
28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 10, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Fr. Pat McGuigan, Dennis Scullin and Marylou Ley
- 10 a.m.: Phyllis Muratti, Jack Shapiro, Michael Faso and Janet Stinson

BLANKET MINISTRY UPDATE



Because the numbers of blankets and supply-shopping dollars are dropping just like the temperatures, our ever-proactive **Prayer Blanket Ministry** continues to plan accordingly.

As part of preparation for Confirmation, students will be supervised at the church while baking cookies for a sale after Mass the weekend of **November 6 and 7**. All the money generated by those with a sweet tooth goes to fund this sweet outreach.

Not only are scores of blankets lovingly distributed each year, but the cost of all supplies – which have increased this year because of decreased availability of the fleece – is covered by your bake-sale participation and donations. And the coordinator is a smart shopper!

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

Our new Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, has organized a Memorial Mass for those who have died within the past year or so. It will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at **10 a.m. Saturday, November 6**. For planning purposes, please call the office at 361-3107 with how many people will attend and the name of the person to be remembered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report will return next week.

LIFE AND DIGNITY PRAYER

*God of all life,
Help us to appreciate the great gift
that is human life formed in your image,
a reflection of your holiness.
Help us to recognize you
in all whom You have created:
children not yet born,
families affected by poverty and war,
people of different abilities,
people from other lands, and
all who are victims of hatred and racism.
Help us to bear witness to the dignity
of all whom you have created,
regardless of stage of life,
or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed,
for every person is fully equal
in your loving eyes.
Share with us your holy knowledge
that we are all your children,
each bestowed with inherent dignity.
May your justice reign forever!*

Amen.

- From USCCB Prayers



THE HIGH PRICE OF LOVE

Every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain. The greatest pain comes from leaving: When the child leaves home, when the husband or wife leaves for a long period of time or for good, when the beloved friend departs to another country or dies ... the pain of the leaving can tear us apart.

Still, if we want to avoid the suffering of leaving, we will never experience the joy of loving. And love is stronger than fear, life stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of loving is always worth taking.

Henri J. Nouwen

1932-1996



17K STILL CLOSED

As of “presstime,” culvert work was slated to continue this week – fingers crossed the final week - at a point just south of the church. The state Department of Transportation has closed Route 17K between Route 302 in Bullville and Albany Post Road in Montgomery. Local access, however, will be permitted.



PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here’s this week’s figure of speech – with an unexpected twist – from Miles Bereford Kingston, a British journalist/satirist and musician:
 “Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.”

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you ever listened to the readings at Mass and struggled with the message? You’re not alone. That was the inspiration for **Sunday Scripture Study** in the first place. It meets virtually at **10 a.m. Wednesdays**.

This is not Bible study. Rather, it’s an opportunity to gather before weekend Mass, read those Scriptures ahead of time and discuss their meaning.

Meetings are informal. People, including new participants, are welcome to attend as they are able. For more information, call Ernie Martin at 800-4342

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Pope Francis has outlined his vision for a church that is “synodal” at every level, with everyone listening to each other, learning from each other and taking responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel.



What many consider the pope’s boldest move yet and potentially the most transformative moment in Catholicism since the Second Vatican Council – the two-year “**synod on synodality**” that will be launched in Rome on October 9 and in dioceses worldwide a week later – is barely a blip on the Catholic radar. Few are aware an event that could mark Christianity forever is even happening.

To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/spirit-assembly>

CELEBRATION AT THE SHRINE

A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Manaoag will be at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel October 16-24.

Also, a bilingual **Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines** will be held at the Shrine at 6 p.m. **October 23**, celebrated by Archbishop Charles Brown, and begins with a coronation at 5:15 p.m. of the image of Our Lady of Antipolo. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Choir from Manhattan will sing, and at 7:30 p.m., a Filipino formal dinner and culture night kicks off. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 343-1879 for details.

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