Universal Prayer  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 13 & 14

We pray that families and mentors will encourage young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, and that parishioners Nick Fleming and Joel Seipp, currently in formation for the priesthood, will be guided and strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for healing in the Church. May God’s Spirit comfort and renew all who have been wounded by sinful behavior or neglect, and help all church leaders to take effective action to protect the vulnerable and powerless.

We pray for candidates for public office. May they listen to the needs of those whom they seek to serve, clearly communicate their positions on all the important issues, and always work with the best interest of all citizens in mind.

Through the intercession of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero, who will be canonized this weekend, we pray that all members of the Church will be strong advocates for the poor, the voiceless, and those persecuted by unjust governments.

Through the intercession of Blessed Pope Paul VI, who will be canonized this weekend, we pray that the Holy Spirit will keep the Church and its members in line with God’s will concerning issues of natural and moral law, so that the true beauty and dignity of every child of God will be celebrated.

We pray that, amid the busyness and materialism of secular culture, we may recognize the limits of power, beauty, fame, and wealth, and learn to trust God who alone fulfills all our needs and wants.

We pray for our high school youth who are on retreat at the Hoyleton Children’s Home. Through service, prayer, and reflection, may their hearts and minds be renewed so that their choices will align with God’s will for their lives.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will partake of the Heavenly Banquet…

5:00 …and for Betty Gregory who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30 …and for Pat Vollmer – and the members of the Lee Strayhorn Family who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Joe Burroughs – and Victor and Marie Thoman who are remembered in this Mass.