

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 18, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 10/18 11:00	DeDe Barton +	Dixie Barton
Wed. 10/21 9:00	Special Intention	Keri Allen
Thurs. 10/22 12:10	Nick Barry	
Fri.. 10/23 9:00	Nick Klingler +	
Sat. 10/24 4:00	The Persichetti Family	

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us 20 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day  
For all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,  
In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,  
For the salvation of souls, the reparation for sins, the reunion of all Christians,  
And in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.  
Amen.

### FATIMA MORNING OFFERING

O JESUS, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings, all that this day may bring, be they good or bad: for the love of God, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Stewardship Thought

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

## Father's Column



### **St. Isaac Jogues and Canonical Fingers**

Perhaps you have noticed that I keep united my thumbs and forefingers after the consecration of the Host at Mass. You may also recall seeing this practice with greater frequency decades ago. Why do priests observe this practice? The rationale lay behind the principle of meticulous accounting for every fragment of the Blessed Sacrament. Believe it or not, simply handling the Host not infrequently produces crumbs, even sizable. The Church therefore mandated every priest to keep his "canonical fingers" (i.e. those touching the Eucharist) joined at every Mass for many, many centuries up until winds of liturgical change swept the obligation away in 1970. Some priests retained this practice as a custom; by and large, young priests today embrace this tradition.

Countless priest-saints offered Mass in this manner over the past millennium. By far, the most famous known for this practice is St. Isaac Jogues, whose feast day is October 19th. Born in France in 1607, Isaac joined the Jesuits, was ordained a priest, and in 1636 set sail for missionary work in the New World, including six years in the Lake Huron area and later throughout southern Ontario.

Relations between the natives and Europeans occasionally soured into distrust amidst outbreaks of disease or rumors of maltreatment. In 1642, Mohawks captured Jogues, along with several others, and subjected them to an array of tortures. Having

seen the way "black robes" unite their fingers during Mass, the natives gnawed off of the tips of priest-saint's thumbs and forefingers.

Despite the tortures and indignities, St. Isaac's life was spared, and he returned to France via Manhattan (the first Catholic priest ever to visit the island). Since at the time the Blessed Sacrament could only be touched by the consecrated tips of the thumbs and forefingers of priests, Jogues received a special dispensation to offer Mass with the nubs of this mangled fingers. Eager to return to the missions, Isaac fearlessly sailed back to the Mohawks. This time, however, more disease, in conjunction with crop failure, pushed the natives over the edge. They tomahawked the priest and threw his corpse into a river. Thus did the saint receive his heavenly laurels and palm of martyrdom.

St. Isaac Jogues, *pray for us!*

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
November 12, 2020 at 10:15.

In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: [www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com)

The OLM office will be closed on  
Monday, October 19, 2020

### Our Lady of the Mountains

#### Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, The Klingler Family, Shawn Webster, The Persichetti Family, Nick Barry

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Nick Klingler, Helen Pfeifer, John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn