

TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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Dear Parishioners,

The owner of the vineyard in the evening he gives them all the same wages, one denarius, provoking protests from those who began work early. That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed those who are considered the “last”, if they accept, become the “first”, whereas the “first” can risk becoming the “last”. The first message of this parable is inherent in the very fact that the landowner does not tolerate, as it were, unemployment: he wants everyone to be employed in his vineyard. Actually, being called is already the first reward: to be able to work in the Lord’s vineyard, to put oneself at his service, to collaborate in his work, is in itself a priceless recompense that repays every effort. Yet only those who love the Lord and his Kingdom understand this: those who instead work only for the pay will never realize the value of this inestimable treasure.

It is Saint Matthew who recounts this parable, an apostle and an evangelist, whose liturgical feast day we will celebrate tomorrow. I like to emphasize that Matthew lived this experience in the first person. Indeed, before Jesus called him he worked as a tax collector and was therefore seen as a public sinner, excluded from “the Lord’s vineyard”. But everything changed when Jesus passed by his table, looked at him and said to him: “Follow me”. Matthew rose and followed him. From a publican he immediately became a disciple of Christ. From being “last” he found himself “first”, thanks to God’s logic, which - for our good fortune! - is different from the logic of the world. “My thoughts are not your thoughts”, the Lord says, speaking through the mouth of Isaiah, “neither are your ways my ways”. Saint Paul, also experienced the joy of feeling called by the Lord to work in his vineyard. And what a lot of work he accomplished! Yet, as he himself confessed, it was God’s grace which worked in him, that grace which from persecutor of the Church transformed him into an Apostle to the Gentiles, to the point of saying: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” However he immediately added: “If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell”. Paul clearly understood that working for the Lord is already a reward on this earth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



The Fall campaign for the 40 days for Life is a little less than three weeks away. For the first time in ten years, we will not have a 40 Days for Life Campaign at Goshen Planned Parenthood because since spring, Goshen Planned Parenthood has been closed! Praise God! As of now we do not know if this temporary or permanent. Please pray that their doors stay shut forever! If anyone would like to join Nancy in Newburgh, NY please call 856-4610.



Anyone interested in helping with the Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10th call Nancy-845-856-4610. I will need Five people to say a Decade of the Rosary, two people to carry banner (must be able to walk up hill on Sussex St.), a Pick up truck with driver to pick up and take back the cart from

Mt. Carmel Society in Port Jervis, one person to take attendance at the rally and one person to push the cart with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima up the hill to Orange Square/ Veterans Memorial Park.

Mass Intentions

We have various Mass Intentions available for 2020. If you would like a Mass Intention for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the parish office.

We will be opening the 2021 Mass Book during the following hours:
Tuesday, October 13th from 9:30 until noon and from 5pm to 6pm
and on Wednesday, October 14th from 1pm to 3pm.

Holy Hour has commenced on Mondays.
Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm until 6:15pm.

Adoration will be from 5:30 pm until 6:30pm.

All in the Church.

You may still drop off Religious Education registration forms at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30 until 3 or during Religious Education office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm-6pm. The 1st day of Religious Instruction will be Sunday, October 4th.

The 2nd collection the weekend of Sept. 26/27 will be for St. Joseph's Seminary. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, October 2nd from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

Boy Scout Troop # 173 will have their annual Clothing Drive and Car Wash on Saturday, September 26th from 9am until 3pm. They are accepting clothing, shoes, belts, and stuffed animals. Please bag like items alike. Clean out and help their Troop.

Nexamp, a leading community solar provider, is committed to helping residents save money while being good stewards to the earth. Community solar is an extremely easy way to support local clean energy & save up to 10% on your electricity costs, without installing rooftop solar panels. No catch. No hidden fees. Just a smart way to reduce your electric bills & do right by your home and your community. Contact Miriam Stiefel via phone (201)638-3032 or email: MiriamS@reflectediveES.com if you would like to sign up or have any questions about all the available energy saving products.

Join us at **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** on Wednesday, September 23rd for "Tailored Prayer: Finding the Way of Prayer that is Right for You" with Fr. Tim Ennis, O.Carm. Cost is \$10pp. Retreat will be held in the Shrine Church from 9:30 -11:15am followed by Mass at 11:30am. Shrine is marked off for social distancing. Please wear a face mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering. Our picnic area will be available, weather permitting, for those who wish to enjoy the outdoor grounds and bring their own lunch. Gift Shop will be open until 4:00pm. The Shrine is located at 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director for reservations or further information at 845-343-1879.

Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 is hosting their annual appraisal day on Saturday, October 17th. For more information contact Kim Witkowski 856-2327.

More information forthcoming!

Banns of Marriage:

Taylor Groo & Christopher Garcia

Announced Masses

- Monday, September 21 (Matthew, Apostle)**
9:00am Peggy Klotz, by Harry and Kathy Space
- Tuesday, September 22**
9:00am Jerry McDermott, by John and CathyJo Ewanciw
- Wednesday, September 23 (Pius of Pietelcina, priest)**
9:00am Christine D'Alto, by the family
Intentions of Cono and Michelle D'Alto, by the family
- Thursday, September 24**
9:00am Willard Dixon Morrison, by Patrick Leap
- Saturday, September 26**
4:00pm Julia Witkowski, by Grant and Joan Pauley
- Sunday, September 27**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Beverly P. Cordisco, by the Lissner family
1:00pm Mary and Rose Vicidomini, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in memory of Hank Conroy, by Catherine Westfall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Witherow, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Haberzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, John Hendrix, Stephen A. Odrechowski and fam., Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ana Anaya, Glenn Lagatol, Ellen Pentland, Shirley Simeone, Belinda Vazquez, Leticia Nuestro, Christina Nuestro, Vini Tankasali, Alice Drew, Catherine Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, and Gloria Hicks.

The collection for September 12th/13th was \$4,553. Thank you for your continued generosity.