

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

The workers in today's Gospel parable (Mt. 20:1-16A) were clearly at a disadvantage. They had no union, no benefits, and no real skills, so they were at the mercy of the owner of the local vineyard who seems to have been the only available employer. He could hire them or let them go hungry; he could pay them what he liked and demand that they work as long as he liked. It so happened that the boss turned out to be a generous man; he hired all the workers and rewarded all equally for the work they did. The point of the story as a Gospel parable may be a bit tricky to unravel. It may simply mean that we are ultimately as dependent on God as the laborers of that 1st century Palestinian vineyard were on the owner for their well-being. All that we have, all that we are, our very lives are gifts from God; but this God of ours rewards each of us generously, not on the basis of how much we do but rather because of the effort that we make. It's ultimately not the amount that's important, but the willingness and the spirit with which we strive that counts with God.

And so the master of the vineyard looks disapprovingly and perhaps with disappointment at the individualism of the workers, their competitiveness, and dog-eat-dog spirit. Far from being united by their common predicament of unemployment and near starvation, they are envious of one another, and resent those who were rewarded equally for doing less work. And so maybe the point of the story is human pettiness in the face of Divine generosity—people who are constantly comparing what they do to the next person's efforts, and who often end up negatively judging their relative, neighbor, or coworker. The challenge, then, is to find common ground and to work together on the task at hand—whether it be defeating a fearsome disease, overcoming political or cultural differences, or uniting more fully as a believing community. The good news, as today's Gospel reminds us, is that there is work to be done in the vineyard, and there is no excuse to stand around idle all day because God wishes to

hire us and promises us most certainly a reward for all of our labors.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. The RCIA is the process by which the Church receives new members into our Catholic community through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). It consists of instruction sessions and liturgical celebrations meant to inform individuals of the teachings of the Catholic faith, to help them discern whether they wish to become Catholic and to prepare them to be received into the Church at Easter. **These classes are also open to adult parishioners who would like to be more informed about their faith.**

If you are interested in participating, please call the Rectory (357-0035). The first session will start late in September. Sessions will be held once a week from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This may be handled via an online service this year. Those interested will be contacted with the exact starting date.



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA

On October 10th, 2020, Saturday beginning 12pm to 3pm at the Village Gazebo a prayer service will take place in response to Mary's plea to pray the Rosary every day for Peace. Please adhere to social distancing protocols and everyone must wear a face covering. All are welcome to attend.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
\$10,000.00 RAFFLE
OUR BIGGEST MOST IMPORTANT
FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!
TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)**

**Available at the Rectory
Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm**

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 3:00pm in the school gymnasium on Sunday, November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent.

**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

2020-2021

*****All In Person Registrations Are By
APPOINTMENT ONLY*****

Please call **845-357-6044**

Note: We are moving to a program called Family Catechesis in which our families will be able to enjoy discovering the faith with both online and in person materials along with group meetings instituting social distancing. If you are uncomfortable about registering under the current pandemic, we do understand and want to make you aware that we will be providing an online course that will mimic in-class work until the current health issue is resolved. A program for children with Special Needs is also available. Please supply us with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for first time registration. Thank you.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

128 Parrott Rd. W. Nyack, NY 10994

The parish family of St. Francis of Assisi would like to express our sincere condolences to all those who have lost loved ones. Therefore, the Consolation Ministry will be offering a Bereavement Support Group. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm beginning October 6th and ending on November 24th. The meetings will take place in Classrooms 14 & 15. Each week, a different topic will be discussed. In order to register, please call one of our facilitators:

Bernadette (914) 907-8016,

Peggy (914) 589-7674,

Sheila (845) 634-8315.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 21

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, September 22

Mass at 9am

Wednesday, September 23

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, September 24

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, September 25

Mass at 9:00am

4:30 and 6:30pm - Confirmation

Saturday, September 26-

10:30am and 1:00pm - Confirmation

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The pantry needs several food products. If you can donate, we need your assistance. The following items are most needed: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Dried Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal. **Monetary donations welcomed INCLUDING FOOD GIFT CARDS FROM SHOPRITE ACME OR WALMART. Thank you!** For food emergencies call the Rectory. **845-357-0035**

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners.

As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$88,862.00 towards our goal of \$122,500.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY
SERVICES OF ROCKLAND**

**Presents:
JEOPARDY!**

**HEARTS OF GOLD GAMES
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2020 AT 6PM**

**Featuring Rockland County local "Celebrities"!
Join us as teams compete in this lively game
of trivia.**

**A fun way to support individuals & families in
need!**

Learn more, visit www.ccsrockland.org/jeopardy
Watch live on the Zoom broadcast on our Facebook
Page: www.facebook.com/CatholicCharity

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER**

After much consideration and due to many factors, we have decided to keep our current schedule of Masses for the month of October. We, like you are in hopes that a vaccine will soon be created and reduce the worry we all have. We are also awaiting a new parochial vicar by the end of October which will also help us in being able to return to our normal schedule. Thank you for your understanding. Please stay safe and healthy.

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'
NAME**

September 13th - \$8,880.

Last Year's - \$12,750.

(-\$3,870.)



BANNS OF MARRIAGE
For the Second time
VICTOR RUBIO AND STEPHANIE CEDENO

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

SAVANNAH CLAIRE BLESSINGTON
 Daughter of Paul and Allison



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi,

Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, Rosemarie Manthey, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

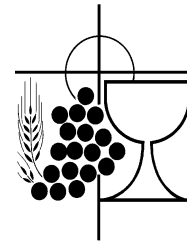
FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of
RICHARD & DONNA HALLET

BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 1-John & Loretta D'Antonio



9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 11:30AM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)

LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Andrew & Steve Statham
 Frank & Joan Doyle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am – Andrea & Caterina Calabretta /
 Emile J. Cadet
 10:00am – Spanish Mass
 11:30am – Amalio Zuño /
 Thomas Erskine

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00am – Special Intention Anniversary for
 Marian & James Toner / Edward Bolton

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00am – James Dominianni / Paul G. Meyer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00am – Michael Zenobio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00am – Sacred Heart of Jesus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00am – Teodoline Soares

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

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5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – Catherine & Daniel

Greeley / Gentile & Whelan Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30am – Dianne Messina / Clark Hodgson

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Emile J. Cadet / Joseph Grant

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:
 Especially: **Eliezer P. Musngi,**
Tom Corrigan, Janet Schwartz,
Estelle Blaise, Brian Carew