



***September 27, 2020
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

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LIVING OUR FAITH

Have you ever met a flatterer, or people pleaser? Those who say what you want to hear but have no intention of following through? Or those who over promise and under deliver? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Without actions, our words are a “clanging gong,” to use a term from St. Paul. There are many reasons why we might over promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels: *“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean No”*. At some level, his is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher.

As we go about our lives, let us make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves or say we will do something. Simply modifying a commitment with the words *“I intend to...”* or *“I’ll make my best effort to...”* may be all we need to temper expectations. By avoiding the trap of being a people pleaser, flatterer, or one who over promises, and instead being a person of action and doing on behalf of others, we will be living the gospel message.

Questions for the week: *Considering today’s parable, which son are you more likely to be the one who commits but doesn’t follow through, or the one who refuses but in the end complies?*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



Our Parish Family congratulates the following young women and men, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend:

Kelly Bullis
Brian Cando
Shannon Ciardo
Noellia Cruz-Cruz
Emma Curry
Logan Danzilo
Lorna Dewitt
Alexandra Etess
Christopher Goble
Joseline Flores-Gomez
Grace Gozza
Maria Hernandez
Peter Hernández
Riley Kelly
Zoe Kip
Colin Monell
Jordy Najera
Nataliya Parache
Alexa Ramirez-Garcia
Joseph Rodriguez
Emily Rusin
Rachel Sachakov
Sergio Sanchez-Garcia
Ronald Segovia



BRING YOUR FURRY FRIENDS TO OUR BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. In celebration of the feast, Father will be available to bless your animals from 12:00 -1:00 pm in the rectory parking lot. All furry friends are warmly welcome!

TOWN OF LIBERTY FALL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

This year, the Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its first ever Fall Pumpkin Festival on October 25th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Walnut Mountain Park. The festival will include pumpkin picking, a costume contest, hay rides, a family photo booth and pumpkin painting. Families **MUST** pre-register for a time slot by calling 292-7690. If anyone is interested in forming a group to represent our Parish at the event by participating in a tent or providing a treat, please call the Rectory.

2020 SULLIVAN COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

You are invited to join in a Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th from 2PM until 3:30PM. This will be a peaceful protest against all issues that violate the dignity and sanctity of human life. Please join us in front of St. Peter's Church on Broadway in Monticello. You may want to bring a lawn chair. Please be sure to bring your mask and follow social distancing guidelines. For more information, please call Jane at 845-292-4647.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

In honor of the month of the Rosary, and in prayer for the unity and healing of our Nation amid the upcoming election, there will be a Eucharistic procession and recitation of the Rosary on Wednesday, October 7th from 10:45am – 11:45 am at St. Peter's Church in Monticello. The procession will begin at the Church and will continue to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. All are welcome to join us.



HELPING TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM

The Rotary Club of Liberty will be holding a coat drive from September 15th through October 17th. The coats are being collected at various locations throughout Liberty, including here at St. Peter's Church. *There will be a box available in the vestibule of the church as well as a box on the front porch of the rectory for you to drop off your coat. (We are ONLY able to accept coats at this time. We ask that you please hold off on donating other clothing items.)* The coats will be distributed to those in need on the afternoon of October 17th. Any coats that remain will be donated to our parish for use in our clothes closet ministry and to the United Way of Sullivan County.

PARISH CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY

Our clothes closet and food pantry ministries are OPEN every Saturday morning from 9am - 12noon. Simply come up the driveway next to the rectory and you will see us set up outside. All are most welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

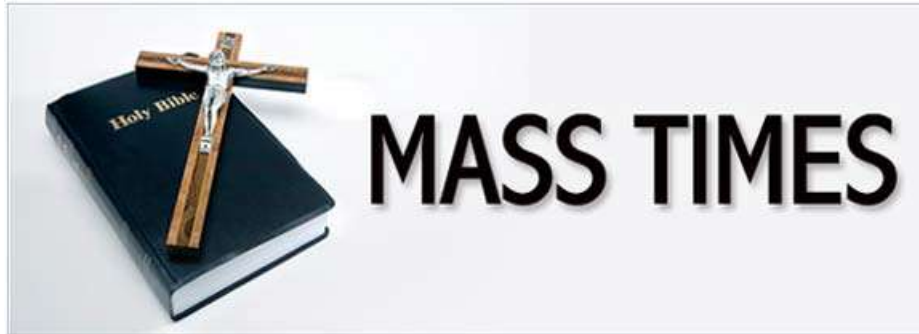
We will begin our Religious Education Program sessions the first week of October. If your child was in our program last year, you should have already received registration forms and this year's calendar in the mail. If you have a new student you would like to register, please contact the Rectory.

DAILY PRAYER

Father will continue to gather with us in daily prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live. We will pray morning prayers at 9AM and evening vespers at 6 PM. You may send your prayer petitions to Father and he will include them in daily prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

With the future uncertain, we anticipate maintaining the current mass schedule for the foreseeable future. As such, we will have a limited number of announced mass intentions available (2 per weekend). *Please call the rectory to request your mass intentions. In an effort to accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we ask that you limit your requests to 3 Sundays for the year.*



Saturday evenings at 7PM: Mass in Spanish
Sunday mornings at 10 AM: Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live. You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to www.facebook.com and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY. A recorded video of the Mass will also be published to our page at the conclusion of Mass.

If you plan to join us for Mass in person, please see the end of this bulletin for details on the protocols we have put in place to keep us all safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. While the church is open for Mass, all individuals who are 65 years of age or older, those with underlying health considerations and those who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in the Mass on Facebook Live.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed or Deacon Don will be waiting on the front steps of the church, weather permitting, each Sunday until 11:30 AM to distribute Holy Communion. They will only be able to offer the Eucharist in the hand. Please be sure to wear a face covering, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others, and most importantly, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers.

PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

BEFORE MASS

- ✓ We ask you to arrive at the church no later than 9:30 AM for 10 AM Mass. (Please arrive by 6:45PM for 7 PM Spanish Mass.)
- ✓ When approaching the church, please keep in mind that all individuals and groups must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals and groups.
- ✓ Everyone must wear a face covering at all times.
- ✓ There will be hand sanitizer available for those who would like to use some before entering the church.
- ✓ Before entering the church, everyone will have their temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked not to enter the church.
- ✓ Everyone will be escorted to a seat by an usher who has been designated and trained by Father Ed. Seating will be assigned from the front of the church to the back, and will be based on the next available seat, keeping social distancing in mind. Single individuals will be seated on one side of the church and families of 2 or more will be seated on the other side.
- ✓ There will be no holy water in the church.
- ✓ We will continue to send bulletins to parishioners electronically. There will be no paper bulletins in the church.

DURING MASS

- ✓ Please keep your mask on during the entire Mass, except for the brief moment when receiving Holy Communion.
- ✓ The collection will not be taken up in the traditional way. Instead, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the church.

- ✓ Missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews. You are invited to take a missalette from the table at the back of the church at the beginning Mass. That will be your missalette. Please take it home with you and should you wish, bring it back for use at future Masses. Hymnals will not be available for the time being.
- ✓ There will be no offertory procession.
- ✓ Please refrain from physical contact at the Sign of Peace. Please offer a gesture such as a wave, bow or nod. Of course, this does not apply to families who have come together.
- ✓ When it is time for Communion, Father Ed and Deacon Don will make their way through the church to offer the Eucharist. There will NOT be a Communion line. When either Father or Deacon approaches your pew, please stand if you would like to receive. You may remove your mask for the brief moment of receiving Communion. Please note the Eucharist can only be offered in the hand at this time.

DISMISSAL

- ✓ At the conclusion of Mass, please remain in your seat until an usher approaches your row and dismisses you. Rows will be dismissed from the back of the church to the front. Upon leaving the church, please make your way to your car as quickly as possible, so as to avoid groups of people gathering.

BATHROOMS

- ✓ We ask that the use of the bathroom be reserved for emergencies only. If you do need to use the bathroom, please use the handicapped bathroom located in the old Convent building. Ushers will direct you should you need assistance.

