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October 16, 2022

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to join our parish family. We are committed to meeting the needs of all members. Please register by contacting our Parish Office. (Please notify the Parish Office of change in address or phone number and if you are moving out of the parish.)

RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is on Monday after 8:00 am Mass

Novena Prayers in Honor of the Blessed Mother and St. Anthony: Are said every Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass

Prayer Group: Meets at 11:00 am - every Thursday

Adoration: Every Friday after Mass

Divine Mercy: Daily recitation of Chaplet after Mass

MINISTRIES

Join the various ministries and associations:

Ministry of Lector, Eucharist, Usher, Altar Server, Respect Life and Lazarus Ministry, St. Francis Ladies Guild, Emmaus Prayer Group, Youth Group, Carnival, Knights of Columbus and other volunteers associated with the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am,
10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

See schedule in bulletin.

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, all new members and guests celebrating with us today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE / 973-835-1946

Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator

Mrs. Betty Norton, Secretary

YOUTH MINISTRY / 973-835-0480

Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

BAPTISM: Parishioners are welcome to have their children baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. Please call the rectory for an appointment to discuss the arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm or at other times upon request.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in an update of their faith or wanting to become Catholic, call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY: For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Holy Communion is offered to any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the seriously sick and dying contact the Rectory immediately.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 16, 2022



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

5:30 P.M. Ralph & Lee Ann Cortellessa
 Mary Angel & Frank Sirianni
 Michael Wallach, Jr.
 George Goebel
 Sal Ruffino
 Intentions of Lynn Skorubski

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
 Nancy Chism
 10:00 A.M. Tony Mazza
 Bob Chybicki
 Andrew John Nazzaretto
 Karen Dodd
 12 NOON Lydia Rivera
 Tarrabocchio & Todaro Families

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

8:00 A.M. Henry Korker

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

12 NOON Walter Donnelly

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

8:00 A.M. Elena Sutula

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

5:30 P.M. Ralph & LeeAnn Cortellessa
 Elizabeth Purcella
 Tony Mazza
 Intentions of Lynn Magnini
 George Breyer
 Ted & Mary Luciani
 Victor Bonaceto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
 Rose Boreali
 10:00 A.M. Loretta LaSala
 Angie Herina
 John Nazzaretto
 12 NOON Alexander Saraceni
 Mary Stella
 Carol Suhey

**Pray for our servicemen and women serving
 their country.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jerome Foray Shirley Foray Frank Polglaze



Geraldine Kearns Josie Dymowski
 Gil Boroski Michele Timmerberg
 Teresita DeGuzman John Roach
 Bob Farias, Sr. Lou "Skip" Kressaty
 Richard Funcheon Tom Brecvar
 Nancy Riley Diane Drew Joe Rizzi
 Chip Pittman Constantine Topczij
 Steve Taylor Sharmayne Branch
 Giovanni Macaluso



DECEASED: Elena Nicholas

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 9, 2022 - \$3,809.00
 Thank you for your continued support

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 And where there is sadness, joy.
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be
 consoled, as to console.
 To be understood, as to understand.
 To be loved as to love.
 For it is giving that we receive, it is pardoning
 that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we
 are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Today the Readings are about faith and prayer, but with a difference. That difference is persistence. We are all encouraged to pray, but many people give up after a few attempts. Others feel that God knows what they need and hears their prayers. Therefore, they need only to ask once. You will see in the following readings that persistence is an important aspect of prayer even to the point of getting others to pray with you for strength and encouragement just as Moses needed help



The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke (18:1-8). This short parable told by Jesus to His disciples is often misunderstood because of two statements that Jesus, makes. In the opening sentence, Luke says that Jesus encouraged His disciples (and us) to "pray always." This does not mean that we must be on our knees 24/7. Rather, it means that we should always be in the "spirit" of prayer acknowledging our dependence upon God for all things.

Later, Jesus says: "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says." Jesus is not condoning what the judge says. Rather He is holding it up as an example of persistence and of how the Divine Judge, God the Father, will listen to our persistent pleas if we remain faithful, particularly in times of need. People in our western culture have difficulty with being dependent upon others for their needs.

Most of us will go to any extreme to avoid asking for help, particularly long-term help. However, when it comes down to the nitty-gritty of our faith, we must acknowledge our dependence upon God for it is only through His love and Grace that we can survive and be saved. After reading, or listening to these scripture passages, we should ask ourselves: "Does my Prayer Life reflect patience and persistence?" Something to think about during your Prayer Time this week



RIGHT TO LIFE

The St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus are selling New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Tickets the weekends of Oct 8-9 & 15-16 2022.

The prizes are as follows:

1st prize – 2023 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
retail value \$42,400.00.

2nd prize – Shoprite Gift Card \$1000.00

3rd prize – Shoprite Gift Card \$750.00

4th prize – Shoprite gift Card \$500.00

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH

Drawing is on November 18, 2022

Proceeds benefit the New Jersey Right to Life

There will also be information available concerning membership and joining the Knights of Columbus.



LEFTOVERS FROM THE CARNIVAL

The following items are left over from the carnival:

Mozzarella Sticks- 8 each, 2-pound bags
\$6.50 per bag

Pizza Sauce- 5 cases, 30 cans
\$6 per can

If you are interested in purchasing any of the items, please call the rectory.

CARNIVAL APPRECIATION DINNER

The date that has been set for the Carnival Appreciation Dinner is Friday, October 21st at 7PM. If you worked as a volunteer at the carnival and are interested in attending, you must make your reservation with the rectory office: 973-835-0480. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 17th.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

11/3 – Sight & Sound Trip “David”

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Is Jesus being unreasonable? All this man wanted to do was say goodbye to his family before following Jesus. Didn't Elijah permit Elisha to say his good-byes before leaving? To make matters worse, Jesus' response to the two other would-be disciples seems a little rigid, even unwelcoming. Was Jesus actually trying to discourage these people from following him? If you're suspecting that something deeper is going on here, you're probably right.



First, it helps to remember how this passage fits into Luke's timeline: we have just learned that Jesus is now “resolutely” traveling to Jerusalem. The hour of his passion is drawing near. Luke is showing us a new sense of urgency in Jesus' life and message. There just isn't time left for secondary things – even good, important things. For those individuals whom the Lord is calling, it's now or never.

Second, we don't know how they responded to Jesus' words. Maybe there was more to the conversation, we don't know that either. That's because Luke is actually more interested in encouraging us, his readers, to follow Jesus than in recounting the details of an event long past. As one commentator has put it, we may not know how they responded, but we do know what our own response ought to be. There's no doubt about it; this is a hard word to hear. But Jesus knows how challenging it can be. He knows that he is asking a lot of us. He also knows how much grace he has stored up to help you. He has already determined to forgive you when you fall and to encourage you when the going gets tough. He is

never one to issue a command and then wait for you to fail at it. No, he will do everything he can to help you accomplish it – short of overpowering your free will, of course!

From: The Word Among us



2022 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

“One Body In Christ”

The 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal has begun with the theme *“One Body In Christ.”* It is a reminder that many great things happen when all the faithful come together for a worthy cause. Last year, *for the very first time*, over \$5,000,000 was pledged to the Appeal for people in need in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties. This happened because more parishioners responded to the 2021 Appeal than in previous years. What a wonderful example of strength in numbers!! Your generous participation will help make this year's Appeal a great success and change thousands of lives in our Diocese.

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the important work of our Catholic Charities, priests' extraordinary health care needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, Catholic inner-city elementary education and seminarian formation. You can give with confidence, knowing that funds from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used only for the causes described in the campaign materials. *They are used for no other purpose.*

For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal now by making an online gift. Simply go to www.2022appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.





WHY WE SING AT MASS

The idea of Catholics being expected to sing at Mass might remind us of the Happy Birthday song. Perhaps sometimes we feel awkward when we sing it, but we know it's we should join in. Do we wonder how people will tolerate (or not) our singing voices? Do we wonder to whom the song is addressed or for what purpose we sing?

The Second Vatican Council teaches in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) that all who are present at Mass should fully and actively participate by rite of baptism. This participation makes Christ truly present in the celebration of the liturgy, in the same manner as he is present in the word, the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), and the celebrant. *For as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says in "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship," when the church prays and sings, Christ is present.*

In our participation in word and song, Christ is revealed and made present to us. Our singing serves as a crucial part of the greater mystery we are celebrating: Christ's sacrifice being united to the Father through the Holy Spirit. Why sing at Mass? To make this a reality!

We may not always be in the mood to sing. Perhaps our hearts are heavily burdened with fear and despair, especially in our current world, seemingly torn by strife, sickness, and racism. Again, in "Sing to the Lord," the U.S. bishops speak well of our participation and the occasional challenges we face when singing at Mass: "Sometimes, our voices do not correspond to the convictions of our hearts. At other times, we are distracted or preoccupied by the cares of the world. But Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice for the honor and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity.

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