

24th Sunday Ordinary Time September 17, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside, remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. R.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. R.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. R.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.



When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

MINISTRY TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE MISCARRIED:

HOLY INNOCENTS is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, facilitated by the Offices of Cemetery Management & Life, Justice and Peace. Its primary mission is to assure every child who is miscarried (dying before birth) has a sacred place to be buried. If you or someone you know is miscarrying or has miscarried and needs a sacred place to bury the child, please call 410-547-3142. There is no cost to the family for this ministry. Please keep this ministry in mind, when in the future someone you know has a miscarriage and wishes to bury the child. Pastoral visitors will arrange to take custody of the child and secure the child until burial. If the child is born at a hospital, arrangements with the hospital will occur. Burials occurs twice per year at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Anne Arundel County. If interested in more information, please contact the helpline 410-547-3142 or email the office at holyinnocents@archbalt.org. Helpline: 410-547-3142 Email: holyinnocents@archbalt.org



The Oblate Sisters are Jazzin it UP!

On Sat. Oct. 21, 2023, 1-3:30pm, the Oblate Sisters are hosting a afternoon of "Jazz with the Oblates". Offering finger foods, Petite Desserts & wine! Donation: \$35.00. See or call Mrs. Paula Cullings for info and tickets. 443-858-4646.



A Prayer for Mental Health



Dear God, thank You for never giving up on me, even when I had seemingly given up on myself. You give me so much hope to continue walking on this path You carved out for me.

When all seemed hopeless, You were there to light my way. You are my light in the darkness, and I pray that Your light continues to give me the mental fortitude to overcome the evils that hinder my road to recovery. Amen.



Super Six Project
Please stop by the info table for a flyer explaining the beautiful display depicting the Super Six African American Candidates for Canonization in the US.

If you can help, please do so.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 17th, Ms. Kayla Cullings, heavenly birthday from grandma, Mrs. Paula Cullings.

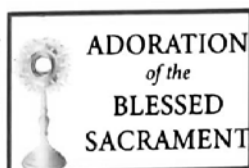
Sept. 24th, Mrs. Margery Lewis and Mrs. Irene Logan.

Friary Chapel:

Fr. Patnck offered mass for: Denver & Ethel Johnson, at the request of Ann Johnson on 8/03/23. If you would like the friars to remember one of your intention at daily mass please use the envelopes on the info table and drop in the collection basket.

Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd, at 8:45am with rosary at 9:30 followed by Benediction. Come and spend an hour in prayer.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Province of St. Augustine
150th Anniversary
October 1, 2023, 10am

We celebrate that day in 1873 when three friars, escaping religious persecution in Germany, arrived in Pittsburgh, PA. God blessed their efforts and their ministry spread. They accepted Saints Peter & Paul Church, Cumberland, MD in 1874 and were established in the Archdiocese.

In 1970 they accepted St. Martin's Parish, Fulton & Fayette Streets and then accepted Saint Ambrose in 1990.

Most Rev. Bruce Lewandowski, Urban Vicar,
Celebrant

Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap. Provincial Minister,
Homilist

Rev. Paul Zaborowski, OFM Cap., Pastor
All are welcome!

Peace Walk Scheduled

Bishop Lewandowski invites everyone to give a witness at our Prayer Walks scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month, 5:15pm to 7:30pm. They begin with a light meal at each site followed by the walk. Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, Basilica of the Assumption, 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201



Ministry Training for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers (EM)

All Ems and Lectors are strongly encouraged to attend the training sessions on Saturday, Sept. 30th: Eucharistic Ministers; 9:30am. Lectors: 10:30am. This is for all present ministers and those entering the ministry new.

Ministry Training

Brother Kevin O'Connor to be Ordained



Bro. Kevin O'Connor who is serving in the parish this year will be ordained a transitional Deacon Priest on Sat. Oct. 28th, 6pm at the Oratorian Parish of Saint Philip Neri Church, 292 Munn Road, Ft. Mill, SC. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the following day, Oct. 29th at 8am at Divine Savior Catholic Church, York, SC. He will return to Baltimore the following week to resume ministry here at St. Ambrose. Br./Deacon Kevin O'Connor's local address is the seminary: St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21210. Congratulations Deacon Kevin!

Black & White Party — CDA Court 2676



Catholic Daughters are sponsoring their Black & White Party, Friday, Oct. 20th, 8pm at the Delta Center, 501 Springhill Ave, Balt., MD 21215. Music provided by: DJ RAZOR SHARP, BYOB, BYOF, Donation: \$35.00. Call Sylvia @ 443-690-8396 or Ann @ 443-670-4690. Door Prizes 7 50/50.

What is the Epiclesis?

The next major part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the epiclesis. In the epiclesis, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine so that, through the power of the Spirit, they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. This same Spirit will transform those attending the liturgy that they may grow in their unity with each other, with the whole Church, and with Christ.



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Earlene Forrest, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble,

Frances Gladden, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, S. Ann Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Jack Livers, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Corey Richardson, Rhonda Rumbra, Linelle Russell, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Pat Simms, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Charles Williams, Inez Yarborough, William Young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.

Congratulations Deacon Presberry



Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice In Latin: "For Church and Pope"

On July 12, 2023, Archbishop William Lori wrote to inform Deacon Presberry that he was to be awarded by Pope Francis with the *Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. This award is given in recognition of his contribution to the life and mission of the Church and his dedication and service to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Deacon Presberry invites the parish to the bestowing of this honor in the context of Solemn Morning Prayer on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 9:30am at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. This event is open to everyone.

All are invited so please come and join in the recognition of Deacon Presberry. Congratulations Deacon Presberry!



150th Anniversary of the Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine



The Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine, located in Pittsburgh, PA, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its' founding. Father Hyacinth Epp (pictured below) and two other friars arrived from Germany

escaping persecution by the government.

The friars arrived shortly after to the Archdiocese 149 years ago with the acceptance of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Cumberland, MD.

Later we began our work in Baltimore City at Saint Martin of Tours (1970) and Saint Ambrose Church (1990).

Please join us in celebrating our presence in the Archdiocese of Baltimore at a mass on **Sunday, October 1, 2023,**
at 10am with the

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski,
celebrant and homilist.

Rev. Robert Marva, OFM, Cap.,
Minister Provincial, will be in attendance.

There will be a light social after the mass, weather permitting, outside.



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