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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm
Thurs.—8:30am

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

10/15/16 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
10/20/16 Thurs. No Mass
10/22/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Monica Ruder)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers

10/15/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers—Mike, Matt
10/22/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie

Holy Father's Intention for the month of October:

General Intention: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 457.00
Maintenance Collection \$ 1315.00
Thank you for your generosity!

There is no Daily Mass this week. Father Stanley will be attending the Diocesan All Priests Retreat. Please keep all the Priests in your daily prayers.

The Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, October 18th.

“To HANDLE YOURSELF, use your head;
To HANDLE OTHERS, use your heart!”

Thank you to everyone who supported the Maintenance Collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

We will have a children's Mass next Saturday, October 22nd at 5:30pm. Our children will be participating at this Mass and we invite all parishioners to come and support our children at this Mass.


Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Reddick Lioness Fundraiser

Once again Reddick Lioness are selling butterbraids in time for the holidays. The varieties include apple, cherry, cinnamon, raspberry, cream cheese, blueberry cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, and four cheese and herb. We also have six types of cookie dough: Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Snickerdoodle, Macadamia Nut, and Candy Delight. This year we have also added a variety of popcorn and WoodWick Candles. (See copies of the order forms posted on the bulletin board.) Profits support Christmas baskets for needy local families, community events, and high school scholarships.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15/16, 2016

If we want to know what Jesus' parable is about in today's gospel, it seems that we don't need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus' time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?



Persistent prayer. You know that person, don't you? One so relentless, he does not yield, he does not back down? She makes the case and does not let it drop? Persistence personified. God invites us, invites me to take this attitude to prayer. “Pray always without becoming weary.” Pray not just for myself. Pray, too, for the needs of others. Do not give up.

- For what shall I pray today?
- For whom shall I pray this week?
- Can I put it all in God's care – and with my helping hands?

