

# Mass Intentions for the Week



October 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30 PM †Eugene Rycharski  
† Italo Maestri

**Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
9:00 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
11:00AM †Henry Rohs  
†Lee Fadem  
† John Gracias  
12:30 PM En Acción de Gracia a Grecia Vidal  
(19 años Cumpleanos)  
† Mirna lis Meléndez

**Monday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
7:00 PM †Ana Dolores Peña

**Wednesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM †Eugene Rycharski (1yr anniversary)

**Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
9:00 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners  
11:00AM †Henry Rohs  
†Rose Cerimido  
12:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners



Important Notice There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.

**Important Notice**

PNC Bank has contacted this office about suspicious currency. Please know that all suspicious currency is reported to the proper authorities. For your protection, please make sure to check your currency.

**Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge**  
El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones.

**Mass intentions:** 

Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please **“Do Not”** deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

**Intenciones de La Misa:** 

Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de **“NO”** depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

**Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday  
5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday:  
7:30 am **Fr. Michael**  
9:00 am **Fr. Michael**  
11:00 am **Fr. Junior**  
12:30 pm **Fr. Madrid**

<b>Weekend Collection Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Oct 16</b>	
5:30PM	\$ 665.00
7:30AM	\$ 497.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,215.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,455.00
12:30PM	\$ 835.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,667.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

**Message from our Pastor** 

My dear friends, please enjoy this excellent reflection from Al Cariño, OMI.

"How am I to pray?" is a question often asked of priests. In a parable (Lk. 18: 9–17), Jesus teaches us how to pray by showing us how two men, a Pharisee and a tax collector, prayed.

While the Pharisee started his prayer "with head unbowed," the tax collector "would not even raise his eyes to heaven." Their posture reminds us of the story of a haughty lawyer who asked an old farmer, "Why don't you hold up your head in the world as I do? I bow my head to no one." The farmer answered, "Sir, see that field of grain? Only those heads that are empty stand upright. Those that are well-filled bow low." So, first and foremost, we are to approach prayer in a spirit of humility. This the tax collector did but the Pharisee did not.

The Pharisees were not bad people. They dedicated themselves to the law and were sincere in their religious observance. They were esteemed by the people for their zeal.

Jesus in the parable did not condemn the Pharisee for his life-style and religious observance; He condemned him for his self-righteous attitude as reflected in his prayer: "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector...." Obviously, the Pharisee was extolling himself before God. Though there was no rule to fast twice a week, he did. And he gave ten percent on his "whole income" instead of only on some farm products as the law required. Worse, he extolled himself at the expense of the tax collector. In this regard, how right Mahatma Gandhi who said, "It has always been a mystery to me how men feel themselves honored by the humiliation of their fellow beings."

The tax collectors on the other hand were despised not only for collecting taxes for the Roman but also for adding to the prescribed tax on each one, pocketing the difference. In the parable, the tax collector approached God beating his breast, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Acknowledging his sinfulness in the face of his dishonesty born out of greed, he threw himself totally before God's mercy. At the end of their prayer, the tax collector "went home justified," — God had reconciled him to

Himself — but not the Pharisee. And Jesus told us why: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." How right Sirach was when he said in the first reading (Sir. 35:15-22), "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." What was tragic in the Pharisee's prayer was the implied belief that he no longer needed God's mercy because his good works would force God to reward him.

In many ways, we behave like the Pharisee. When we do good works, we expect that they are to be credited to us. Sometimes in an outburst of piety, we pray for the "conversion of sinners," but with ourselves excluded of course! As if we are not sinners ourselves! When we talk, say, about a single mother, we do so derisively, saying, "She deserves what she gets," instead of giving her our understanding and help. Or when we see a public sinner receiving Holy Communion, we inwardly remark, "A dog eventually returns to eat his vomit," instead of thanking God for the grace of his conversion.

Why do we act this way? Because like the Pharisee we want to be always considered better than others and we accomplish this by putting others down. Unfortunately, we reflect this attitude in our prayer as the Pharisee did.

Jesus is teaching us to follow the example of the tax collector in life as well as in our prayer. He wants us to acknowledge that everything we are and have come from God. And if we fall into sin, it is not solely because of human weakness but also because of our failure to run to God for help. One holy person, on seeing someone enslaved by his lust, exclaimed, "But for the grace of God, there go I." In other words, we are saved not because of our own merit but because of God's mercy. This is what the Pharisee and we often forget but which the prayer of the tax collector could capture. Thus, even if He only asked for mercy, he ended up justified before God.

How are we to pray? First, we approach God with all humility. Then we attribute to Him whatever good we have done, thanking Him for giving us the grace to do so. As to our sins, we are to place ourselves completely in His mercy which is His alone to dispense and which we can never merit.

Though we are often like the Pharisee in our speech, good works and even in our prayer, it is not too late to change. With the tax collector as our model, we can begin by making his prayer our own: “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Then we will not only receive God's mercy; we will also end up justified before Him.

Fr. Junior Flores  
Pastor

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En la parábola que acabo de leer Jesucristo alaba la humildad del publicano y censura la soberbia del fariseo. Esto me trae a la memoria haber visto a veces por televisión personas famosas de vida públicamente desordenada que afirman que no se arrepienten de nada. Esto suena a hipocresía o soberbia. No sé lo qué es peor. Todos somos pecadores. Al menos con pecados de omisión, porque podíamos ser mejores de lo que somos. Pero la humildad es la verdad. Tampoco tenemos que sentirnos peores de lo que somos.

No somos ni terroristas ni adúlteros. Pero deberíamos ser mejores de lo que somos. Cristo nos dice que debemos ser la luz del mundo. Debemos de dar buen ejemplo. Nuestra vida cristiana debería ser iluminadora. Y esto sin vanagloria. No pensar que es mérito nuestro, sino dando gracias a Dios que nos ayuda, porque sin la ayuda de Dios seríamos, quizás, unos malhechores.

Por eso dice San Pablo: ¿Qué tienes que no hayas recibido? Y si lo has recibido, ¿de qué te engrías? Demos gracias a Dios por las ayudas recibidas y procuremos ser fieles a su gracia, y que deberíamos ser perfectos como nuestro Padre celestial. Debemos aspirar a la santidad.

## Saints Among Us



On Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 9:00 am – please join us as our Confirmation students remember those who gave witness to the Gospels, and present an award to those who they believe are Saints in their lives.



Day light saving time

Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at midnight.



Especially for: Hector Alamo, Christopher Bergen  
Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Charlene Carbonelli, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Angela Cubati & Mary Ann DiPietro. Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman Trudy Lucas, Elba LeBron, Carmen LeBron, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Lou Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Thelma Reck, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolar, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Judid Vivar, Phillip W.Wood, Nancy “Gisella” Zegarra.

*We also remember those who have died.*

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

Our new support group called A.C. E. Support Prayer Group will be meeting every Mondays at 7pm in the church hall. If you need any more information, contact the parish office.



## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MASSES 2016-2017

**Sunday, October 30, 2016- Saints Among Us**  
9:00 am

**Tuesday, November 1, 2015 All Saints Day**  
7:30 am (English)  
9:30 am (School Mass)  
12:00 pm (English)  
5:00 pm (English)  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

**Wednesday November 2, 2016**  
**A Mass of Remembrance /All Souls Day**  
7:00 PM (Bilingual)

**Friday, November 4, 2016- School Mass**  
9:30am

**Sunday, November 20, 2016- Fr. Junior's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass- Mass of Thanksgiving**  
11:00 am

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016-**  
**Thanksgiving school mass**  
9:30 am

**Thursday, November 24, 2016- Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass**  
9:30 am

**Saturday, November 26/27- Frist Weekend of Advent**

We would like to thank all those who came out for our day of prayer. Together we called upon the inter-session of our Blessed Mother for all our special needs by praying the Rosary.



On November 2, 2016, the parish will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m.- (Bilingual). The names of our parishioners who have died this past year will be read and a candle will be lit in their memories. The names and candles will remain on the altar for the remainder of the month. Also, a memorial book will be placed on the altar, and parishioners are invited to write the names of their loved ones in it so that we can remember them at Mass throughout the month. Just a reminder, only our parishioners who have died this year, and the funeral masses celebrated in our church or committal services, will be the only names read at the Remembrance Mass. All others are to be placed in the memorial book. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4).



## **Street Blessing**

Thomas Rooney, a parishioner of The Catholic Community of St. Brendan & St. George Parish will be having a street dedicated to him on Saturday October 29, 2016 at 2pm, on the corner of Main St & Grove St. Andre Sayeh, our 11am usher, who is also a councilman for the City of Paterson, will be hosting the dedication. Fr. Junior will render the blessing for the street sign dedication.

