



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2014

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.”

— Matthew 22:21

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Paula Robsock

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 AM NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 AM NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:30 PM Wendy Harvey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Patrick O'Malley

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of the deceased members of our parish.

PEACE CANDLE: For world peace.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Esther Knecht.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Father Lawrence Coakley given by the Collins family.

WE WELCOME Benjamin Michael Wiggins who was baptized here last weekend. God's blessing on this little one.

WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

—Anonymous second-century Christian

PARISH SUPPORT

October 12 Offering

Adult	\$ 5105.00
Youth	40.00
Loose	<u>370.00</u>
Total	\$ 5502.00

Catholic Education: \$1,319.00

MONTHLY REPORT (SEPT) INCOME & EXPENSE

Income	\$27,697.00
Expenses	<u>\$42,585.00</u>
Total	(14,585.00)

Detailed inspection on Income & Expense is available to any parishioner upon request.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 1:30 PM in the meeting room.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 PM in the church.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA in the church at

7:00 PM.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL in the church at 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

CCD: Classes in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 PM.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, October 26

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Czajkowski,
Panzak
Lector: Stashko, Ryan
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Kubitsky

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Wolf, Marston, Curry
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Becker, Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Monatesti, Dante
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters S & L Lizardi

REMEMBER

**If you or a loved one is sick or in need of prayer,
please call Rose Yalch at 570-752-2363 or
Ann Samsel at 570-752-7309.**

**Your request will be passed on to the rest of the
Bible Study Group.**

All Women of the parish are invited to join St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women. They meet every first Wednesday of each month in the meeting room at 6:00 PM.

ST. CYRIL CENTER IN DANVILLE will host a Reflection Afternoon entitled:

A Walk with the Saints presented by Joan Liebler and Sr. Jean Marie Holup, SSCM, on Sat. Nov. 1st, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. There will be an optional DVD Movie showing the early years of Pope John the XXIII's life from 4:00 – 5:00 PM for those who wish to stay. This program will expand the circle of Saints we know to include the Saints who are from our own region. We'll look at our own genealogy as a spiritual practice to uncover the Faithful Witnesses among your own family members. We will literally take "prayer walk with them. Please bring a picture of someone from your family tree to include in our celebration of Faithful Witnesses. Offering is \$30.00 by the registration deadline of Oct. 45th. Register by calling (570) 275-3581, or visit www.sscm.org and click "current events" to register.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Paul of the Cross
Wednesday: Blessed John Paul II
Thursday: St. John of Capistrano
Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah concerns the Persian King Cyrus, called the Lord's "anointed." Cyrus deserves this title because he ended the Babylonian captivity of the Jews. However, Isaiah reminds us that it was God who gave Cyrus his power.

He may be a great king, but "I am the LORD and there is no other," says God (Isaiah 45:5).

Today's Gospel is also concerned with worldly power. In the passage from Matthew, the Pharisees try to trick Jesus into speaking against the emperor. His famous answer is the perfect reply. Like the kings of old, Caesar can be given the respect due his position, but everything belongs to God.

In the second reading, Paul gives thanks for all who are faithful to Jesus Christ and his gospel. He, too, reminds us that our call and the power to be faithful come from God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called "general absolution," by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944 the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of "blanket permission."

Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God's compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God's mercy, and a dismissal.



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