

The Bells of St. Mary's
The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2019

From Fr. Anthony Columba Ekanem, MSP—Pastor

~ PERSISTENT PRAYING ~

On this World Mission Sunday, we are called upon to reflect on how we pray. Jesus, again and again, encourages His followers to pray regularly and purposefully. He prayed both consistently and persistently in faith in the Scriptures like:

- In the Wilderness, before He started His earthly mission, Luke 4
- On the Mountaintop with James, Peter, and John at Mount Horeb, Luke 9:28-36
- He taught His disciples how to pray Luke 11:1-4
- In the Garden before His passion, Luke 22:39-46
- In solitude after performing miracles, also
- His disciples at His Last Supper. Luke 22:14-20.

When we face disappointments when we are feeling discouraged, and even when we are happy, here is the time to remember to pray. "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1Thes 5:18). Jesus provides today in the Gospel of Luke 18:1-8 a way of life, especially when He is no more going to be with us physically. As a model in our Christian life. The great lesson is, "Pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV wished to give new impetus to the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel. To mark this occasion, Pope Francis has called for the whole church to observe an *Extraordinary Missionary Month* in October, which is World Mission Month. Our Archdiocese family joins our brothers and sisters around the world who gather at the altar to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. The Missionary Society of Saint Paul of Nigeria (MSP) serving St Frances of Rome, Bronx and St Bartholomew Church and The Church of Immaculate Conception – St Mary's, Yonkers, all in New York are products of what we are celebrating this day.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL OF NIGERIA

The Missionary Society of Saint Paul, Nigeria, (MSP), where Fr George and I, belong was founded by Dominic Cardinal Ekandem, 42 years ago, with the blessings of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria. We are up 350 MISSIONARY priests, ordained and sent to wherever we are needed all over the world.

The foundation of this Missionary Society was in response to the teachings of Jesus, when He said, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all creatures." (Mk 16:15). And also the call of the Second Vatican Council on young churches in Africa to share in the missionary work of the universal church as emphasized by Pope Paul VI in Uganda in 1969. The faith we received from the early missionaries that came to Nigeria, we are now sharing across the world.

Today, we are serving in Botswana, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Malawi, Nigeria, the Gambia, Kenya, Liberia, South Africa, and South Sudan. We also in England, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Bahamas, Grenada, Canada, and the United States of America.

As we reflect upon the necessity of prayer and faith in the mission of the Church, we need all that support Aaron offered his brother, Moses, with Hur to remain steady till sunset." (Ex 17:12). See how Moses raises his staff to elicit God's help when Joshua engages his opponent in battle. The mission of the Church of God is in need of your help today.

CITY OF YONKERS MARATHON

This Sunday, unfortunately, the participants of the City of Yonkers Marathon is using our street from 8:00 am -1:00 pm. Remember to take the alternate route provided in the last weekend's bulletin when driving to church. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Are you persistent in praying for the missions? How do you respond when God seems absent or prayer seems useless and dry?

"I lift up my eyes towards the mountain; / whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord/ who made heaven and earth."

(Psalm 121:1-2)

Stewardship

*Tithing - God's Plan for Giving on Sunday, 10/13/19 our Offering was \$ 4,070.00 *This week, we will have a second collection to support The World Mission Sunday. *Pick up a copy of MSP Mission Magazine, Calendar and 33 Days to Morning Glory as you leave. *Next week there will be a second collection for our Church Property Insurance. Thank you for your generosity.

Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Nov. 9th, and more dates in 2020. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 and reach them by email at hopeandhealing@sisteroflife.org.

St Paul the Apostle Yonkers,

Forty Hours Devotion, October 27th, 28th, and 29th Opening Mass is October 27th, at 12:15pm followed by Adoration until 10pm. October 28th Adoration will be from 9:30 am—10:00 pm. October 29th Adoration will be from 9:30am—7:00 pm with closing mass at 7:00 pm

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 p. 48

When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. When they got tired, they used a rock to keep his arms up. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 12: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 p. 49 *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14—4:2 p. 49 *Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.*

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8 p. 50 *Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.*

Religious Education

October:

10/26/19 Religious Education Classes

November:

11/02/19 Religious Education Classes

* Confirmation 1st meeting in the school cafeteria 11:30am

11/09/19 Religious Education Classes

11/16/19 Religious Education ~ Family Catechesis Day Families and Children 9:30am to 1:00pm

11/23/19 Religious Education Classes

11/30/19 No Religious Education Classes - Happy Thanksgiving

Mother of God Prayer Group Holy Rosary Church

170 Bradhurst Ave. Route 100 Hawthorne, NY 10532 914-769-0030

A Mass of Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY Monday November 4, 2019 at 7:15 pm Fr. Guiseppi Siniscalchi will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATES

A. Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal so far pledged \$39,553.00, So far paid \$36,171.00, B. Re - new and Re - build so far pledged \$420,984.30, So far paid \$202,836.50, Thank you very much for your generous contributions toward those appeals. May God continue to bless you! Fr. Tony, MSP

October 19 - October 27 2019

Saturday, October 19, 2019:

12:00 pm - Fr. James Hoerter & The Lakota People * Tony Felicissimo

5:00pm - Joanne Kunny + * Roseanne Johnes 7:30pm - Johnny Rios+ * Melissa Carrion

Sunday, October 20, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - J. Carmen Esquivel + * La Familia Ruiz Esquivel

11:00 am - Manuel de Jesus Santa Maria & Genoveve de Santa Maria * Daughter & Granddaughter

Monday, October 21, 2019:

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Fr. James Lloyd, CSP * Tony Felicissimo

Tuesday October 22, 2019

8:15am - Fr. James Hoerter & The Lakota People * Tony Felicissimo

12:05pm - Beatrice Zamborsky * William Zamborsky

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:15am - Bonny Mathew * Mathew Joseph

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Thursday, October 24, 2019:

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Carl & Vee Motta+ * Son George Motta

7:00 pm - Ronald Harrington+ * Noelia Sanchez

Friday, October 25, 2019:

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Mr & Mrs. Joseph+ * Bency Mathew

Saturday, October 26, 2019:

12:05 pm - Bonny Mathew * Bency Mathew

5:00pm - Fr. James Lloyd, CSP * Tony Felicissimo

7:30pm - Carlos Enrique Antepara+ *Cesar Cuadra y Family

Sunday, October 27, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - Eduardo Cuadra+ * Cesar Cuadra y Familia

11:00 am - Thomas T. Chennikara+ * Brigid Thomas

+Indicates deceased *Indicates the person (s) who requested the Mass.