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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory: I Have Loved You #602

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.*

**Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his light and his peace.**

**Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his joy and his hope.**

**Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you care and his love.**

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #462

*Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.*

Recessional: Take the Word of God #377

**Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.**

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Entrance: Here I Am, Lord

*Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.
Make of me what pleases you. Here I am, here I am, Lord*

**You spoke my name and beckoned me to come.
Before you now I stand to listen to your word.**

**You have the words of ever lasting life.
If I should turn from you, to whom would I go?**

**What joy it is to stand amid your glory.
Let me always stay in your presence, O God.**

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

From the Pastor's Desk

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: How Hard it is to Enter the Kingdom of God!

These must have been difficult words to hear from Jesus when he spoke them for the first time. Frankly they are still difficult words to hear in our own day and we have likely heard them many times. Do we have the courage, like the man in today's gospel passage, to ask Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Do we have the courage to accept Jesus' answer? What are my possessions that can or have already become obstacles to following Jesus?

This man acknowledges that he has kept the commandments and has been faithful to God since his youth. However, the great challenge comes when Jesus instructs him to go, sell what he has, and then come follow him. The man went away sad, for he had many possessions. Which of them was he unable to "let go of?" Which of them could he not envision his life without?

Money is necessary to live in our modern world. No one can argue that. We have seen what an abundance of money can buy and can do; and we have seen what a lack of money can't buy and can't do! Sometimes our money and our physical possessions, as well as our preoccupation with them, can get in the way of God being first in our life. Sometimes, as we have heard before, our possessions can in fact possess us. Is that true for you in any way? Ask yourself: Does my bank account, my computer, my car, my cell phone, my stocks, my job, etc. take time away from my prayer life, reflection and meditation, works of charity, hymns of gratitude?

The question that the disciples ask Jesus in response to his preaching is a fair one: "Then who can be saved?" Jesus reminds us of our human limits and the limitlessness of God: "For human beings, it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray with and for each other this week. Let us ask ourselves in humility what gets in the way of our discipleship. Are they "things," i.e. material possessions? Are they mental attitudes and dispositions? If my life were to end today, would I be worried about inheriting eternal life?

Young Adult Mass

7:00 PM Sunday, October 17th

Refreshments to follow in the Church Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Many Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Feast of St. Francis this year. Thank you to the many people who came for the Blessing of Animals on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to those who attended our Transitus service, recalling the passing of St. Francis into eternal life. Special thanks to our high school students and altar servers who participated in the re-enactment of Francis embracing Sister Death. Thank you to those who participated in our Eucharistic celebrations. Thank you to members of the Secular Franciscan Order who joined us for all our celebrations. It was a wonderful two days in honor of St. Francis and the friars are so grateful for the support of our parishioners and friends. You really are extensions of our family. May St. Francis and St. Clare intercede for you and your families.

October: Special Honor Shown to Mary and Greater Respect for Life

As we continue to journey (so quickly!) through the month of October, let us take some extra time in our schedule to pray the Rosary and reflect on the important role that Mary has played in our salvation history. I often challenge our young people not simply to wear the Rosary around their neck, but also to pray it regularly, and to seek the assistance of Mary in difficult moments of temptation in their lives. Reflecting on all the mysteries of the Rosary, but in particular the Joyful Mysteries, can help us recall how Mary's "yes" to God changed the course of our human history; she bore to us our Savior! Mary remains for us such a great intercessor with Jesus, her Son. Given to John and to us as our Mother, while he hung on the cross, Jesus assured us of her maternal care for each of us and entrusted us to one another.

Perhaps as we pray the Rosary this month, we can offer our prayers for a greater respect of life in all its stages, from conception until natural death. Respect for life is far reaching and invites us to consider the infant in the womb, the inmate on death row, the victims of every kind of abuse, those in need of food and shelter. And many others...

The Catholic Church is very proud of our veneration of Mary under many different titles. She is not only our powerful intercessor for our needs and protection here on earth, but she is also the Queen of Heaven whose presence we will enjoy for all eternity.

Please join us next Sunday, October 17th at 12:30 PM for our Marian Procession around the parish boundaries with the statue of our Blessed Mother. (The procession will begin immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass.)

Looking for Additional Altar Servers!

Any student in grades 4-12 interested in becoming an altar server, should speak with Fr. Bob after Mass this weekend or next weekend. There will be a training session and some opportunities to "shadow a server" on the altar while preparing to be included in the regular schedule of Masses. I am grateful to the altar servers who have been so faithful, even during the pandemic, to their commitment to serve at the Altar. It is a great privilege to be so close to the Lord in the Eucharist, especially during the celebration of Mass. I look forward to meeting our new Altar Servers.

Looking for Choir Members

Last Sunday, the choir began singing at the 11:30 AM Mass. There is much more room available in the choir loft for others who wish to share their gift of song with the congregation and in praise of our Lord. We hope that others will consider joining the choir. As you will recall, Sacred Heart Parish has a long legacy of beautiful liturgies with music and singing being integral parts of them. If you are interested in participating, please email Andy Bauer, our organist and musical director, at abauer@sacredheartyonkers.org for more information. Speaking of our choir:

Save the Date: Saturday, December 11th at 7:00PM: Parish Concert

Final Petitions from our Mass for Peace and Healing of the World

For a greater respect for the world that God has created and entrusted to us to care for; that we may never take our natural resources for granted and that we will take seriously our responsibility to provide for future generations. May our care for creation demonstrate our gratitude to God for His many blessings to us and may we honor God as good and faithful stewards of all that he has entrusted to our care. May we help to bring healing wherever it is most needed in the world...we pray to the Lord.

In the midst of the many recent tragedies we have witnessed firsthand or have heard about through the testimony of others, we pray for all those who have lost hope, for those who have given into despair, for those who live their daily lives in fear and struggle with depression, anger, and resentment; for those who have questioned God's love for them, or their place in the human family, that our prayer may be a source of comfort and hope for brighter days ahead, and empower them to rebuild their lives on the strong foundation, who is Christ Jesus. May our own faith be strengthened in times of difficulty and help us to reach out more often and more quickly to those who stand in need of our assistance...let us pray to the Lord.

In gratitude for all those who have responded generously to others in need with their prayers, their assistance, and their financial generosity. May each of us be affirmed and renewed in our commitment to serve others in need, after the example of Jesus, and recognizing his presence in all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the forgotten, and those who have no voice of their own; may our prayers help to advance the peace and healing that our world needs and yearns for...let us pray to the Lord.

One More Thank You...

Thank you to our wonderful alumni, parishioners, benefactors and friends of Sacred Heart High School who have already stepped forward to support our school in our Fall Harvest Raffle. Your support of Sacred Heart students continues to inspire so many and it really helps to provide much needed assistance to those who could not otherwise attend our school.

Sacred Heart is still looking for information on former athletes who went on from Sacred Heart High School to play sports in their respective colleges and on the semi-professional/professional levels. Please send their names, colleges/universities, sport played and contact information to my attention at my school email address: rabbatiello@sacredhearths.org or to my parish address: rabbatiello@sacredheartyonkers.org.

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CVS Flu Shots
Sunday, October 17
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- It is very important to vaccinate early because it takes up to 2 weeks for it to be effective.
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