SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 + THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION SAFETY REGULATIONS FROM NOW ON

REMINDER: “ALL CLEAR” CHECK FOR STUDENTS

Parents, remember to submit your signed permission for the weekly safety check before your child can enter the building and classroom for Faith Formation. We have obtained the touch-free temperature detectors for each building. Extra staff have been employed to deep clean the classroom buildings and a weekly cleaning will be done after the Sunday morning classes. Extra hand sanitizer is in place. Instructions will be given to the students the first days regarding the use of the restrooms. We have set up the “All Clear” system to communicate to the Catechist each week through text, email or phone call. Make sure your child meets all the criteria on the “All Clear” list. Parents, remember to give the “All Clear” check to your children’s Catechist before class each week. They will not be allowed to enter the building until this is received. Temperatures will be checked on entrance. If necessary, your child will go to the “safe zone” to be picked up immediately. Please do not send your child to class ill or even you suspect illness that day. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 19
4:00 P.M.-Deceased of the Sobeck, Salava & Zorechek Families by Carl

Sunday, September 20
8:00 A.M.-Joseph & Eileen; Joseph Walton, Jr.; Regina & Fred Colachino by Julie & Fred Colachino
10:30 A.M.—Judith Ghilardi by Family

Monday, September 21
8:00 A.M.-A.J. Giombetti by Grandma Gerri

MASSES DURING THE ST. THERESE NOVENA

Tuesday, September 22
8:00 A.M.-Bessie Smith by St. Michael Cemetery Committee
7:00 P.M.-Sr. Mary Feldcamp, IHM. by Family

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 A.M.-Marcia Skwisk by Georgia Prishlupsky & Family
7:00 P.M.-Angelo & Beatrice Biagioli by Family

Thursday, September 24
8:00 A.M.-Henry & Catherine Ermel by Theresa & Marie
7:00 P.M.-Patrick & Helen Barrett, Attilio & Inez Naticchi, Patricia Hubal & James Naticchi by Joseph & Ann Marie Barrett

Friday-September 25
8:00 A.M.-Rose Bolser by Nancy Wasilchak
7:00 P.M.-Thomas J. Fiorelli Jr. by Carolyn Nardelli

Saturday, September 26
4:00 P.M.-Joseph Newell by Lynda Newell

Sunday, September 27
8:00 A.M.-Verna & Frank Lepri & Family by Beverly Lepri
10:30 A.M.-Rev. William B. Blake by Patty Smith, Donna & Mike Swierczek & Family

Monday, September 28
8:00 A.M.-Tom & Betty Scott by Family
7:00 P.M.-Agnes Rogan by Carol Tome

Tuesday, September 29
8:00 A.M.-Deceased Priests of St. Michael’s Church
7:00 P.M.-Artemio Martini by The Emilio Cruciani Family

Wednesday, September 30
8:00 A.M.-Ray Alunni by Deacon Jerry & Mary Kay Carpenter
7:00 P.M.-Stanley & Josephine Ochal by Nancy & Bob

Thursday, October 1
8:00 A.M.-Margaret, Patrick & Joseph P. Carey by Family
7:00 P.M.-Jenny Cruciani by Family
RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Interested in becoming a Catholic, Baptized and in need of First Communion or Confirmation? Queen of Angels Parish can help you. Speak to Deacon Jerry or Fr. Gerard for more information.

+ ST. PEREGRINE STATUE
We are still taking donations for our St. Peregrine Statue. Many have taken the opportunity to offer intentions in the St. Peregrine Book in the back of the church. We continue to pray through his intercession for all those dealing with cancer and for their loved ones who are caring for them. Please make checks payable to Queen of Angels Parish with “St. Peregrine” in the memo. We are one of the very few churches in the area with a devotion to St. Peregrine.

+ SEPTEMBER 22ND TO OCTOBER 1ST ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE
Mark your calendar for our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese. Weekday masses will be held at 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Novena prayers and a general blessing with her relic will take place at these masses and also during the weekend masses. Prayer cards and song sheets will be provided. Please take them with you. St. Therese religious items may be purchased. Please see Bev Lepri after the mass. All usual COVID-19 safety protocols will remain in place. Your cooperation is appreciated.

+ A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU!
Over the last seven years Dina and Dave Angeloni taught the “Theology of the Body” course to our 8th Grade Faith Formation students. We thank them for their dedication, time and talent to this program. Their enthusiasm and creativity enhanced the course material with the students giving such positive feedback with the material and the invaluable topics that Theology of the Body addresses. We look forward to offering it again sometime soon. Again, thank you and God bless you, Dina and Dave!

The “Theology of the Body” is St. John Paul II’s integrated vision of the human person. The human body has a specific meaning, making visible an invisible reality, and is capable of revealing answers regarding fundamental questions about us and our lives: Is there a real purpose to life and if so, what is it? What does it mean that we were created in the image of God? Why were we created male and female? Does it really matter if we are one sex or another? What does the marital union of a man and woman say to us about God and his plan for our lives? What is the purpose of the married and celibate vocations? What exactly is "Love"? Is it truly possible to be pure of heart? All of these questions, and many more, are answered in the 129 Wednesday audiences popularly known as the “Theology of the Body,” delivered by St. John Paul II between 1979 and 1984.

“The Lord is near to all who call upon him.” Psalm 103
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF OUR PARISH BILLS

Week 1- Payroll, ACS Technologies, Verizon Wireless, Church Envelopes and UGI Utilities.

Week 2- PPL Electric Utilities, Comcast Phone and TV, PA American Water, Frontier, Copier Lease and Glen Summit Water.

Week 3- Verizon, Vector Security, Diocese of Scranton School System

Week 4- Diocese of Scranton Assessments

Calculating the loss of income from March, April and May and the low collections since then, our parish needs to make up a deficit of $36,000. We used some of our fundraising money and a helpful loan for employee use only during this time. Please remember your parish on a weekly basis and remember to send your envelopes in. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ANNUAL RIGATONI AND MEATBALL DINNER

Our Annual Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 25th from 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. This will be a completely Drive Thru Dinner [and one day only] located by the ramp side of the Parish Pastoral Center off of Church Street. Volunteers will take your tickets and then volunteer runners will deliver your meals to the car. All safety measures will be observed. In the usual manner, tickets and a letter will be mailed to your home. Advanced sales will help the committee plan for purchasing and preparation. Please make your returns as soon as possible. We will still have a special raffle. This year it will be the $25 Gift Cards and 1st Prize being a large donated Santa Claus decoration for your home. Tickets are 6 for $5.00 and will be enclosed in the letter and sold in the vestibule of the Church.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please call the Parish Office (570-489-2252) and we will get you registered and send you a Census Form to fill out. If you are new to the area, please check out our bulletin, our webpage and our Facebook Page for up-to-date information. Any Adult of the Parish who is over 21 and would like to register independently may do so at this time. If you have recently moved into the area and are looking for a Catholic Church well, here we are! If coming to the weekend Masses, please take the time to introduce yourself to Fr. Gerard or Deacon Jerry.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

September 13, 2020-$3,330.85
Online giving this week-$85.00
(6 Families used online giving in August)
Please remember to mail your donations in weekly.
queenofangelsjessup.org.

Scripture Reflection

“The last will be first and the first will be last.”

Lectio Divina

Today’s parable from Matthew is notoriously difficult. Some have questioned the landowner’s statement that he can do whatever he likes with his money, as it implies that he may be exploitative if he pleases. The parable seems to focus, however, on the landowner’s generosity by juxtaposing two economies to make a statement about drastic change or complete reversal. + The economies on display are an exchange economy and a gift economy. An exchange economy is based on a tit-for-tat agreement; you know what you will get in exchange for what you give. This economy is generally to the advantage of the owner, centering on cost, price, and profit. Laborers, in exchange for their work, receive wages, but they will only receive what is rightfully earned and rarely more. An exchange economy can be described by the words debt and obligation: laborers owe owners service or toil, and owners are obligated to pay laborers money. + In contrast, a gift economy declines this tit-for-tat calculation to operate by another principle. It goes by unmerited favor or extravagant generosity. Instead of something negotiated or agreed on, it turns calculated exchange into ungrounded magnanimity, or, in Christian terminology, grace. + Psalm 145 praises God’s goodness and declares that God is always just. Matthew’s parable shifts the ground of how we think of justice or fairness: divine justice has to do with gift and generosity, not exchange or service for wages. God’s way is beyond our ways because of God’s mercy, so people can eat and drink without money (Isaiah 55:1,7-9). + God’s generosity with us should model our interaction with each other. We see this in St. Paul’s willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians.

QUESTIONS AND MEDITATIONS

What do you find disturbing about this parable? + How may an exchange economy be helpful and unjust? + How may a gift economy be just and problematic?

SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea; There’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is plenteous redemption, in the blood that has been shed; There is a joy for all the members, in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind, And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word. And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep? There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good. There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.
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