

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

In last week's Gospel we considered the parable of the unjust steward, and the importance of acting prudently and decisively in our lives of faith. Today we come to the parable of the rich man (traditionally known as Dives) and Lazarus. Now the parable does not suggest that the rich man is evil simply because he is rich, any more than it implies that Lazarus is good simply because he is poor. The great chasm that Father Abraham proclaims to exist between Dives and Lazarus symbolizes a difference that is greater than wealth vs poverty, for it reveals that the real worth of an individual's life, and that which ultimately determines the final destiny of that person, lies not in whether the person is rich or poor, but rather in the moral quality of his or her attitudes and actions: in generosity, in compassion, in willingness to forgive, in respect for life in all of its forms.

The sin of the rich man, then, was a sin not of commission but of omission, something echoed by Jesus when he reminded those considered unworthy at the Final Judgement that "as long as you neglected to do this for the least of my brethren you neglected to do it for me." At first it may seem strange that the rich man was being punished so severely. After all, he committed no obvious offense against Lazarus that the parable records: he was not cruel or abusive toward him; he didn't curse him or deny him something he had asked for. He simply ignored him. Lazarus did not fit into the rich man's lifestyle, which was a life dedicated to pleasure, to self-gratification, and to fulfilling his own wants and needs. The parable, then, is challenging us to widen our vision, to see the importance of responding to the needs of the larger community, those as Pope Francis used to say were "on the periphery," and to help make them part of the mainstream of the community of believers.

So, we might then ask ourselves the question: Who have I been neglecting, who have I been overlooking, that could benefit from my help, from my support; and how can I reach out more fully and more effectively to them?

In His Grace,

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. Eric Crelencia, OAR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

Praise the Lord my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know have not been baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, and would like to, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. 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). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **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).

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28

Monday, September 29

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. – Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

Tuesday, September 30

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 7 8 – 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 1

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, October 2

Friday, October 3

New Rectory Office Hours – 9am to 3pm

Saturday, October 5 – Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

INCREASED OFFERING CAMPAIGN

This September, we are conducting what is referred to as an **Increased offering Campaign**. As we are all aware costs have increased over the last few years, yet donations have not.

Over the next eight weeks, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on how increasing your weekly offertory can strengthen both the spiritual and financial foundation of our parish community. Our parish is blessed with dedicated stewards who generously support our mission. Whether your family has been part of this parish for generations, or you have recently joined us, we pray you will participate in this important initiative, ensuring our parish remains vibrant for years to come.

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 4pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

**Winning tickets will be drawn at 1:00pm in the school
gymnasium on Sunday, November 30.**



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our goal this year is \$107,100. Your donations help the entire Archdiocese in so many ways. It is only through your generosity that the Archdiocese can help so many, here in our own area and the entire Archdiocese of New York. Even the smallest amount helps. Please consider donating. To date: \$64,568. has been donated.

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME**

24th Sunday- \$

Will be reported next week

**OCTOBER 5TH, RESPECT LIFE
SUNDAY**

***ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE
PRAY FOR US!***

Life Facts: After conception:

- 18 days a Baby's heart beats
- 8 weeks all organs function
- 9 weeks has individual fingerprints
- 10 weeks a baby can feel pain
- 12 weeks a baby can smile

ALBERTUS MAGNUS OPEN HOUSES:

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 12:00 pm

Falcon for a Day experience for 8th graders are going on now through December. Prospective students can spend a day with us and find out what it would be like to soar with the Falcons!

It's our Annual Beefsteak event on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Join our fAMILY to celebrate athletics and student life, sponsorships are available.

An Albertus favorite, Luxury Bingo is on Thursday, October 30, 2025 this year. Open to all, bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers for a night of Bingo, raffle baskets and fun.

Visit www.albertusmagnus.net for more information and registration links

INVITE TO SERVE AS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART!

Serving the Lord at the Altar is one of the most awarding feelings. We ask that you pray on joining others to serve the Lord in this very special way. We all seem to gravitate to a specific Mass each week and when you volunteer to serve, we do all we can to have you serve at those Masses. Please call us at the rectory office at 845*-357-*0035 and that us know of your desire to be such an important part of the Masses each week. Blessings to All!

DONATING ONLINE WITH WE SHARE!

Have you considered making your contributions online? It is so easy to do and goes a long way to minimize any human errors in accounting and gives you the ability to view your contribution any time. At the end of the year, you still receive a complete accounting of your donations for tax purposes. For the parish it helps with reducing costs associated with sending the envelopes out through our envelope company. Sometimes people have moved, and the church was not informed and have sent envelopes out already. So please consider donating online. Easy, Safe and Secure. Please visit our website: www.sacredheartparish.org and look for the donating tab. Thank you for considering online donating.

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 THE FIRST TIME
 NICOLE SHERIDAN
 &
 SEAN FLYNN



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Helene Marie Biby, Andrew**

Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John DuffyJacqui Elder, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Clement & Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Dennis O'Connell, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Kathleen Rafferty (Fr. Michael's sister), Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano Lissette Taylor, Elisa Greco Wegman Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
 SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of

JUDY SMITH



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially: **Michael Seman.**

**BOOSTER CLUB
 WEEK 2
 ELIZABETH FERGUSON**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S) AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00am - † Sierra Holmes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:30pm – † Richard Giannettino

7:15pm – Accion de Gracias a los Arcangeles Miguel, Gabriel, Rafael

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30am – † Olympia Ditommasi

10:00am – † Angelina Candela

11:30am – † Gail Vosler

4:00pm – † Teresa Angela Islas / Maritza Mercedes Almonte

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00am –Special Intention of Alan Petukh

9:00am –† Andrew & Johanna Seman / Michael Seman

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00am – †

9:00am –†

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00am - Special Intentions of Fr. J. Michael Rafferty

9:00am - † Joseph Billy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00am – †

9:00am – †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00am – †

9:00am – † Ghiti Di Giovanni

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm - Holy Hour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00am – † Frankie Simone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30pm – † Patricia Diamond

7:15pm – † Bertram Creighton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 RESPECT LIFE

8:30am – † Todd P. Robillard

10:00am – † Steven Kruzik

11:30am – † Michael Tacinelli

4:00pm – †

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial