Jesus Teaches the Multiplication Tables (Matthew 18:21-35)

On June 17, 2015, some members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, gathered for Bible study. They were joined by a newcomer, a young man who sat with them for an hour until he opened fire upon them, killing nine of the members. The families of the murdered victims were grief-stricken, the congregation was devastated, the country angry. Some of the family members told the young man, Dylann Roof, that they would pray for his soul and that they forgave him.

We are taught in the gospels that we are expected to forgive. But how many times have we heard, or said, “I can forgive but I can’t forget,” with the underlying meaning that not forgetting equals not forgiving. We tend to interpret forgiveness as surrender, failing to see it as an awesome manifestation of strength. But who among us has that kind of strength?

Peter, feeling generous, suggests that a transgressor should be forgiven seven times. That seems to be a lot of forgiving. But to his surprise, Jesus ups the ante and says that we should forgive the brother or sister who sins against us seventy times seven. That’s pretty demanding math. He goes on to tell the story of a servant who owed his master a fortune, but when the servant begged for forgiveness, the master granted it and canceled the debt, even though it meant that he was out a considerable amount of money.

The forgiven servant then goes to a fellow servant who owes him a much smaller amount of money, but when the debtor says that he can’t pay it right away, he is thrown into prison. The other servants are outraged. They tell the master who canceled the original debt and forgave his servant. But the deal is off when he learns that his generosity was not reciprocated. The unforgiving servant is thrown back into prison and beaten, with the obligation to repay the debt upon him once more.

Which servant are we? Do we forgive one another or do we weld ourselves to the times when we were ignored or hurt? “I can forgive but I can’t forget.”

At the sentencing of Dylann Roof, the families of the victims he killed were allowed to speak. The son of the pastor who was killed in the shooting referred to the outpouring of love that the city had received after enduring the tragedy. He said that if Dylann Roof wanted to show hate and discord, he achieved the opposite. “I want you to think about that, as I forgive you for your act. Know you have an opportunity to ask for forgiveness. Know that God will forgive you. If you choose to serve him, you will have a better life.”

Serving God means asking him to help us to do what Jesus told us we must do. God does not expect us to do it alone. Forgiveness, like math, doesn’t always come easily. But God knows our limitations and can add up the numbers for us so that they balance.

Fr. Hubert
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  Sept. 16th-17th
5:00 PM  + Anton Krupp  CANTOR
    requested by Justina Horton
    + Richard and Michael Altieri
    requested by Dolores and Richard Altieri

Sunday  September 17th
8:00 AM  + Vito Benevenga
    requested by Rosanna and Dennis Traupman
9:00 AM  + Krystyna Jan Galicki  POLISH
    requested by Lucy
    + Mieczyslaw Waledziak
    Blessings for Emilia on her birthday (Living)
10:30 PM  + Larry Golczewski  CANTOR
    requested by Pat Golczewski
12:00 PM  + Harold and Gloria Pskowski  ADULT CHOIR
    requested by the Pskowski Family
    + Garry W. Garrison
    requested by Eileen Gangi and Family

Monday  September 18th
9:00 AM  + Irene Thompson
    requested by Marie Schoffer

Tuesday  September 19th
9:00 AM  For the Souls in Purgatory
    requested by OLQP

Wednesday  September 20th
9:00 AM  People of the Parish
1:30 PM  + Roger and Vera Normandeau
    requested by Dorothy

Thursday  September 21st
9:00 AM  + Michael Somma
    requested by Lucy Nowakowski

Friday  September 22nd
9:00 AM  + Kathleen Baker
    requested by Rich Baker

Saturday  September 23rd
9:00 AM  + Tony Iturbe
    requested by Beth & James Gage, Jr.
    + John Mc Cabe
    requested by Evelyn Mc Cabe
5:00 PM  Loretta & George Burke Family  CANTOR
    requested by Loretta Burke
    + Bill Roman
    requested by Annette & Suzanne Novakowski

Sunday  September 24th
8:00 AM  + Richard Ravotto
    requested by Echardt, Floydstad, Moninger&Wilhelmy Families
    + Michael O'Dowd
    requested by The Fidd Family
9:00 AM  + Saturnin & Henryka Romanowsky  POLISH
    requested by Edward Kaczynski
    + Marian Koronkiewicz
    requested by Agnieszka Jamroziek
10:30 PM  + Deceased Members of the Delfino Family
    requested by Martha Shirlaw  CANTOR
12:00 PM  + Thomas P. Ryan  ADULT CHOIR
    requested by Diane and Richard Kelly
    + Margaret Fedynich
    requested by Gabe and Ron Bakalian

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
For the week of September 16-22
In Memory of Kathleen Wortham
Requested by Pauline Pluhr

ALTAR BREAD, WINE, FLOWERS AND CANDLES
For the week of September 23-29
In Memory of Richard Ravotto
Requested by Echardt, Floystad, Moninger and Wilhelmy Families

CONGRATULATIONS!
VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD
We congratulate Bob Gamble for receiving the Vivere Christus Award as the representative from our parish. Bob is certainly an example of someone who “lives as Christ” through his many involvements and active ministries in the parish through the years. He is particularly passionate about his service as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, not just at Sunday Mass, but to the nursing home, hospital and individual homes, and his active membership in the Knights of Columbus. He is a Lector for Sunday Mass and has played a key role in preparing food for the Parish Festival for the past several years. He was a catechist for second grade for many years, and the list could go on. Thank you, Bob, for your example and May God continue to do great things in and through you.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:
Rose Armstrong, Marie Baczewski, Mary Lou Camino, Al Colgate, Peter Carrion, Dolores Colborn, John DePietri, Joan Dandorf, Frank Floystad, Kathy Holley, Alan Litz, Clare Mayer, Evelyn McCabe, David McClellan, Joseph Miller, Mike Mooradian, John Piciocchio, Genevieve Puso, Nicholas Salleroli, Joann Somma, John Tenhula, Eileen Trahan, Ruth Wiedemann, Joe Verbovsky, Ann Weinschenk, Barbara Zaccaro.

We remember and give God thanks for our beloved dead: Vivian Gunther.

THE POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2017
Parishes
That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Rosary Prayer Intentions for Month of September (provided by Our Rosary Society)
Glorious Mysteries: We pray for the youth and for all who teach our young.
Sorrowful Mysteries: We pray for those being persecuted for their religious beliefs.
Joyful Mysteries: We pray for the success of Antioch.
Luminous Mysteries: We pray for unity in our country, for the elected leaders to guide us on the right path, and we pray for our armed forces and 1st responders.
**POLISH MISSION:**
The Polish Mission at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish was established in 2009 by the initiative of His Excellency Bishop Arthur Serratelli. The first Mass in Polish was celebrated in this parish September 6, 2009.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Polska Misja Katolicka - Hewitt

Masses in Polish:
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- First Fridays and Holy Days 7:30 PM

**THIS WEEK**

**Rosary Society Monday**
The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be this Monday, September 18. Meet in the church at 6:30 PM to pray the rosary. The meeting will follow in the gathering space. All women of the parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Retreat Evening: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**
A special evening is being prepared for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist this Tuesday, September 19th, beginning at 7 PM. New Volunteers are welcome to attend this evening and prepare to join this most important ministry of service. Please RSVP (frkamilstachowiak@olqpnj.org) or call the parish office: 973-728-8162.

**UPCOMING**

**Rosary Crusade – Saturday, October 14**
Join members of Our Lady Queen of Peace community for the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, October 14 beginning at 12 Noon. The United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 14, 2017 at noon. Our local Public Square Rally will take place on the front lawn of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. We will begin at noon with recitation of The Angelus and followed by the Rosary.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
The things special people just naturally do make all our lives brighter and happier, too.

It might be the warmth of a welcoming smile, or the time someone takes just to visit awhile…

It might be a hug or a heart-to-heart talk, a companion who’s willing to go for a walk…

It might be a favor, a kind, helping hand, a listening ear, the words, “I Understand.”

They’re little things, but we know beyond doubt Each one’s at the heart of what life’s all about.

Dear Fr. Kamil,

You have a wonderful way of living the Word and leading the flock entrusted to your care – a special way of touching lives and inspiring the best in people.

God bless you with peace and joy as you celebrate your birthday and another year of faithful service in Christ.

Happy Birthday!

Fr. Hubert & Parish Staff
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 17th
K of C Installation of Officers – 1:00 PM – Church/Annex
Al-Anon – 7:30 PM - Gathering Space
AA – 7:30 PM - Cafeteria

Monday, September 18th
Rosary Society – 6:30 PM – Church / Gathering Space

Tuesday, September 19th
Children’s Choir – 5:45 PM – Church
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM Church
Retreat for Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist-7PM-Annex

Wednesday, September 20th
Boy Scout Troop - 7:30 PM - Gym

Thursday, September 21st
Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Library

Friday, September 22nd
Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, September 23rd
Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – Library
AA – 2:00 PM - Cafe
Confessions – 4:00 PM – Church

Sunday, September 24th
Religious Education K-6 – 9:00 AM – School
Baptisms – 2:00 PM – Church
Confirmation 1 – 5:00 PM – School
Confirmation 2 – 6:30 PM – School
Al-Anon – 7:30 PM - Gathering Space
AA – 7:30 PM - Cafeteria

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Parish belongs to all of us, and only through the parish community can we achieve our goals. The Challenge is Ours!!
Parish debt as of Sept. 6, 2017: $589,636.41

Sunday Donations
Sunday, September 10, 2017 $9,381.30
Our weekly goal $13,500

Monthly Envelopes
For those receiving monthly envelopes, you will find envelopes for Diocesan Assessment included. It is our responsibility, as a parish within the Diocese of Paterson, to help cover the costs of the services provided by the diocese. Each parish is obligated to pay an assessed amount each year based on our past contributions and our current responsibilities, so we insert a special envelope ten times a year to help cover this responsibility. This might be compared to the local and state taxes we are all so familiar with.

2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal - In Giving, We Receive
For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org . You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Many parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today. Big or small, every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Appeal!

Hurricane Relief – Collection Next Sunday
Bishop Serratelli has asked that every parish take up a second collection to help the hundreds of thousands suffering from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We will take up this collection the weekend of September 23-24. The money collected will be sent directly to Catholic Charities USA, helping to provide basic needs to the victims of the storm.

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS
Week Ending September 10, 2017
Sold – $3,290.00
Profit – $164.50
Total Profit since July 1, 2017 – $1,658.00

ALTERNATIVE CLEANING
Week of September 17, 2017
Team 10 – Marie Alexander

Food Pantry
The Food Pantry Item for this week is Canned Macaroni

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Rosary Society
Casino Trip to Sands in Bethlehem, Pa. on Sunday, October 15, 2017
Departure: Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Parking Lot
Time: 10:00 a.m. Sharp!! - Return home approx. 6:30 p.m.
Price: $40.00 per person
($20.00 slot dollars + $5.00 food voucher back)

Bring your own coffee or tea on bus. Treats and light refreshments will be served.
Call Fran at (201) 452-1428 or (973) 728-8422 for more details or to reserve a spot. Book early as the bus fills up quickly. A non-refundable payment of $40.00 with reservation is required. Deadline is September 26, 2017. Make checks payable to the OLQP Rosary Society.

Name_________________________________________Phone________________________
# of People ___________ Check # ___________ Cash__________

(You may drop off money or check with form in an envelope marked for “Rosary Society Casino Trip” at the Rectory. You can always call if other arrangements are necessary).

Must be of legal age to gamble to attend.

As always, thank you for your continued support!!!
**PASTORAL STAFF**

Father Hubert Jurjewicz, Ph.D.  Parish Administrator  
Father Kamil Stachowiak  Parochial Vicar/Religious Education  
Deacon Charles Roche  Deacon  
Deacon David Cedrone  Deacon  
Mary Beth Osiecki  Ministries/Outreach/Evangelization  
Patricia Golczewski  Business Administrator  
Alan Morales  Music Director  
Marian Dul  Organist for Polish Mass  
Kevin Flynn  Youth Minister/Asst. Religious Ed  
Joseph Osiecki  Information Technology  
Patricia Callahan  Trustee  
John Buechel  Trustee  

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Ramary Recited | 8:30 AM  
First Friday | 7:30 PM (Polish)  
Holy Day Vigil Mass | 7:00 PM  
Holy Day Masses | 9:00 AM  
              | 6:30 PM  
              | 7:30 PM (Polish) |

**EUCHARISTICADORATION**

First Friday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM October - June, followed by Benediction

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, **Office closed on Fridays.**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome all new parishioners! If you would like to be a part of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish family we ask that you register to ensure your full participation in the life of the parish. Registrations forms are available at church exits, in the parish office or call and a form can be mailed or e-mailed to you.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Please kindly submit all bulletin material to olqpnj@gmail.com. Please note that in order for articles to be published in next week’s bulletin they need to be submitted no later than 10 AM of the prior Tuesday.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please come into the office or call during regular office hours.

**CONTINUING CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT**

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| Grades 9-12 | 2-Year Confirmation Preparation (2X month)  
              | Confirmation 1 – Sunday, 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
              | Confirmation 2 – Sunday, 6:30 -7:45 PM |

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**

We celebrate the sacrament of Baptism most Sundays. Parents are welcome to have the Baptism celebrated either at a week-end Mass or at the Liturgy of Baptism at 2:00 PM two Sundays a month. To make arrangements for Baptism please call the Parish Office. Godparents must be confirmed, be active members of the church and attend Mass regularly.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Before Daily Mass 8:40-9:00 AM  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM  
(or by appointment with Fr. Hubert or Fr. Kamil)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact Parish Office and set up an appointment. Any Catholic couple needs approximately a year to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the Priest celebrating the marriage and attendance at Pre-Cana conferences.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITS**

We are strongly committed to the spiritual care of the sick. Because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes are not allowed to release the patient’s religious affiliation. Therefore, we must depend on families of our sick parishioners to inform us of their whereabouts and condition. Please notify the parish office of any need for a home or hospital visit.

**RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

is a program for people who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, which are received at Easter Vigil. For information, please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Catechesis for First Communion and Confirmation is also available in Polish.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY (Pre-School Academy)**

Religious Based Formal Preschool, PreK and K Prep programs for ages 2½ - 6.  
Before and After School Program for Grades K-6  
Contact Mercedes Debrecki at 973-506-7533 for more information.

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

Your sisters and brothers of the Parish will gladly pray for your needs. Please call Jenelle Hopkins at 973-853-7240 or e-mail her at prayer.chain@olqpnj.org.