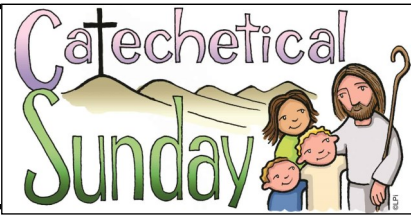




September 18, 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 17 ~ Vigil/25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Edna & Bill Nixon, Dave Barbuti
Sunday, September 18 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Joan & Bruno Furlin, Jack Stasko
Monday, September 19
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Wednesday, September 21
9:00 AM
Friday, September 23
9:00 AM
Saturday, Sept. 24 ~ Vigil/26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Edna & Bill Nixon, Dave Barbuti
Sunday, September 25 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Gloria Troy, Gary LaBagh, Elaine Halahan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, Sept. 24 ~ Vigil/26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Eileen Ernst
Sunday, September 25 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Eric Halahan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Sept. 24 ~ Vigil/26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz (a), Kim Grzybek (c)
Sunday, September 25 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Jean Koktavy (a), Jan Cornelius (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)
Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan,
Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Courtney Collins, Peter Cavalier,
Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare,
Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo,
Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Lenore Giansanti, Margaret Hale,
Ninette Kondratowicz, Laura Lade, Nicole Langer,
Regina Lempka, Jon Miller, Janet Murphy, Helen Ryan,
Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Fr. James Sidoti, Chris Strobl

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

Tuesday, September 20
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday, September 25
Hailey Halahan ~ Baptism ~ During 9:30 Mass

Tuesday, September 27
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM
Rite of Enrollment Ceremony for Level 7

Tuesday, October 4
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

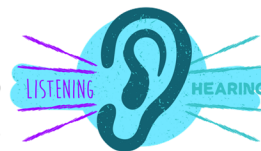
Friday, October 7
Holy Hour with Exposition
& Rosary for Life ~ 7 PM
Co-Hosted by Mamakating Knights of Columbus

Plan to Come!

On Saturday, October 8, from 9 AM to Noon, Fr. Paul Denault, O.Carm. and Fr. Paul Richmond, O.Carm. will be holding a "Listening Day" for our parish. During this morning together we will be talking about where we feel OLA and the Catholic Church is in general is today, and where do we see things going in the future. What type of growth do we anticipate? What are our challenges?

All parishioners are invited to participate. Watch for more information in future bulletins.

Mass Attendance/Collection
Attending Mass September 10 & 11 **115**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,330.00**



Today's Scripture Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

ABOUT THE LITURGY:

Built of Living Stones – Parables & Art

As we conclude our looking at *Built of Living Stones*, it might be helpful to understand the document in the light of that great teaching method which Jesus uses in the gospels: *parables*. It is tempting to try to explain parables, laying out exactly what each character or each moment represents. Parables, however, are not allegory. There is no true one-to-one explanation. Instead, parables speak to us on the level of symbol, leaving a lot of interpretations to the listener, the viewer, the receiver.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, for example, it is tempting to declare this person, or that one, to be God. But it is better for us to try our fine ourselves in each component of this story. What understandings are gained if we consider ourselves in any role: as the father, the wayward son, the loyal son, or one of the guests at the party? In effect, a parable is a room with many doors, each one a portal to somewhere unknown, and perhaps a deeper understanding.

In the same way, liturgical art demands the attention and interpretation of the receiver. "In the Christian community's place of prayer, art evokes and glorifies the 'transcendent mystery of God – the surpassing invisible beauty of truth and love visible in Christ'" (BLS 142). That transcendent mystery demands that artists not be too explicit: "A truly worthy and beautiful artwork can transform the artist and the community for which it is intended. The dialogue with God that an artwork mediates can persuade and invite; however, it does not force its meanings upon individuals or communities" (BLS 151).

A few more Renegades fans who attended the September 2nd game with their fellow OLA parishioners.



The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

C) Communion with Christ and the Church

26. We are first incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, through the waters of Baptism. Yet Baptism, like the other sacraments, is ordered toward Eucharistic communion. The Second Vatican Council teaches;



The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him.

The Council Fathers continue,

In this light, the Eucharist shows itself as the source and the apex of the whole work of preaching the Gospel. Those under instruction are introduced by stages to a sharing in the Eucharist, and the faithful, already marked with the seal of Baptism and Confirmation, are through the reception of the Eucharist fully joined to the Body of Christ. That is why the Council calls the eucharistic sacrifice "the source and summit of the Christian life."

27. St. Paul emphasizes that this communion exists not only among ourselves but also with those who came before us. In addressing the Church at Corinth, he praises them for holding fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you (1 Cor 11:2). Later, he highlights the Eucharist as a sacred tradition handed on by Christ to the Apostles, and in which we now share: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you (1 Cor 11:23). During every Mass we are united with all the holy men and women, the saints, who have preceded us.

Help for the Homeless

Beginning Sunday evening November 20, 2022 and continuing each night (9 P.M. to 7 A.M.) during the cold months the Warming Station in Middletown will provide a warm and safe environment for homeless adults (up to 30) living on the streets in Middletown through April 6, 2023.

Men and Women are encouraged to volunteer:

- ◆ For 2 hours, serving food, **and/or**
- ◆ Overnight to supervise Middletown homeless men and women who have been screened for suitability, **and/or**
- ◆ For food pickup and delivery (1 hour)

Join us at one of our orientation/training sessions;

OCTOBER 5~OCTOBER 11~OCTOBER 20~OCTOBER 24

Each session begins at 7:00 P.M. and is held at:

GMIC-Warming Station - 8-10 Mulberry St. Middletown, NY 10940

To volunteer or if you have questions, contact

Marilyn (845-346-6110) or midduce@hvc.rr.com

Volunteer calendars are up and running. Please go to our website & sign up: <https://middletownwarmingstation.com>

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