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October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Year of Saint Joseph

LIVING OUR FAITH

Today's gospel makes a personal appeal to each of us: "*Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.*" The blind beggar Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus from the side of the road as Jesus passes through Jericho. He continues to call, "*Jesus...have pity on me,*" even after being rebuked by others in the crowd. And then when Jesus issues the command, "*Call him,*" the message of the crowd becomes different: "*Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.*"

As the savior and the Lord, Jesus calls us to be more than we are at the moment. Though he loves us exactly as we are, he also dreams that we will embrace the "*fullness of life.*" And this fullness of life requires conversion and change. It seems the crowd knows this. When Bartimaeus is called forth, he draws near to an encounter that will transform everything in his life. He will stop being someone who must rely on others to lead him and provide for his needs and become an individual who can make his own choices and chart his own course.

When Bartimaeus stands in front of Jesus, the Lord asks him, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" And when Bartimaeus responds, "*I want to see,*" Jesus immediately restores his sight. Jesus' parting words to Bartimaeus are, "*Go your way.*" But instead, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the road that leads to Jerusalem and Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. No doubt, in the days to come as he witnesses the man who had healed him

be arrested, tortured, and put to death, Bartimaeus will need the courage that he relied on to stand up, throw off his beggar's cloak, and make his request of Jesus. It is the same courage we all need to answer Jesus' call and follow him on the path that leads to eternal life.

Questions for the week: *The disciples tell Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." How have you experienced the call of Jesus in your life? Where are you in need of courage at this moment in your journey of faith?*

COVID PROTOCOL

As you have probably heard, Sullivan County is an area of substantial Covid-19 transmission.

The CDC recommends that all in these areas, vaccinated or unvaccinated, should resume wearing masks indoors.

That being the case, I am asking and urging that all of us resume wearing masks until this current threat passes.

Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.





This Sunday's Hymns (10AM Mass)

- # 242 All Are Welcome
- # 294 At the Table of the World
- # 197 A Place at the Table
- # 298 Jesus Christ, By Faith Revealed



Readings for this Weekend (October 24th)

- Jeremiah 31:7-9
- Hebrews 5:1-6
- Mark 10:46-52

Readings for next Weekend (October 31st)

- Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Mark 12:28b-34



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, and Betty and Robert Friedland.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED

We ask our good and gracious God to welcome our dearly departed into his Kingdom, and to bestow his peace and consolation on the family and friends who mourn their passing.

We lovingly remember Eleanor Whitney Pirotta.

WEEKLY OFFERING (October 10th)

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,316

We Share Online Giving: \$ 142.84

Total: \$ 2,458.84

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Parish!



Our Parish Family welcomes
Christopher Lopez
to the Christian Community!
May Christopher continue to grow in grace and love of the Lord!



Our Parish Family congratulates
Joshua DiBartolo,
who received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend!
May Joshua continue to grow in faith and love of the Lord!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Information on our Religious Education Program start date, as well as additional details about this year, will be forthcoming within the next week.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Gerardo Colacicco on
Sunday, October 31st at 12:30pm.

Please join us in keeping our Confirmation candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!





TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass for the opening of the Synod Process
October 17, 2021
Timothy Cardinal Dolan

Synodality

A blessed Sunday!

Can we consider a bit today the role of *authority* and *leadership* in the Church? Jesus teaches us about all that in our Gospel passage at Mass this morning.

Yes, the Church is of divine origin, but she is composed of flawed human membership; yes, Jesus gave us a rather fluid blueprint about the structure of His Church – his apostles, the sacraments, a basic creed and moral expectations, bishop, priest, deacon, women and men with duties in marriage, family, communities of faith, using gifts – which the bible calls *charisms* – of teaching, worship, charity, administration, healing, and service; the mandate to teach the nations about Him.

Throughout her colorful history of two millennia, the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church has expanded and developed its style of organization and authority.

We've had popes at the head of conquering armies and popes all by themselves in jail;

Bishops called “princes,” and bishops beheaded by princes;

We've had women and men living as solitary hermits, or as members of thriving, vibrant, communities;

The Church has taught sternly with threats of punishments in this life and the next, or softly and gently under the shade of a tree outside the parish church;

She has managed property, buildings, and money to compete with a Wall Street firm, or existed solely on faith, prayer, bread, wine, the Bible, and the goodness of her people;

The Church has members trying to raise families, run businesses, make a living, while ever in allegiance to the teachings of our Lord...

This only touches on the array, the sample of how the Church we cherish has tried to lead, teach with authority, govern and serve since Jesus commissioned us to do so.

And now the successor of Saint Peter as bishop of Rome and pastor of the Church Universal, Pope Francis, has asked us all to commence an examination of conscience on how we as a Church are living up to the model of the Church given us by Jesus. Pope Francis has asked us to begin a process of preparation and prayer for a *Synod of Bishops* in Rome in two years, on the topic he calls all this: *synodality*.

Thus do I welcome this morning leaders from the archdiocese who generously participate in the consultative organs of these vast areas of the Lord's vineyard – members of our boards, committees, religious orders, schools, charities, health care, witness in the public square, business and governance.

And just what is this *synodality* of which Pope Francis so often speaks? I don't know if I completely understand it; and the Holy Father is honest in admitting that neither does he have the full comprehension, which is precisely why he has summoned us to this endeavor. He wants us to join him in praying, listening, discerning, examining ourselves personally, and the Church communally, to see if we're truly on the path Jesus has set for His beloved bride, His mystical body, the Church.

He has reminded us of certain clear essentials intended by Jesus, constant, although, at times, we admit clouded and dimmed, in the Church's amazing 2,000 year drama. Here are some those non-negotiables.

- While *in* the world, we are not *of* the world, and thus our guiding principles come from the Gospel, revelation, and the patrimony of the Church's settled teaching;
- That the principles of the innate dignity of every human person and the inherent sacredness of all human life are the towering moral lighthouses on our path;
- That our journey through this life back to our true and eternal home of heaven is most effectively accomplished precisely as a *journey* as we walk with and accompany each other, with Jesus as our guide, His mother and the saints, and we sinners at each other's side;
- That on this journey we pay special attention to those at the side of the road, especially those who are sick, weak, poor, or unable to keep up with us;
- That our wealth only comes from faith, trust, prayer, the sacraments, and His grace;
- That mercy, love, invitation, humility, joy, selfless, generous service, and good example are our only tools, never harshness, condemnation, or pride.

That seems to be *synodality* in a nutshell. We are loyal Catholics. The Holy Father has asked us to help him keep the Church always under the direction Jesus, our good shepherd, intends.

Thank you for accepting his invitation to enter this walk of *synodality*. Stay tuned for other invitations as the process continues. Stay tuned as our own team led by Elizabeth Guevara and Monsignor LaMorte, keep us posted.

And stay tuned to those words from the gospel this morning:

“You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (MK 10: 42-45)



Mass Schedule

Feast of All Saints:

Monday, November 1st at 8:30am

Feast of All Souls:

Tuesday, November 2nd at 8:30am

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

*Mass in English ***

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 AM

Mass in English

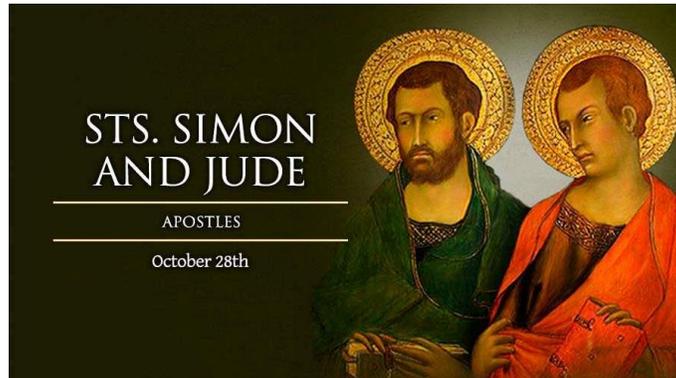
*****We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to the Church to
receive the Eucharist.)***

Blessed Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude!

Feast Day: October 28th

Saint Jude: Patron Saint of Lost Causes

Saint Simon: Patron Saint of Curriers, Sawmen, Sawyers and Tanners



Prayer to St. Jude, Patron of Impossible, Desperate, & Hopeless Cases

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus,
the Church honors and invokes you universally,
as the patron of difficult cases,
of things almost despaired of.
Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me
that He bring visible and speedy help
where help is almost despaired of.
Come to my assistance in this great need
that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven
in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly...

(make your request here)

...and that I may praise God with you
and all the saints forever.

I promise, O Blessed St. Jude,
to be ever mindful of this great favor
granted me by God
and to always honor you
as my special and powerful patron,
and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.
Amen.

LIVESTREAMED MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

We will be **UNABLE** to livestream our 10AM Sunday Liturgy this Sunday, October 24th.

We have been experiencing increased difficulties with the internet in the Church and are working to resolve the issue.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' NEWS

Court Mary Anthony of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas meets most months on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting will take place on ***Tuesday, November 9th at 7PM*** in the conference room of the Deacon Riley Center.

All women, age 18 and up, are warmly invited to join us!

ATTENTION TEENS OF THE PARISH!

"Looking Over the Decade: A PTAF Family since 2011".

The event will take place on

November 6th from 12:30-6:30PM

at the Vincent Pallotti Center in Monroe.

There will be food and games and Mass will be celebrated.

The day will end with the sharing of a meal of thanks.

This event is going to be so much fun!

Please save this date and keep your eyes out for a flyer coming out soon!

PARISH CHILDREN'S SHOP/CLOTHES CLOSET/FOOD PANTRY

Our current hours are:

Wednesdays and Saturdays

9AM -12PM

We are also accepting donations of new and gently used items!

