Universal Prayer
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25 & 26

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and all leaders of the Church. May they be blessed with wisdom, right judgment, and the pastoral sensitivity that is needed to lead us through times of crisis to an era of renewed fidelity to Jesus Christ, his teachings, and the Church he founded.

We pray for Bishop Braxton and all Bishops in the United States, that they may renew their courage, vigilance, and honesty in their efforts to acknowledge and to respond appropriately to anyone harmed by sexual abuse.

We pray for our neighbors of other faiths and those who have no religious affiliation that, without ignoring the criminal misconduct of some, they will continue to see the enormous amount of good accomplished each day by the majority of Catholic priests and lay people.

We pray that families in our community, like Joshua’s household, will serve the Lord in their love and support for one another and their contributions to our neighborhoods.

We pray that the sick, suffering, and dying will find peace in God who raises up and heals the brokenhearted.

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

5:00 …and for Melvin Seipp – and – Gonzalo Roman who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30 …and for Arnold and Lucille Waeltz – and – Joseph Rademacher who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Martin and Stella Gannon – and – Brennen and Finley Bereda who are remembered in this Mass.