

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 6, 2019

Living a True Faith

Readings: Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14; Luke 17:5–10

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Blake Evans, Pastor

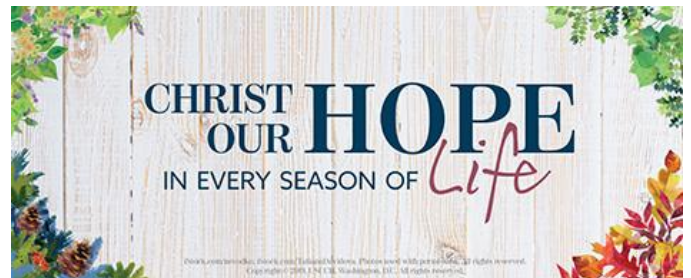
Catholic Appeal update: 2019 Parish Goal: \$63,541

- Amount in commitments: \$26,955
- Total paid: \$17,799
- Percentage of goal paid: 28%

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Appeal! Did you forget to pay off your pledge? Please do so this month or by November! The Appeal supports Ministries throughout our city and region including: Women's Shelters, education scholarships, seminarians, Pro-Life ministries and more. Let us build the Kingdom of God! You can give online too: <https://appeal.adw.org/>



Rosary in Public. October 12 at noon, in the parking lot. More information call Ann Peterson (202) 722-1040 and Jurita Villarín (Spanish) (202) 352-1520.



Celebrate Respect Life Month! Every Day is Pro Life Day but October in a special way is a month to honor life. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.



Altar Servers

Altar Servers training. Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring any friends and /or family interested in becoming a server. Light lunch/snack will be provided.

Mass Intentions

October 5 - 12, 2019

Sat. 10/5	8:00 am	Mateo-Ayala family
	5:30 pm	+Anthony Provenzano, Sr.
Sun. 10/6	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Parishioners deceased
	1:00pm	+Guillerma Hernandez
Mon. 10/7	12:00	Peace in Washington
Tue. 10/8	12:00	Peace in the Holy Land
Wed. 10/9	12:00	Rohini Perera
Thu. 10/10	12:00	No mass
Fri. 10/11	12:00	+Guillerma Hernandez
Sat. 10/12	8:00 am	+Patricia Hallman
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.

Red Mass for the Supreme Court - Sun, Oct 6, hosted by the John Carroll Society at The Cathedral 10am, with Archbishop Gregory as celebrant.

White Mass 10th Anniversary! Renewing Baptismal Promises, Recognizing the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs. - Sun, **Oct 27,** at The Cathedral 11:30 am, with Archbishop Gregory as celebrant.



Rest in Peace

Anthony Provenzano, Sr., 87, died on Thursday, October 3rd in Tuckahoe, New York. Father of Fr. Tom Provenzano, SDB.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, Oh Lord

Religious Education begun on Sunday, September 15th, Registration is closed. **Note- families please take your children to Mass. Many children admit their families do not go to Mass regularly.**



To: all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity. **Next Youth Day will be on November 9.**

To: Yanet Fernandez and Juan Martinez for their hard work for 11 hours cleaning the Youth Center last Sunday. It sure looks and smells great!

Question of the week: Which seeds have I nurtured? Which seeds will I make the effort to nurture now?

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
Lord, grant that I may not seek to be
Consoled as to console;
Understood as to understand;
Loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
In pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in dying we are born to
Eternal life.
Amen