



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

September 17, 2023

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Sirach 27:30–28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew 18:21–35



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

**Eucharistic Services:**

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,  
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

**Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

**Ministers for next Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke

Lector: Jackie Caudill

**Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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**Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen**

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,  
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus  
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.  
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.  
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help  
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our  
community.

Amen

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**Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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## Season of Creation Tree Planting Event

(With Bishop John!) - In the spirit of Laudato Si and the care for our common home, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington will be celebrating the Season of Creation, an ecumenical movement that celebrates God's creation. On September 23rd we will plant over 300 trees and celebrate mass with Bishop John. This event is a partnership with both the Laudato Si Commission, as well as Green Forests Works at the University of Kentucky. The whole family is invited, lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please register and See attached flyer!



## Religious Education

Mother of Good Counsel begins our religious education program for students from grades K-6 on Sunday September 17 at 10:00. Please register your children so we have the correct materials.

## Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? The Parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes on September 26 at 7:00 pm. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

## Diocesan Middle School Retreat

The Middle School Retreat will be on November 3-5, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp (7463 Athens-Boonesboro Rd, Lexington KY 40509). The cost will be \$75 per student, more details will be coming soon.

## Journey of Hope for Divorced/Separated Catholic -

This 9-week course begins September 13 at the Catholic Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Go to [www.cdlex.org/joh](http://www.cdlex.org/joh) for info and to register. Journey of Hope is a program addressing concerns of divorced or separated Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture, and Catholic Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ.

## Roof Project

Mother of Good Counsel is currently raising funds for a new roof on the church and gathering space. The goal of funds to raise for this project is \$10,000. We currently have raised \$2600 toward our goal. Once this project is complete the parish will also look to put solar on the roof to help with future costs. Please let Lori know if you would like to make a contribution to this project.

## International Dinner 2023

Thank you to all who helped make our International Dinner a success, whether making food, serving, doing dishes and cleanup or selling tickets. An updated total of \$2500 was raised for the parish, there are still donations coming in so there will be an additional update of funds raised.

## Rosary, Word & Communion Service

There will not be the regular Rosary, Word and Communion Service this Wednesday. Take some extra time at home to pray the Rosary this week and read the daily readings.

## Teen Disciples

Our students in grades 7-12 will begin meeting next Sunday September 24 with a kickoff event, it will be an evening of Mario Cart Races, prayer and fun. This first Teen Disciples will take place from 5:00 pm to 6:30pm.

## Adult Faith Formation

Next Sunday following Mass we will continue our series on the Eucharist with small faith sharing group. Let Lori know if you can bring a dish to share. This is open to all parishioners.

## Parish Picnic - Sunday October 1

Mother of Good Counsel will celebrate the end of the Season of Creation with Mass and picnic at Perry County Park. Mass will begin at 11:30 am with picnic to follow. The parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, and drinks. Please sign up for what you are willing to bring.

## Extra Reading Material on Creation

If you would like a digital copy of the article by the late John Rausch, *The Earth Laughs in Flowers: Public Prayer in Appalachia* please let Lori know and she can email you the document.

## Upcoming Events

- 9/1- 10/4 - Season of Creation
- 9/23- Diocesan Tree Planting
- 9/24 - Adult Faith Formation -following Mass Topic - Eucharist
- 9/24 - Teen Disciples Meets 5:00 pm - 6:30pm
- 9/26 - 7:00 Becoming Catholic Class
- 10/1 - Parish Picnic at Perry County Park (weather permitting)
- 10/4 - Pet Blessing for feast of St. Francis
- 11/17 - Pig Roast

# Forgive and Forget?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

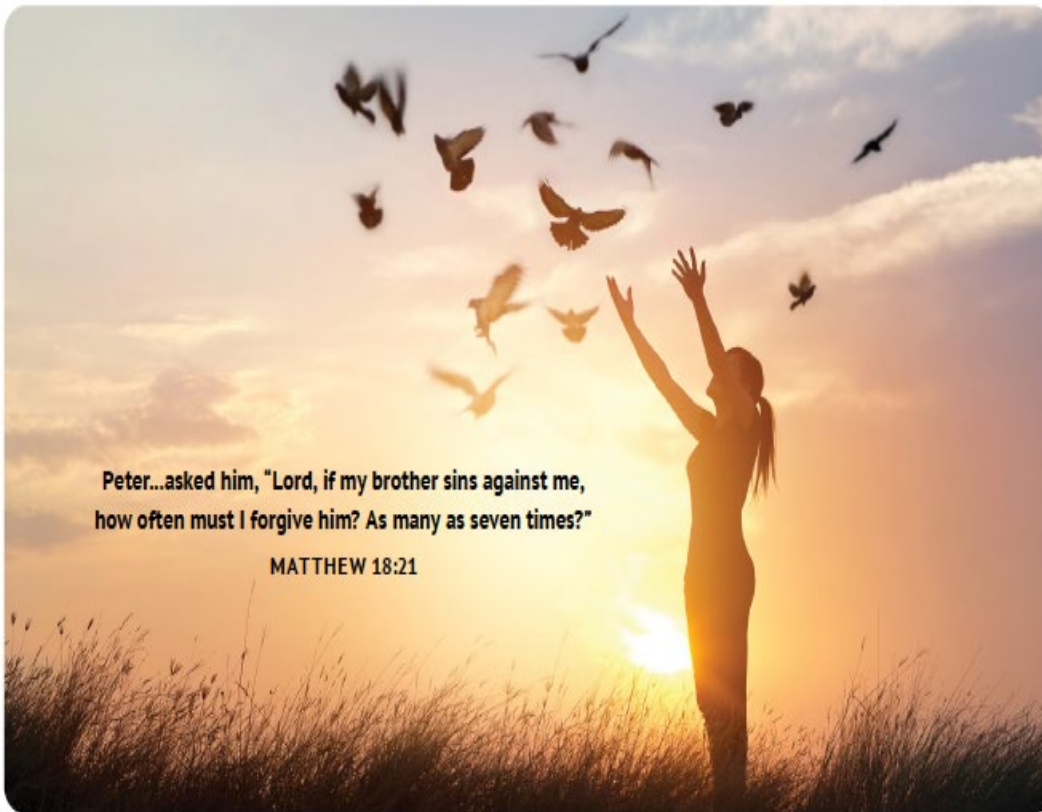
**T**erry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? "I'm a Christian and a Catholic, and it's really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be."

It's been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, "Oh, that's OK. Don't worry about it." Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. "Forgive and forget" is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person's life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ●

## Reflect

**When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?**



Peter...asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... "Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity." A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.*

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



Readings for the Week

## MONDAY

September 11  
Weekday  
Col 1:24-2:3  
Lk 6:6-11

## TUESDAY

September 12  
Weekday  
Col 2:6-15  
Lk 6:12-19

## WEDNESDAY

September 13  
St. John  
Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Col 3:1-11  
Lk 6:20-26

## THURSDAY

September 14  
The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

## FRIDAY

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35

## SATURDAY

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius,  
Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15-17  
Lk 6:43-49

## SUNDAY

September 17  
Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30-28:7  
Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35



# Dear Padre,

## Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that "small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel." Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, "with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word 'chapel' more appropriately describes this space." If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. "The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship" (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are "on holy ground" (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God's mercy and unconditional love. ●



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## Our Weekly Offering

9/10/2023

Loose: \$44

Envelopes : \$495

World Missions: \$92

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$771

## Birthdays

9/18: Pam Melton

9/21: Carol Marie Logan

9/23: Joey Elsoueidi

## Prayer Family

The Logan Family



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## Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam, Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for September  
 For people living on the margins  
 We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.