

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

Perhaps today's Gospel (Mt. 21:33-43) sounds a bit like a scene out of a soap opera or a movie-of-the-week: Violence, intrigue, and murder—all because of a bunch of grapes . . . grapes that seem to be worth fighting for and even worth dying for. Actually, the point at issue may just as well have been apples, or pears, or even bananas, since the focus of the story is not on the fruit but on those who pick it—the values by which they operate and the ultimate consequences of their actions. The tenant farmers are pictured as a group of greedy people dedicated to advancing their own interests, no matter what the cost and no matter who gets hurt; people who will allow nothing and no one to stand in their way, or prevent them from accomplishing their own thoroughly selfish goals. And so, the rights of others are ruthlessly disregarded: the owner of the vineyard is deprived of a just return on his investments; the servants are terrorized and brutalized; and finally, in a scale of escalating violence, the son is murdered in cold blood, so that the tenants may obtain the inheritance by right of possession.

Jesus probably told this particular parable as a warning and perhaps a last appeal to those people who refused to believe in him (the chief priests and the elders of Jerusalem) and had shown themselves unresponsive and ungrateful for the blessings and favors of God. "What more was there to do . . . that I had not done?" God asks through Isaiah in our first reading (Is. 5:1-7). "The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you," Jesus said, "and given to a people who will yield a rich harvest." The images and dynamics of the story are clearly from another age and culture, but its timeless dimension is certainly the call to accountability and to a right use of freedom.

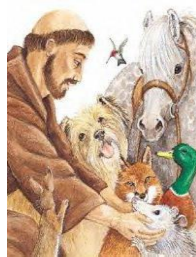
Freedom is, no doubt, one of our most highly valued possessions, but it is a possession which we are constantly in danger of losing because our own internal worlds—our minds and our hearts—are not always properly ordered and properly directed. All of us can fall victim to the attitude which puts me at the center of things, forgetting about God, forgetting about our neighbors, and end up, like the self-serving tenant farmers in today's Gospel, seeing no further than my own wants and needs. St. Augustine says that we can know that we are making progress in the spiritual life to the extent that we put the needs of others—the common good—above our own personal needs. And certainly, it's not a question of *either-or*, but rather of making room for both: room for

ourselves and room for others. St. Paul, at the end of today's second reading encourages us, as he encouraged the Philippians (Phil. 4:6-9), to keep moving in this direction of a community of faith:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR



TODAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IN HONOR OF

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SUNDAY

October 4th at 3:00pm
CHURCH PARKING LOT

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10th, 2020, Saturday beginning 12pm to 3pm at the Village Gazebo. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please adhere to social distancing protocols and everyone must wear a face covering.



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.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'

NAME

September 27th - \$7,756.

Last Year's - \$11,897.
(-\$4,366.)

St. Joseph's Seminary - \$1,744.

Last Year's -\$4,141.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2020-2021

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

Please call 845-357-6044

This year we will be instituting At Home Family-Based Religious Education. Please contact Janis Batewell Coordinator to make an appointment to register if you have not already. Learning begins Oct. 3, 2020.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

"No Catholic can responsibly take a "pro-choice" stand when the "choice" in question involves the taking of innocent human life." Resolution on Abortion (1989) National Conference of Catholic Bishops

Action: You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Live the Gospel of Life"! As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, learn how you can respond to His summons to "respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!" Learn more at <https://www.respectlife.org/2020>

LIFE CHAIN

Nanuet: Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.
Middletown Rd. and Route 59. Contact Eileen Peterson @ (845) 492-6709
or RachelMinister1@aol.com

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020 FINAL CALL!

Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners.

Thank you to all who donated this year to the Cardinal's Appeal. Our goal \$122,500. To date we have raised \$88,862.00.

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, October 5

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, October 6

Mass at 9am

Wednesday, October 7

Mass at 9:00am

Thursday, October 8

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, October 9

Mass at 9:00am

Saturday, October 10- 12:00pm Holy Rosary



IHA Open Houses – Oct. 25 and 29 Will you be a member of IHA's Class of 2025?

Immaculate Heart Academy's Fall Open Houses are Sunday, October 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursday, October 29 from 6:30-8:30p.m. Decide if you belong @theheart by attending our 2020 Fall Open Houses; online registration is requested at www.ihanj.com. Please check the website and social media pages for any potential changes in our Open Houses due to ongoing COVID-19 circumstances. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati '07, director of admissions, at 201.445.6800, ext. 112 or afatigati@ihanj.com. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ, 07676.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL

Looking for an amazing high school experience? Join us for our Virtual Open House and discover the AM advantage.

Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 1st at 12:00 pm

One fAMILY focused on excellence in prayer, study, community, and service. Your future begins today.

<https://www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/visit-our-campus>



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First time
DANIEL KAGDIS AND ERIN GUMBS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

CHRISTOPHER JAMES TOOMEY
Child of Joseph and Christine

EMILIA ROSE GOFF
Child of Mathew and Rita

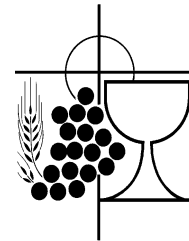


Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew 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, 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, 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.

ALTAR MEMORIALS OCTOBER 4, 2020

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of
GAYLE CARPENTER

Booster Club
Week 3 – JOHN & BARBARA KIERNAN



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

LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Robert Holodak /
Patricia & Louis Diamond

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30am – Anthony Soriano & Anthony Stabile /
John Bukowski, II
10:00am – Spanish Mass
11:30am – Catherine & Daniel Greeley /
John Flood
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00am – Joan Doyle
7:15pm – **NO Novena**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00am – Special Intention
Cynthia & Matthew Huffine/
Joseph Morais

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am – Gino Pellegrino

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00am –

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00am – Carrin Holborn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

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12:00pm – Holy Rosary
5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – John Priest/
Angelina & Angelo Mendolia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30am – Ann Marie Nappo / Rose Bonadies
10:00am – Spanish
11:30am – Ann Marie Aviles / Anna Tina
5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners,
and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Rosemarie Manthey,**
Anna Isernia, Ira Van Orden,
Peter Princi, Mary Ruffino