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Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
This is to share with you an [abridged] article on the subject of forgiveness. In the Gospel, Peter asks if he must forgive “as many as seven times”. You and I might ask the question a different way, not in terms of numbers but in terms of memories. In other words, what if you endeavor to forgive but you still cannot forget?

**Title: “Must I Forgive and Forget?” (Part 2 of 2)**

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Author: TIM STAPLES Date: 10/27/2022

Does God require us to forgive those who grievously wrong us, even when they are not sorry? And then completely forget about what they did?

A man—I’ll call him Robert—once wrote to me telling me a horror story about a [family member by whom he had been hurt]. To say [that he was treated] uncharitably ... would be an understatement. Of course, I am hearing only one side of the story, but his question boiled down to this: “Am I required to forgive, even though this person is not sorry for anything, and then to forget because God ‘forgets’ when he forgives and calls us to do the same? I must confess to you that I just cannot live this because I believe [this person] is dangerous to both me and my children.”

Scenarios like this—which, unfortunately, are not rare—raise some important questions about the nature of forgiveness. There are at least four points to be considered for clarifying the issues at hand:

Part 3. But God says, “I am he who blots out your transgression for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins” (Isa. 25:23). Shouldn’t we do the same?

This was Robert’s point. “When God forgives, he forgets. So if we must forgive, we must forget as well, right?”

First of all, in Robert’s case, there is no imperative to forgive in the first place, because there is no evidence of contrition. But even if there were to be forgiveness here, forgiveness must be properly understood.

There is no such thing as divine amnesia. Jesus will not be forever in heaven asking, “How did these holes get in my hands and feet?” “I will not remember” is an anthropomorphic way of saying God will not forever hold sins against us that have been forgiven. This is not to say there are not

temporal consequences for sin. Purgatory is a stark reminder of this.

I must interject here that Robert was relieved when he discovered he did not have to turn his brain off and endanger his children in order to be a good Catholic. Poor Robert was thinking he had to forget everything his [this person] had done and act as though [there was nothing] wrong. And that is why he thought he just could not live the faith any longer. The truth is, God does not “forget” in that sense, and neither should we. Not only should Robert remember what [the other person] had done, but he should act with caution in order to protect himself and his children.

Part 4. Jesus said, “Love your enemies” (Matt. 5:44). He did not say we have to “like” our enemies, and he did not say we don’t have enemies. If you proclaim and live truth contradicting a world receiving its marching orders from “the father of lies,” you are promised to have enemies. We could start with the guys who want to kill us. Put them down in the “enemies” column.

Jesus calls us to “love [our] enemies and pray for those who persecute [us], so that [we] may be sons of [our] Father who is in heaven.” That means love is not an option; it is a commandment. But loving enemies does not mean you necessarily want to have them over to the house for supper. “Love” doesn’t necessarily mean “like.” Indeed, it may be unhealthy or even dangerous to even be around your enemy, as may well be true in Robert’s case.

So what do we do if we find ourselves in a situation like Robert’s?

The first step to loving and forgiving as God does is to recognize that we cannot do it apart from Christ. It is essential to meditate upon what Christ did for us on the cross and the fact that he loves us infinitely and forgives us over and over again. Ultimately, we have to get to the place where we acknowledge our powerlessness so that we can allow Christ to love and forgive in us and through us.

I recommended to Robert specifically that he ask God to help him to truly will the good for [the other person]—and a telling sign of whether this is so would be when he could sincerely pray to God for good to come to [the other person]—then he could rest assured that he is loving her as Christ commanded.


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In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



<b>SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER</b> 5:30 pm Joseph Supczynski
<b>SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Alice McCauley 11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (33rd Ann.)
<b>MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Grace Brennan
<b>TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Hugo Russo
<b>WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Crystal Nzegwu (Special Intention)
<b>THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Thomas & Mell Buoye (60th Wedding Anniversary)
<b>FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Eric Abad
<b>SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER</b> 5:30 pm John Gaeta
<b>SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society 11:30 am Grace Brennan

<b>SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 9:30—11:30 am Rel. Ed. MHS Mass/Class (Hall) 11:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC)
<b>MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER</b> 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 6:45—7:15 pm Parent Mtg— “Confirmation Class 2024” 7:30—8:00 pm Parent Mtg— “Confirmation Class 2025”
<b>TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER</b> 4:30—5:15 pm 1st Comm (OLLC) JF
<b>THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 8th. Bulletin. Call the Rector at 973-325-0110. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)
<b>SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary recitation (OLLC) 9:30 am—11:30 am Mass/ Class 1st Penance (OLLC/Chapel) 9:30 am—12 noon RAS Communion Mass followed by Breakfast (Hall) 10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC) 11:30 pm Mass

 This week’s Bread & Wine, a Special Intention for **ESPIE CAIN**

+ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		SEPT 30 - OCT 1, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon	
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino Joe Petrillo (choir)	
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon	

 PRAYERS Needed For...

Joan Clarke	Jacob Rivera
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**If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rector at 973-325-0110.**

**"And the greatest of these is love" (1st Cor 13)**



Kicking off the summer on June 19, we had a great parish BBQ picnic with 130+ participants for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass, our choir, great grill-fired food, games for the kids, and time together for all of us. This was made possible by the outstanding generosity of Darren and Mellen Dangler of Dangler Funeral Home from whom we received a very generous gift to cover the full cost of the picnic, while keeping the per-family price affordable. Thank you to all of our donors and to the Dangler family and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Several Sources, a prolife organization for mothers who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their children will be visiting our church on Sunday, October 1st at the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass to Kick-off our BABY SHOWER being held at all weekend Masses in October and distributed to the Several Sources Shelters.



FRIDAY & SATURDAY,



SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2023

Our Lady of the Lake Parish and School are happy to announce that they will be hosting

**OKTOBERFEST:** Saturday, September 30th from 6-11 pm and

**KINDERFEST:** Friday, September 29th from 4-8 pm.

Entrance to **Kinderfest is free**. You can purchase tickets for the attractions and games. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

**Oktoberfest tickets are \$75 in advance** and \$85 at the door. Tickets include all-you-can-eat dinner and drinks. We will also have an extensive Tricky Tray and a 50/50 that will be called that evening. Entertainment will be provided by Mushroom!

Tickets may be purchased at [Givebutter.com/Oktoberfest2023](https://www.givebutter.com/Oktoberfest2023)

These celebrations this year are taking place during the **100th Anniversary of**

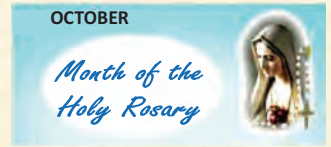
*Our Lady of the Lake Church and School  
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OCTOBER 2023

♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 at 6:30 pm**

The Rosary is prayed in English and Spanish outdoors every evening (rain or shine) at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.



♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL** will be collecting New Socks for Men, Women, and Children during the month of October to be distributed to the needy through local charities.



♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 29**

Respect Life Ministry will be holding their Baby Shower at all weekend Masses during the month of October to be distributed to Several Sources Shelters. **(SEE FLYER COMING SOON)**



♦ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 12:00 Noon**

The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church. **(SEE FLYER COMING SOON)**



**Open House Dates 2023:**

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Thursday, November 2, 2023

**Admission Test**

CO-OP/HSPT exam will be administered at the Academy on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Go to [aosenj.org](https://aosenj.org) to register for an Open House or to apply on line!

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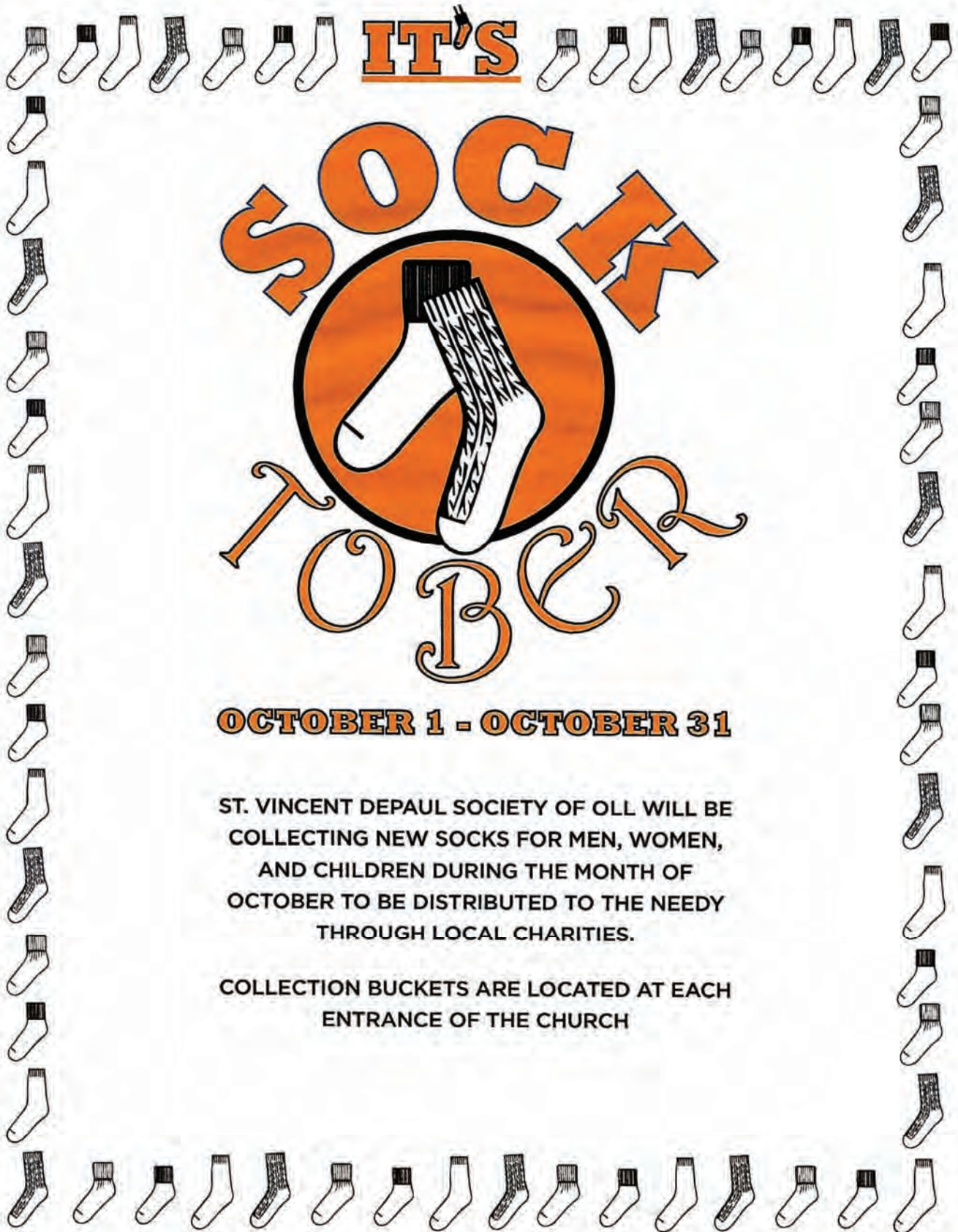
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
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Deficit:	\$ 2429

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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**OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31**

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY OF OLL WILL BE COLLECTING NEW SOCKS FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY THROUGH LOCAL CHARITIES.

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