

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Johanna Rea-Reynolds
10:00AM Nicholas Busanic
12:00PM Silvstri & Liberto Families
Donato Scrivanich

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

BL. FRANCIS XAVIER

11:00AM Mary Corrado
Rosemary Kovacs

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

**ST. BRUNO & BL. MARIE
ROSE DUROCHER**

11:00AM Elaine Miller
John Donato

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

11:00AM Patricia Hogan
Roberto Del Rosario

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00AM Anna Wenderoth
Slavko Mladjenovic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

**ST. DENIS & COMPANIONS &
ST. JOHN LEONARDI**

11:00AM Ann Cappadonna
David Mihalinec

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:00AM Alfonso Soonyoung Park
Michael McEnaney

5:00PM Alice Dowling

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Carmine Magnone
12:00PM Matteo & Maria Hroncich
Sarah & Michael Romano

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

*In Memory of
David Mihalinec*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Patricia Hogan*

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of
David Mihalinec*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Is 5:1-7

*"What more was there to do for my
vineyard?"*

Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of
Israel.*

Phil 4:6-9

*Paul exhorts the Philippians to embrace all
that is pure, decent and admirable.*

Matt 21:33-43

*"The Kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to people who yield a rich
harvest.*



BECOMING FRUITFUL TENANTS

There are many stories about landlords and their tenants. Most of these stories describe some landlords as wicked and heartless. Some describe them as people who are only interested in the increment of the rent or tenancy fee but are unaffected by the deplorable conditions of living the tenants face. There are even more horrifying tales about landlords who frustrate their tenants.

On the other hand, there are stories of stubborn and destructive tenants. Some are known as people who would not pay their rents when due, and they would go to any length to ferment problems for their landlord. Some are even ready to go to court and fight the landlord to any conceivable extent. In contrast to all the preceding tales, there are stories about good landlords and good tenants who maintain harmony. Anywhere you find this form of a good relationship, there may be the possibility that the landlord is doing what he is required to do, and the tenants are also responding accordingly.

Today, we have an exciting parable in the Gospel Reading (Matt.21:33-43) concerning a landlord (or householder) and his tenants. A landlord planted a vineyard, fenced it, dug a winepress, and built a tower on the vineyard. It is interesting to note that the landlord did all the needful in the vineyard. The vineyard had been planted and secured. Furthermore, the production machinery was in place. There was also a facility for maximum security represented by the watchtower. The tenants had only the duty of caretaking and bringing forth a good harvest.

There is always a time of harvest. When that time came, the landlord sent his servants to get the fruits of the vineyard, but the servants got an aggressive response from the tenants. They had one beaten, killed another and yet another was stoned. The landlord did not stop at the first batch, again he sent more servants, and they repeated what they did to the first set of servants. Lastly, he sent his son, thinking they would accord respect to him, but they ceased him and killed him.

Note that the tenants were required to return some of the fruits to the landlord. It is the same way that God requires us to bear good fruits, to live good lives, to produce useful things, not evil in our lives. Some of us, like the tenants, are always unresponsive and unproductive even when we have all we need to bear the right and lasting fruits.

As tenants in God's vineyard, what are our expectations? We are required to be good tenants who are ready and willing to fulfill the obligations of our tenancy. To achieve this, St. Paul, among other things in the Second Reading (Phil.4:6-9), advised us to pay attention to whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, anything that is excellent, and anything worthy of praise!

Have a beautiful weekend and pay attention to the fruits you bear as a tenant in this world. God bless you!

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

September 27, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$3,569.00

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 150 persons at each mass. When you attend mass, you must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass. Also, please sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance.

Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. If any of you is feeling “under the weather” or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others.

SANCTUARY LAMPS, ALTAR CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS

Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles and Altar Flowers are available for the year 2020. Please come into the rectory to book any of these items in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS APPEAL

This year’s goal for Sharing God’s Blessings Appeal is \$32,219.00. We are happy to report that we have \$31,907.00 in pledges. **If we go over our goal, we will get 100% returned to our parish for every dollar over \$32,219.00. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish. Only 105 families have contributed.**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“by prayer and petition...make your requests known to God.” (Phil. 4:6) Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in – honesty, honor, justice, loveliness, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grow in this quality.

PARENTING POINTERS

In the Catholic tradition, October is Respect Life Month. In addition to respecting the human lives that are too often dismissed as unworthy or inconvenient (the unborn, the poor, the imprisoned, the handicapped...) this year add respect for mother earth, who is also suffering.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, our father and model, throughout your life you wished to imitate Jesus, the missionary and servant. In your time you confronted the plague, the illness of the people. Intercede now with the Holy Trinity on behalf of all the nations on earth visited by this modern scourge. Help the bodies and hearts of all victims. Strengthen caregivers, be close to all neighbors, and enlighten researchers. Walk with those approaching the portals of death.

As you gave strong and ardent advice to struggle against evil, so now come to our aid! Teach us how to expose our lives for the weakest among us and strengthen us to help them better with fearless perseverance. With the sole desire of aiding them in their needs, open our spirits to God’s infinite providence.

Let us endow it with his total will for action. Inspire in us, also, obedience to our leaders, as we now place ourselves in your hands, confident and fortified with genuine feelings of dedication and zeal for our sisters and brothers. Amen.

FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of food for our Community Food Pantry. Please bring food to the church from 10:00AM-12:00PM or bring it to the rectory vestibule. We are also available on Friday mornings from 10:00AM-12 Noon. **We especially need all non-perishable foods. Our supplies are low. We could use cereals, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, rice, sauces, Chef Boyardee, canned vegetables and fruits, cake mixes, cake icing, coffee. Please do not bring any pasta at this time.** We appreciate all your help to feed our clients. May God bless you for your generosity.

OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, a Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Virtual Open House on Monday, October 12th from 1:00-2:30PM. To register, go to <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21> For more information, contact Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions at 212-28801100, ext. 2057 or edimichele@regis.org Immaculate Heart Academy’s Fall Open Houses are Sunday, October 25th from 11:AM02:00PM and Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-8:30PM. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati ‘07, director of admissions, at 201-445-6800, ext. 112. You can also email afatgati@ihanj.com

A THOUSAND STRONG – ROSARY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE CALL

LIFENET is organizing a “Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call” on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00PM. Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13th is the 103rd anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun” at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000_strong

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O’Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O’Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Rose & Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Nancy Manto, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O’Connor, Patrick Shanley, Perry Bonaguaro, Rev. John Renard, Louise O’Connor, Barbara Curran, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Maria Mancini, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers.

**“ABORTION IS A TERRIBLE EVIL,
A DESTROYER OF PEACE, LOVE
AND JOY!”**

Mother Teresa

