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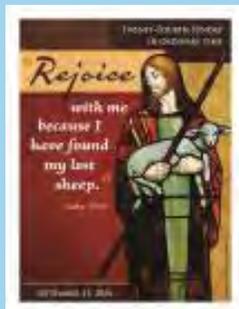
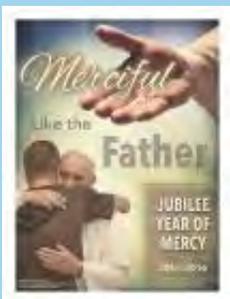
Gospel Living in the Catholic Tradition!

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

A Festival of Forgiveness Celebrating God's Mercy Sunday, September 11 and Monday, September 12



Our Lady of Mercy



MERCY

Among the attributes of God,
although they are all equal,
mercy shines with even more brilliance
than justice.

—Miguel de Cervantes



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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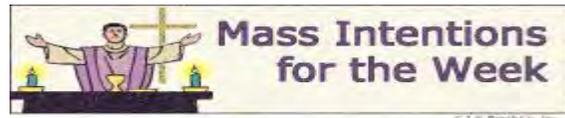
**In your prayers,
remember our families
and friends in need:**

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| Christene (baby)
Grace (age 2 years)
Kenny Anderle
Eileen Baxter
Bessie Beach
Nancy Beachler
Angela Benkhraba
Seema Bharwani
Kassie Billing
Mike Billing
Diane Billings
Jenni Blum
Wanda Bond
Karen Booker
Jim Brogan
Lee Burkett
Jesse Burrier
Maureen Cammareri
Don Cason
Victor Cespedes
Jose Chapa, Jr.
Sister Eileen Christie
Peter Cono
Rev. Conrad Cowart
Homer Dabbs
Shirley Dabbs
Michael Dalton, Jr.
David A. Delgado
Paula V. De Voto
Diane Dickerson
Agostino DiGirolamo
Thomas Donato
Tim Donovan | Will English
Gabriel Figueroa
Mary Ellen Figueroa
Megan Futch
Francisca Geisler
Angelo Giannettino III
Jim Giordano
Karen Glennon
Mary Glorioso
Janice Golifch
Dorothy Robert Hall
Linda Henrie
Msgr. Heslin
Diane Joseph
Ron Kaminski
Sandra Keane
Sue Knowles
Ed Kuhn
Lester LaFreniere
Merle LaFreniere
Kathy Lauter
Harvey Lednick
Lena Lednick
Anthony Lowros
Ann Lutsko's family
Brian Lynn
Joan Malandrucco
Susan Martocci
Jack Mathison
Kyle Merritt
Brian Moran
Edward Morgan
Jerry Murphy & Family | John Nicolosi
Rev. Guy F. Noonan
John Nordstrom
Marie Olsen
Denise Orr
Bernadine Pero
Ed Perry
Emily Petraglia
Louise Prader
Shannon Prader
Susan Rand
Aly Rice
J. C. Riess
Linda Riess
EllaKate Rolf
Len Rosa
Robert Sabo
Tracy Sabo
Filipp Sapienza
Ella Grace Saunderson
Vera Schuster
Mary Skillern
Helen Sterling
Maria Stroebel
Brian Thomason
John Vecchione
Patrick & Joyce Veit
Linda Wilson
Diane Zeier
Loretta Mallett Zelik
David, Rosemary,
& Alisa Zimmel |
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To have your loved one included, please send your prayer requests to A. J. Anderle at marineman150@bellsouth.net or 940-0582.

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| Sept. 10 Saturday 4 pm | Mary Mistler †
Requested by John & Susan Hanlon |
| Sept. 11 Sunday 8 am | Mary Mistler †
Requested by Audrey Hanlon |
| Sept. 11 Sunday 10 am | Alfonso Perillo †
Requested by Tony & Hilda Perillo |
| Sept. 11 Sunday Noon | Pro Populo (For the Parishioners) |
| Sept. 13 Tuesday 8:15 am | Manuel Vasquez †
Requested by Marietta Vasquez |
| Sept. 15 Thursday 8:15 am | Alice Boylan †
Req. by Greg & Pat Letnaunchyn |
| Sept. 17 Saturday 4 pm | Joe Ceglie †
Requested by Tony & Hilda Perillo |
| Sept. 18 Sunday 8 am | John Wojcik †
Requested by Diane Matusiak |
| Sept. 18 Sunday 10 am | Angelo & Luigia Perillo †
Requested by Tony & Hilda Perillo |
| Sept. 18 Sunday Noon | Pro Populo (For the Parishioners) |

My Father and Mother, Jim and Liz Wagner, belonged to OLGC and lived in **The Residences at WGV** for 17 years. We have sold his house in The Residences and expect to close later this month. I will be hosting an **Estate Sale on Saturday, 9/17 from 10 AM to 4 PM.** My parents have beautiful furniture, meticulously kept. We will have furniture and accessories for sale. Come to 125 N Champions Way #311 St Augustine, FL 32092 *Tina Rasmussen*

New Members and Guests: WELCOME!

For those considering membership, parish registration forms are located on the wall of the Church entrance.

In the spirit of discipleship, our ministries booklet is available, please ask any staff member. Our website at www.olgc-church.org offers a tremendous amount of information on the parish and the Diocese.

Like us on Facebook. See website for link.

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear parishioners,

To this beautiful world wherein there is much hope ,but also the experience of much division, Pope Francis of Rome addresses a letter (on next 3 pages) to all Catholics, people of other religions, and all persons of good will.

Whether we be Democrat or Republican, or a member of some other emerging party, care for our spatial and terrestrial environment is a common concern. In like manner, whether we agree or disagree on the facts and causes of eco-development or degradation, the management of the earth's challenges and potential concerns us all. We are all deeply connected with the whole of creation. By logical extension, "When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings."

The earth in particular is akin to our mother, the womb from which we come. Then again, we have often heard the expression that 'the child is the Mother of the Man (or woman)'. In this sense, since we are all deeply connected to nature, to sin against nature is to sin against ourselves. Thus Francis states that 'when we mistreat nature, we mistreat human beings', including ourselves.

Some people call themselves agnostic or even atheists in terms of religious belief. They suspect or fear that the earth and all interplanetary systems are the result of some sort of pan-cosmic fate. Or, they believe that all query might be reduced to, and satisfactorily explained by, scientific theory and research.

In fact, science and religion should embrace and give each other a holy kiss. A healthy and reasoned Catholic religious imagination does not deny the insights of scientific understanding. We share a keen concern to understand more and more through science about this 'mother' which is our home. At the same time, we do not experience ourselves and creation as reduced to a random or predictable result of cosmic energy acting upon matter. Rather, we also experience ourselves in profound mystery and on endless hope-filled quest. We are, it has been said, "Spirit-in-the-World", graced in mystery.

In this graced and yet mysterious situation which is ours, science and faith can walk with each other with both curiosity and awe. Curiosity, because we seek to know. Awe, because we also know that there is no absolute reason that proves why we have the right to be. Our existence itself is religiously interpreted as founded in the expressive love of God. God. A slight yet heavy word -- Being in pure mystery! Yet also the one Jesus calls his "Trustworthy Father".

Francis of Assisi called the earth his mother, the sun and fire his brothers, the moon and the water his sisters. In this spirit, I confide to you the reflections of Francis, our present Pope named after "The Poverello" (little poor one) of Assisi.

Since the Pope addresses us from the Apostolic See, this and his other teachings on the environment and care for creation are now considered part of the Corpus of the Church's moral and social teaching. (Google, for example, his first encyclical entitled "Laudato Si'/"Be Praised my Lord...").

This does not mean that Francis addresses us under the rubric of infallibility. But it does mean that these documents call us -- and all persons of good will -- to serious discussion and to religious reflection of mind and will.

May we receive this document in Peace.

May our reflections upon it bring us much Good.

Sincerely, in pilgrim quest with you, *Father Guy*



LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS REGARDING PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
Show Mercy to our Common Home

United with our Orthodox brothers and sisters, and with the support of other Churches and Christian communities, the Catholic Church today marks the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation". This Day offers "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." ¹

It is most encouraging that concern for the future of our planet is shared by the Churches and Christian communities, together with other religions. Indeed, in past decades numerous efforts have been made by religious leaders and organizations to call public attention to the dangers of an irresponsible exploitation of our planet. Here I would mention Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople who, like his predecessor Patriarch Dimitrios, has long spoken out against the sin of harming creation and has drawn attention to the moral and spiritual crisis at the root of environmental problems. In response to a growing concern for the integrity of creation, the Third European Ecumenical Assembly in Sibiu in 2007 proposed celebrating a "Time for Creation" during the five weeks between 1 September (the Orthodox commemoration of God's creation) and 4 October (the commemoration of Francis of Assisi in the Catholic Church and some other Western traditions). This initiative, supported by the World Council of Churches, has since inspired many ecumenical activities in different parts of the world. It is also encouraging that throughout the world similar initiatives promoting environmental justice, concern for the poor and responsible social commitment have been bringing together people, especially young people, from diverse religious backgrounds. Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.

1. The earth cries out ...

With this Message, I renew my dialogue with "every person living on this planet" (*Laudato Si'*, 3) about the sufferings of the poor and the devastation of the environment. God gave us a bountiful garden, but we have turned it into a polluted wasteland of "debris, desolation and filth" (ibid., 161). We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behavior. "Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right" (ibid., 33).

Global warming continues, due in part to human activity: 2015 was the warmest year on record, and 2016 will likely be warmer still. This is leading to ever more severe droughts, floods, fires and extreme weather events. Climate change is also contributing to the heart-rending refugee crisis. The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are most vulnerable and already suffering its impact.

As an integral ecology emphasizes, human beings are deeply connected with all of creation. When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings. At the same time, each creature has its own intrinsic value that must be respected. Let us hear "*both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*" (*Laudato Si'*, 49), and do our best to ensure an appropriate and timely response.

2. ... for we have sinned

God gave us the earth "to till and to keep" (*Gen 2:15*) in a balanced and respectful way. To till too much, to keep too little, is to sin.

My brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has courageously and prophetically continued to point out our sins against creation. "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins." Further, "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God." ²

In the light of what is happening to our common home, may the present Jubilee of Mercy summon the Christian faithful "to profound interior conversion" (*Laudato Si'*, 217), sustained particularly by the sacrament of Penance. During this Jubilee Year, let us learn to implore God's mercy for those sins against creation that we have not hitherto acknowledged and confessed. Let us likewise commit ourselves to taking concrete steps towards ecological conversion, which requires a clear recognition of our responsibility to ourselves, our neighbors, creation and the Creator (ibid., 10 and 229).

3. An examination of conscience and repentance

The first step in this process is always an examination of conscience, which involves "gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works... It also entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion. As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings" (*Laudato Si'*, 220).

Turning to this bountiful and merciful Father who awaits the return of each of his children, we can acknowledge our sins against creation, the poor and future generations. "Inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage," we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation."³ This is the first step on the path of conversion.

In 2000, also a Jubilee Year, my predecessor Saint John Paul II asked Catholics to make amends for past and present religious intolerance, as well as for injustice towards Jews, women, indigenous peoples, immigrants, the poor and the unborn. In this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I invite everyone to do likewise. As individuals, we have grown comfortable with certain lifestyles shaped by a distorted culture of prosperity and a "disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary" (*Laudato Si'*, 123), and we are participants in a system that "has imposed the mentality of profit at any price, with no concern for social exclusion or the destruction of nature."⁴ Let us repent of the harm we are doing to our common home.

After a serious examination of conscience and moved by sincere repentance, we can confess our sins against the Creator, against creation, and against our brothers and sisters. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents the confessional as the place where the truth makes us free."⁵ We know that "God is greater than our sin,"⁶ than all our sins, including those against the environment. We confess them because we are penitent and desire to change. The merciful grace of God received in the sacrament will help us to do so.

4. Changing course

Examining our consciences, repentance and confession to our Father who is rich in mercy lead to *a firm purpose of amendment*. This in turn must translate into concrete ways of thinking and acting that are more respectful of creation. For example: "avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices" (*Laudato Si'*, 211). We must not think that these efforts are too small to improve our world. They "call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread" and encourage "a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption" (*ibid.*, 212, 222).

In the same way, the resolve to live differently should affect our various contributions to shaping the culture and society in which we live. Indeed, "care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and communion" (*Laudato Si'*, 228). Economics and politics, society and culture cannot be dominated by thinking only of the short-term and immediate financial or electoral gains. Instead, they urgently need to be redirected to the common good, which includes sustainability and care for creation.

One concrete case is the "ecological debt" between the global north and south (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 51-2). Repaying it would require treating the environments of poorer nations with care and providing the financial resources and technical assistance needed to help them deal with climate change and promote sustainable development.

The protection of our common home requires a growing global political consensus. Along these lines, I am gratified that in September 2015 the nations of the world adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, and that, in December 2015, they approved the Paris Agreement on climate change, which set the demanding yet fundamental goal of halting the rise of the global temperature. Now governments are obliged to honor the commitments they made, while businesses must also responsibly do their part. It is up to citizens to insist that this happen, and indeed to advocate for even more ambitious goals.

Changing course thus means "keeping the original commandment to preserve creation from all harm, both for our sake and for the sake of our fellow human beings."⁷ A single question can keep our eyes fixed on the goal: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (*Laudato Si'*, 160).

5. A new work of mercy

"Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practice acts of mercy in his name."⁸

To paraphrase Saint James, "we can say that mercy without works is dead ... In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy."⁹

The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy.¹⁰ "We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness... But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces."¹¹

Obviously "human life itself and everything it embraces" includes care for our common home. So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include *care for our common home*.

As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" (*Laudato Si*, 214) which "allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us" (*ibid.*, 85). As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" and "makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world" (*ibid.*, 230-31).

6. In conclusion, let us pray

Despite our sins and the daunting challenges before us, we never lose heart. "The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us... for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward" (*Laudato Si*, 13; 245). In a particular way, let us pray on 1 September, and indeed throughout the year:

"O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes... God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth" (*ibid.*, 246), God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen.

From the Vatican, 1 September 2016

FRANCIS



The corporal works of mercy are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, consoling the afflicted, forgiving offenses, bearing patiently those who do us ill, praying for the living and the dead.

For all families of OLG Parish, please consider the following to do as a family:

With all the people, land & water that surround us, what are the ways your children and other adult family members will care for creation here in Saint John's County? Focus on the poor in our midst, how will we serve the poor? Simple daily gestures mean what?

When you travel to another location, think of how you care for "planet earth" as you travel to your destination?

For the children, in your school what are some ways you will care for the school property?

Adults at work, what areas in the work environment are you able to serve in care of creation?

For all of us, everyone and everything we live with are very important. How are we caring for one another and caring for the resources given to us by God?



Respect for all life is critical — human life; animal life on the land, under the sea, in the air; vegetative life is all around us. Plan projects to do as a family that will show our care for all of creation!

Children registered in our Family Catechesis Program, please bring on Mondays to your Family Catechesis classes what you are planning to do for your care of creation.



**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISHIONERS
REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT PERISHED
IN RESULT OF THE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**



Mike Azika	Bruce Bohem	Pamela Boyce	Lisa Cannava
Jose Cordona	James Hopper	Rev. Mychal Judge	Harold Lizcano
George Llanes	Danny Lopez	Walter Matuzza	Boyie Mohammed
Peter Nelson	Daniela Notaro	Daniel O'Callaghan	Emillio Ortiz
Richard Poulos	Peter Raimondi	John, Sylvia & Baby Resta	
Timothy Roy	Paul Salvio	Lonny Stone	Christopher Traina

May the Lord continue to have mercy and compassion for all those that died and all of us still suffering the loss and anguish of the events that happened 15 years ago today.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

ATTENTION: The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. **To Report Abuse**, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 904-262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse / 1-800 962-2873.

Firearms policy of Diocese: Firearms and other dangerous weapons may NOT be brought into any diocesan-owned work place, building or facility. [...] Such weapons ...must remain secured within the individual's vehicle, in accordance with State Law. (HR 3/2013)

THANK YOU!

Last month we helped 52 families with 3,000 pounds of food! **THANK YOU!**

In the past we have highlighted two items at a time that were needed in the pantry. Starting now we focus on one item at a time.

Hint: If you can't remember what our "Focus Item" is, we can always use Peanut Butter (16-18 oz), CANNED BEANS (15 oz) or vegetables (15 oz).



So, our "Focus Item" is:

Rice

(2 or 3 lb BAGS)
(Larger sizes are too big to pack in our bags)

Please: **NO GLASS** and in original unopened containers.

Your monetary support is also welcome in the form of a check made out to **OLGC (MEMO: Food Pantry)**



Next Pantry Dates 2016:

Tues.: **Sept 13 Oct 11** 5 pm — 7 pm;
Sat.: **Sept 17 Oct 15** 10 am — Noon.

Thank you for your continued support as we nourish the hungry.

Head of the Church: The Glorified Christ

Pastor: Rev. Guy Francis Noonan, S.T.D.

Mass Schedule:

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm**
- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon**
- Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs.: 8:15 am**
- Confessions: Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm**

2016 "400 Club"

The weekly drawings will take place at the Saturday 4 pm Mass.

Raffle Winners drawn on September 03/04, 2016:

Cheryl Donald, Ticket # 213, won \$100.

Ed & Karen Quinet, Ticket # 494, won \$100.

Check the board in the Church entrance for those who have won the previous weekly drawings.

All proceeds from this fundraiser went to the OLGC Operations Account.

Thanks for all your support of the "OLGC 400 Club". The 400 Club Committee



Men's Breakfast Club presents

"Crossing the Goal"

Fall Semester begins

October 1st!

This year we will be introducing the "Crossing the Goal" program. "Crossing the Goal" is aimed to improve our spiritual fitness through studying the Word and Will of God while Witnessing with our own real life examples to deepen the message. All men 18 and older are welcome and invited to join us as we take this journey of discipleship together. We will be meeting Saturday's from 6:00 – 6:30 AM for breakfast and fellowship followed by the program from 6:30-7:50 AM. Signup will be available after Masses on September 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25, contact Richard Hisrich via email at rhisr@yahoo.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Lord, may this be my prayer: 'That I be ready to make an account of my stewardship whenever you call me from this life.'

Last Will and Testament: Please consider including your Church in your estate planning. The Church and its diverse ministries exist only through the funding of its members. The name of our Church for legal purposes is "Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, Mill Creek, Saint Augustine, FL. 32092".



September 03 & 04, 2016:

Saturday Vigil 4 pm:	\$ 2,899.00
Sunday 8 am:	\$ 2,048.00
Sunday 10 am:	\$ 4,399.00
Sunday 12 Noon:	\$ 2,671.50
OLGC Mass Total: *	\$ 12,017.50

Parish population approximately =
551 households with
47%* of Parishioners contributing

OLGC Parish Poor (this week): \$ 25.00

Cumulative Totals as of September 06, 2016:

Assumption of BVM (August 15): \$ 489.00

Diocesan Non-Parochial collections:
Black & Native American Missions (August): \$ 453.00

MEN'S CLUB MEETING ON TUESDAY, 9/13

The monthly meeting for the OLGC Men's Club will be held in Pod 1 on 9/13. Food will be served starting at 6:00 PM and the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. All men of the Parish are welcome to come and be a part of an organization devoted to help in the Parishes' development by helping where needed and friendship to our fellow parishioners.