

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2023

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart:

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." These words of Jesus, taken from this Sunday's Gospel, were in response to a question raised by the religious authorities of his day: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" This question, unfortunately, was not asked out of genuine curiosity or a desire for information but as a way of trapping Jesus by placing him "on the horns of a dilemma." If he said Yes, he would lose many of his followers who as Jews hated the pagan Roman Empire, personified by Caesar, as an oppressive foreign power; but if he said No, they could report him to the Roman authorities as a troublemaker or even a revolutionary. It seemed to be a "no-win" situation. So, the answer he gave was a complete surprise to them. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Many people over the centuries and especially in recent times have used this saying of Jesus to justify the separation of Church and State, of religion from the political process. Today's proponents would use it as one more argument for banishing religion from public life and confining it to the church. But this concept would have been foreign to Jesus since for him and for most of his contemporary's faith should permeate and influence all areas of life especially when it comes to expressing religious and moral values that affect the common good of the community. We are called, then, to responsible behavior in every area of our life by taking our Christian and Catholic faith into account in voting for local, state, and national leaders. Certainly, among the basic issues we must consider when we vote or run for office (and we should participate actively in every election) is the position taken by political leaders and parties on key issues such as the value of life, the importance of the family, the nature of sexuality, and social justice in the light of the teachings of the Church.

And in the second part of Jesus answer to the religious authorities we are to give to God "what belongs to God," meaning that we should strive to make prayer, worship, and the reception of the Sacraments a vital part of our lives and not just something we do occasionally or when it's convenient. Further, we should put our faith into action by making a commitment to be more involved in the ministries of our local faith community: the liturgical, educational, and social ministries that serve Sacred Heart Church. By doing these things we honor God and country by being more dedicated citizens and more active members of the Body of Christ.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the Lord, in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The Lord is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023

Cardinal Dolan and the US Bishops ask us to support this collection which is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need. Please support the missions! For more information visit: www.IAmAMissionary.org

Hoy, este Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que en el Bautismo todos somos llamados por el Señor a ser sus misioneros: **"Para que sean mis testigos" (Hch 1,8)**. Uniéndonos a los católicos de todo el mundo este domingo, ofrecemos nuestras oraciones y generoso apoyo financiero, a través de la Sociedad para la **Propagación de la Fe**, a los misiones del Papa.



HOLY WINS! AND NOT

"HALLOWEEN"

PARADE

OCTOBER 29TH

FOLLOWING THE MASS AT 4:00PM

All the children of the parish are invited to come in the costume of their favorite Saint and to create a poster of their Saint to be used during the parade. Join us in a *Parade of Saints* around the church property. This is a wonderful chance for families to explore the world of The Saints. The Saints are ordinary people called by the Lord to do extraordinary work here on Earth!

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

October 15 Collection- \$10,408.

Last Year's-\$18,162. (3 large one-time donations from parishioners)

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22

Ultreya, 9am at Tagaste Monastery

Monday, October 23

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm to 6pm

Grupo Carismático -7pm cafeteria

Tuesday, October 24

Rel Ed. Grades 3 - 5 – 4:30 to 6pm

Rel Ed. Grades 7- 8 – 7:00 to 8:30pm

Rel Ed. Parent Mtg.7pm in the cafeteria

Wednesday, October 25

IHM – 7:30pm in the auditorium

Grupo Bíblico -8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, October 26

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

7:30am to 9am St. Joseph's men's scripture group-

Rectory Pre-K

Religious Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – Canceled

October 29

Holy Wins – 4pm in the cafeteria

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

OUR BIGGEST MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 2:00pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, November 26th.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035). There is still time to join and all those interested can call the rectory office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The pantry needs several food products. If you can donate, we appreciate your assistance. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta and Sauce. **Monetary donations welcomed INCLUDING FOOD GIFT CARDS FROM SHOPRITE ACME OR WALMART.** Thank you! For food emergencies call the Rectory. **845-357-0035**

PARISH ANOINTING MASS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th - 12 NOON

St. Aedan's

"Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." James 5:14-15.

The sacrament is provided by the Church for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or aging. Anyone who is seriously ill is eligible A person may also receive the sacrament prior to a serious medical procedure.

Come to me all who labor and are heavy burdened....and I will give you rest.

ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

Calling all Saint Margaret's School Alumni and friends. The SMS Home School Association is celebrating Saint Margaret School's 70th anniversary with a party on Friday November 3, 2023 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the School. We would love all alumni and SMS supporters to join us. For more details or to buy tickets go to: <https://smshsa.rallyup.com/70years>



SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

NOAH BEITAL

Child of Juliette and David

ALONDRA NOEMI SUTUJ BAJXAC

Child of Marvin and Flor



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Emil

Boss, Joe Bauer, Baby Braven Ryan, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Fr. Frank Cregan, Laudelina Crowley, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, Joseph Duarte, John Duffy, Ginny & Sonny Figula, William Figundio, Stefanie Gaudelli, John Genardi, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Debra Gravina, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Kathleen Keane, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Louis Paturzo, Charles Picarelli, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Christopher Yan and Michael Zavoski Jr.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

OCTOBER 22, 2023

Altar Candles In Memory of

MICHAEL C. ZAVOSKI

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

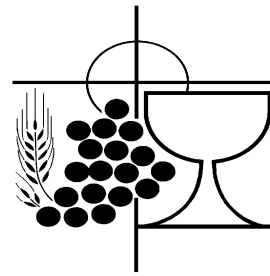
FRANCES & PETER MARCONI



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially:

VIRGINIA MARY KELLEHER

DANIEL POWERS



ALL MASSES ARE IN THE GYM

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – SATURDAY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM (S)
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S) AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00am – † Ginny O'Keefe

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Thomas Mathai

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Carleton Mckenzie

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30am – † Elizabeth Matteoti Mendolia

10:00am – † Andrew & Johanna Seman

11:30am – † Marie & Al Venturini

4:00pm – † Candida Rosa Almonte

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00am – † Zhang Shanneng

9:00am – † Joyce Kruczek

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00am – † Asuncion Telquen

9:00am – † Gerald Peden

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00am – † Ana Maria Stillo

9:00am – † Joan Brady

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00am – † Richard Urban

9:00am – † Hack Gravius

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00am – Special Intention Robyn Fink

9:00am – † Mary Furey

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00am – † Gerald Peden

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Agnes & Harold Gravius

7:15pm – **Vigil Mass** – † Michael Zavoski

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30am – † Anita Puzziffero

10:00am – † Bukowski & Graff Families

11:30am – † Eileen Crowe

4:00pm – † Grupo Fey Esperanza –

10 años Aniversarios

5:30pm – † All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 19– GERARD REILLY “JERRY”