honored if you and your family will

FAITH EDUCATION:

Our Faith Education Program will begin on Sunday, October 6th. All children who will be part of our Faith Education program need to register. Our Sessions go from 8:45—9:45 AM, on Sunday mornings, with the hope that our children would then participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass. If you have not done so already, it is imperative that you register your family by contacting Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560]. Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

O.C.I.A [Order of Christian Initiation for Adults]:

We are beginning to plan for our OCIA program [formerly known as RCIA] which will begin shortly. Why the name change? OCIA refers to the entire journey of faith discernment, whereas RCIA refers only to the Ritual aspects of the journey.



If you know someone who has been away from the Catholic Church for a while, or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who presently is not a Catholic but would like to pursue this avenue of faith;, or investigate it; if you know someone who is not fully initiated [Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation] in their Catholic faith — then consider having them join our OCIA program. Please contact Father John [440-473-3560] for more information.

THE SEASON OF CREATION:

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.



Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed September 1st as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. In fact, the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world. The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from September 1st until October 4th — the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Following the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I and the WCC, Christians worldwide have embraced the season as part of their annual calendar. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015.

The theme for the observance of The Season of Creation for 2024 is: "To Hope and Act with Creation". In his letter to the Church at Rome [8:19-25], St. Paul uses the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth. Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures.

The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, September 4th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 4th 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: Being Born Again in Christ

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 1: 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 2: Labor Day	9:30 AM In-Person only
Tuesday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 4:	NO MASS
Thursday, September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta	NO MASS
Friday, September 6:	NO MASS
Saturday, September 7: 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person only
Sunday, September 8: 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In-Person & Live Stream

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SEPTEMBER 21st:

Our Savior Lutheran Church — across the street from the Chapel — has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on the third Saturday of each month. They welcome volunteers. On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need



help unloading the trailers and setting up items for distribution and preparing for the food pantry to open. It serves around 150 clients each time. The food pantry serves clients from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday.

Our Savior Lutheran's Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Please join us for a great experience.

Please let us know in the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you would like more information or if you would like to help. This is a wonderful way to serve others Please consider this opportunity.

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