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October 4, 2020

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! (Is 5:7)

PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Ps 80)

SECOND READING:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:6-9)

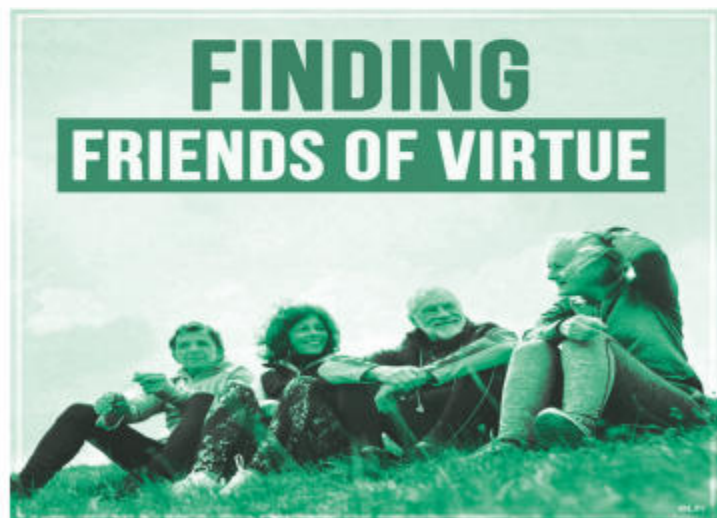
GOSPEL:

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Mt 21:43)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2020

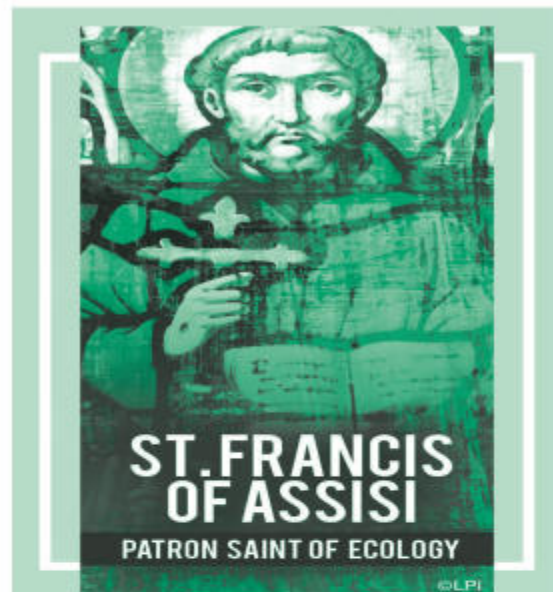
- Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonard, Priest
- Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FINDING FRIENDS OF VIRTUE

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophets of ancient Israel often used the term "vineyard" as a metaphor for God's chosen people. Why do you think Isaiah and the other prophets saw this as an effective teaching tool?

SECOND READING

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. When have you put this advice into practice?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus directs this harsh parable of the tenants to the religious leaders of Jerusalem. Do you think Jesus' words led any of them to repentance?

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act (A)

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Penitential Act (B)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Dialogue at the Gospel

Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.
Deacon/Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

CONCLUDING RITES



Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

October is the month when we center our attention on the respect for all life, often times referred to as **Respect Life Month**. It is a time of year when we see significant changes in our weather as the summer activities come to an end and autumn activities begin. It is a time when we become aware of the "dying" of the earth as flowers go into their winter slumber, as the trees give up their colorful leaves, as we tend to remain indoors more often, and the cooler days remind us that winter is not far off.

These seasonal changes invite us to explore our human changes. We become aware of the boundaries of life: living, dying, rising again. We become aware of how very precious each day of life is and how we should treasure each day that God gives us. We also become more aware of those who share life with us and how precious is their life to us and to the world.

Given this reality, we focus once again on the basic tenets of our faith: life begins with God and life ends according to God's plan. The Church teaches us that life begins at conception. As a mother cares for her infant in the womb, she is assisting God in the creative process not only giving birth to new life, but allowing herself to house life and nurture her developing child. We hear and see many debates these days which speak of life in the womb - what can be allowed and what must be forbidden; what can be legislated and what cannot be legislated. We see political debates from those seeking office who attempt to define the church's teaching. The teaching is rather simple - life begins at conception when God chooses to initiate the creation of a new child.

In the same vein, life continues until God determines when we should come home to heaven. This has become somewhat complicated with the advance of medicine and the development of technology and medications which can prolong and sustain life. At times, a family may face the question, "*Are we sustaining life or simply keeping the body going?*" Families have to decide when enough is enough regarding treatments and medications. This is also a challenge because no one likes to let go of a loved one and no one likes to think that 'they' may have ended someone's life. Yet, deciding for comfort care, deciding this is enough pain, deciding that further treatment is not going to add to the quality of life, embracing the idea that it is time to let go and let God bring a loved one home - these are all quality decisions and actually embrace life and the preciousness with which we hold life.

It is easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when we hold a newborn infant in our arms, and experience how beautiful life is. Strangely enough, it is also easy to appreciate the preciousness of life when sitting at the bedside of a dying person, listening to their breathing, hearing their final words, saying silent prayers - there is a deep appreciation for all that sustains life. On a beautiful fall day, when we see the beautiful autumn colors, experience the crisp seasonal air, we can sense the wonders and value of human life.

It is more challenging to appreciate life when we are angry at another, when we have been hurt, when we are frightened or confused. We do not value life when we feel sad or depressed, lost, and wonder where our friends

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 5 - Weekday

6:45 AM Margaret Amisano - Lanahan family

Tuesday, October 6 - Weekday

6:45 AM Jenny Joy - Bill & Barb Limoncelli

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Thursday, October 8 - Weekday

6:45 AM Rosemary Nasakaitis - Bob & Becky Corcoran

Friday, October 9 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, October 10 - Weekday

5:00 PM Sue Beering - husband, Fran

Sunday, October 11 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Michael Bonsignore - wife, Anna

10:30 AM Robert Bravo - his family

are, and don't even value our own lives! Yet, the challenge is always and everywhere to realize that life is precious. Why? Life is a gift from God - and we cannot take that fact lightly. Life is entrusted to us and we need to be responsible for it and never put it in jeopardy. Life is something to be experienced, enjoyed, and seen as a means of coming in touch with God. Life always evolves, grows, and surprises us - if we are not open to life, none of this can happen.

As we continue in this month of October, **Respect Life Month**, take a moment to appreciate the wonderful life God has given just to you! Have a great week. Continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

William Cieri

Michelina Coccagna

James Graham

Rick Lintal

Paul Pavlick

Albert Pichette

MEMORIALS

Sacramental Wine & Eucharistic Hosts:

In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her children & grandchildren

FLOWER DONATIONS

Main Altar Arrangements:

In loving memory of Judi Lynch - husband, Ben

Blessed Mother - Church:

In loving memory of Sue Beering - the Beering family

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 1st. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st; spring and summer decorations are allowed from March 15th through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 1st.

GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We ask that you register each week for the Mass you will be attending, as we need to limit the size of the congregation to 33% of our church seating capacity, approximately 150 people. Please call the parish office or email smomc@stny.rr.com no later than **Thursday at 4:00 p.m.** Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice.

To prepare to attend:

- Wash your hands before you leave home.
- Bring a face covering or mask; masks are required from the time you exit your car in the parking lot until you return to your car. (This also applies to private prayer in church.)
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.
- Bring your own worship materials, as no hymnals or missalettes are available.
- Please do not congregate in the church building or anywhere on the parish grounds.
- One restroom is available, but do not congregate around it.

When you arrive:

- Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass, and check with the person at the registration table.
- Ushers will be available to help you.
- You can deposit your offering envelope in the receptacle near the doors when you arrive. There will not be a collection at the offertory.
- Please sanitize your hands at one of the stations as you enter church.
- You will be directed to a seat in church, with seating beginning in the front to the back.
- The chapel remains closed at this time.

During Mass:

- Generally, there will be little congregational singing, as masks must **always** be worn throughout Mass.
- There will be no acolytes, altar servers or choir, one lector, one Eucharistic Minister, one cantor, when needed.
- There is to be no physical contact during the Lord's Prayer or at the Sign of Peace.
- When approaching to receive Communion, please follow the directions of the ushers or volunteers present. Remain six feet apart from others, observing the markings on the floor.
- As you receive Communion, receive Communion in your hands (there is no safe or hygienic manner to receive Communion on the tongue during the pandemic), walk at least six feet away from the minister before lowering your mask to receive the host, replace your mask, and return to your seat. The Eucharist will only be offered in the form of the Body of Christ.
- You are not obliged to receive Communion at Mass if you are uncomfortable doing so. If you are not receiving Communion, simply step out of your seat and back away to allow others to return to their seat with minimal contact.

Going forth:

- At the end of Mass, the priest will go immediately to the sacristy, and the ushers will direct you to exit from the church building, beginning with the last pew first.
- Private prayer is not available after Mass as to facilitate immediate cleaning and sanitizing of the pews and restrooms.
- Please go directly to your vehicle when you leave church, with no socializing in the Church, side walks, or in the parking lots.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work our way through this phased reopening process. We thank you for your suggestions as we move forward!

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IN OUR PARISH

Flower Sign-Ups

Due to the current rules and regulations, the parish has been unable to post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for flowers. If you are interested in having flowers in the Church, please call the parish office at 739-3817.

Live Streaming Mass

We have installed a new camera and are now providing a live stream video of Mass at each of the three Mass times. If you are unable to tune into the live Mass, you can view a saved recording of each Mass any time of day. To view the Mass you can go to our website at www.StMaryOurMother.com, then select "Masses" from the menu at the top of the homepage. From there you can click on "Live Stream" and join live Mass or view the archived recordings.

In addition to viewing from our website, you can also download the YouTube app from your smart TV, smartphone or tablet, then search for and subscribe to the "St. Mary Our Mother" channel to view Mass on your smart devices.

We fully appreciate if you decide not to attend in-person Mass, but we hope you will take this opportunity to participate virtually.

Blessing of Animals

Please join us for the annual St. Francis Day blessing of animals today, **Sunday, October 4th** at 12:00 p.m. in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. All pets and their owners are welcome. To provide a safe environment for all, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained, and that all owners wear a face mask and observe a safe social distancing for this event. The wearing of face masks is not required for pets.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love
United States Catholic Bishops pastoral on racism

"Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and, all too often, hatred. Every racist act, every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin - is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world."

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