

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Announced Masses

October 15, Saturday,

4:00 PM Robert Spears, Jr. by Grace Roth

Sunday, Twenty-ninth Sunday, October 16,

9.00 AM James J. Fay by Jane Fay

10:45 AM Daniel Callaghan by Nancy & Jim Rizzi

Monday, October 17th, St. Luke, Evangelist

9:00 AM Robert Papp by Jane Fay

Tuesday, October 18th,

9:00 AM Cornelius Sheridan by Jane Fay

Wednesday, October 19th,

9:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, October 20th,

9:00 AM Lillian Glover by Ron & Anna Meyer

Friday, October 21th,

9:00 AM Matt & Marianne Kinnane on their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, October 22th,

4PM Janice Stein by Patricia & George Jerome

Sunday, Thirtieth Sunday in Ord. Time 10/23

9:00 AM Mass for the people of the parish

11:15 AM Roger Bisland by Nancy & Jim Rizzi

THE ALTAR BREAD for OCTOBER:

For the Souls in Purgatory

by Richard & Linda Gyarmati

THERE ARE MANY MASS OPENINGS IN THE COMING MONTHS. THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT TIME TO OFFER MASS FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL.

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy.

Please fill the form kept at the back of the Church and return it to the Rectory either by Mail or in person or put it in the collection basket.

God truly loves you and wants to give you every blessing on earth and in heaven! Thank you, Lord!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Betty Ford, Jane Fay, Abigail, David, Jennifer, Shane Kelsey, Anne Suppa, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arnery, Lee VanSaaders, Barbara Donnelly and Mary Ann, Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Jaszcak and Anthony Horecky.

CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST

The Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle: be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 21, Parish Center

Movie is: "Unplanned"

Pizza at 6:30, Movie at 7pm

Call Nancy/Jim for pizza reservation 845-557-8280

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Meets on October 19th at 6pm

At the Lackawaxen Inn

Call Tess for reservations 570-832-1262

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Is hosting "Paint the Grain" on

November 15 at 7pm at The Parish Center

RSVP to Tess by Nov 1 for reservations 570-832-1262

TODAY'S READINGS (by Fr. RJB)

FIRST READING

In our first reading from the second Book of Exodus, we have this great image of Moses, the prophet who reinvigorated Judaism by leading the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. Here he is, the intercessor in the battle of his people over competing tribes. Their enemy would take their land as the spoils of war, if they should loose the battle. The image that is so powerful is that the Jewish warriors would do well in the battle when Moses raised his hands towards Heaven, but when he grew tired and his hands drooped, they would start losing the fight. Moses began to grow weary in keeping his arms up, so two companions held his arms up to the Lord until they won the battle. How blest are we in life if we should be given someone to pray for us in the battles of our lives! Shouldn't we, as members of our church, be this for each other?

SECOND READING

In our second reading from St. Paul to Timothy, St Paul speaks about the holiness of scripture and how it guides us through every aspect of our lives—very important!

THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel from St. Luke we hear Jesus's famous story of the persistent woman who would not back down from receiving justice for her case before a corrupt judge. Jesus tells us that this lady was relentless in seeking justice for her case, so much so, that the judge feared the lady for her display of tenacity (afraid that she would harm him) so he rules justly and in her favor.

Jesus uses this story to encourage his followers to not grow weary in asking the Lord for what we seek. Through our persistence we will receive the answer to our prayers. Does this story reflect the way you pray? Are you tenacious in prayer, or do you think you give up too early and just allow things to free-fall? In our column today about Mother Mary we have a great prayer that truly can have historic power. Indeed, some have claimed it has even changed the unjust abortion laws in our own country, by the 49year recitation of the Rosary in front our country's abortion mills! Viva la Mama!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: October 9,..... \$1,318.00

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 6:00pm Parish Hall

BEREAVEMENT GROUP WILL BE STARTING

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, at the Rectory

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Let the healing begin!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ OUR CHURCH

Anna Meyer is now the director of our program. We need to rebuild the program from a virtual program during COVID to an in-class program at our Parish Center. We are looking for volunteer teachers to teach the various grades. We are also looking for children to attend our new program. Let us do what we can to help this new effort succeed by our prayers, our desire to volunteer and our willingness to share this information with others.

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO MOTHER MARY

By Fr. Richard J. Bretone

October is dedicated to Mother Mary for at least two great reasons: Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, 1571 and the Miracle of the Sun from Fatima on October 13, 1917.

Our Lady of the Rosary was initially a feast day of the Church called Our Lady of Victory to celebrate the power of the Western naval forces against the Ottoman Empire's (modern Turkey) navy. The Christian navy was badly out numbered and the current Pope (Pius V) called for the Rosary to be prayed throughout Europe as the battle raged. The Christian navy turned away the Turkish navy and preserved Europe. Our Lady of Victory through praying the Rosary, saved us all!

The apparitions of Fatima ended with the greatest and most public sign known as The Miracle of the Sun. The three shepherd children were told to gather together the people of Portugal for a spectacular sign of God's power and concern for humanity. That day it poured and poured and the 70,000 people grew impatient. However, the Rosary was continuously being prayed. Suddenly the rain stopped and the sun acted unpredictably: it started to dance in the sky and then spin. At one point it seemed to fall from the sky and plunge to the earth. People screamed in terror, and as quickly as it fell it receded to its proper place in the firmament. The tangible result, outside of the jaw-dropping amazement of the eyewitnesses, was that everything that was previously soaked by the torrential rain was now dry—no more mud or drenched cloths or soaked hair. This miracle was recorded in the newspapers of the day.

Isn't it something how such an "ancient" prayer dating back to the 13th century can still have such importance, especially in our own lives and struggles. We have a wonderful Rosary Society at our Church of St. Anthony-St. Thomas. Perhaps, this is the time to join them!