



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

October 27th & 28th, 2018

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Fridays & First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at the Parish House with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism



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The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 27th & October 28th, 2018

From the Pastors Desk...

In today's gospel Blind Bartimaeus asks for sight. He is indeed given that, but also an even greater gift; Insight, and becomes a follower. We have been told that God hears and answers every plea. Sometimes the answer is 'yes', sometimes, 'not right now', sometimes even – 'no'.

What have you asked of God? How did God answer? How did you react to that? Therein lies the step of faith, to believe that God is so intimately involved in each of our lives to hear and answer every prayer, great or small and that the answer will also be what is ultimately best for us, for those we love, and for those who love us.

Here is a very good example of how to interpret God's answers to prayers.

Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier

*I asked for strength that I might achieve;
...I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
...I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
...I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
...I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
...I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

After reading this initially many years ago; the first thought that came to my then young mind was: "Be careful what you ask for." Through the years that has changed to: "Choose wisely for what you ask." And then: "In God's answer... the real question is revealed." I guess hind-sight is indeed 20/20.

As some of you know, the Silver Jubilee of my ordination was Monday. Usually I take time on my anniversary day to reflect on the past year – acknowledging my failures, being grateful for whatever success came my way, asking for what I think I need for the year ahead. But this day was a bit different. In preparation to write my homilies for this weekend I had read today's Gospel...paused... and instead simply said: "Here I am, Lord. What can I do for You this year?" Together we will journey into God's answer, but assuredly:

The best is yet to come...

Fr. Ron

THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU

I was pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of well-wishes, gifts and 'good-eats' as we celebrated my Silver Jubilee last weekend. So many of you put a great deal of time and effort into all the festivities. It brought joy to my heart and a tear to my eye. And, I truly do hope we can continue to celebrate our various year anniversaries for years to come. I love this place, but more so, I love you – the People who ARE Holy Spirit.

May God bless you,
All those you love,
And all those who love you!

Oh, did I forget to say THANK YOU?

Fr. Ron :]

Three Ways to Walk Jesus' Path



The magnificence of heaven is simply beyond our comprehension. Our limited minds can't imagine how amazing it is. Jesus came to tell us about it and show us how to get there. He'd hoped we'd follow in his footsteps and do what he did.

Serve others with love. Jesus asked us to love one another like he did. Some of the ways he showed love were to treat strangers kindly, tend to the material needs of the needy, lend an attentive ear, and help people make good and virtuous decisions that bring them closer to God. Try to show love in these ways daily.

Lighten your load. Not only did Jesus have few material goods, he sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them-or us- to get distracted. He knew the more we have, the more we'd think about our stuff and less we'd think about God. Consider shedding what you don't need and buying only items that replace what is worn out or broken. Give the money you save to charity.

Quiet down. Jesus frequently went off to be alone with God. Take some quiet time each day just to keep company with God. Even spending as few as 15 minutes a day with God in silence will bring you peace.



The altar flowers this week are for

Peggy & Dino Boito

For their 50th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO

NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, Irma Schelter, Thomas Peterson, Taylor Gouin, Joe Gouin, Pat Fryer, Ken Hicks and Phyllis Rogers.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Purugganan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon Guerrero, Barbara Bobrowski, George Gooding, Geraldine M. Gonfiotti, Concha O'Dell, Hank Cooper, Bonnie Clark, and Esther Keating.

Mass Schedule Oct 27th to Nov 4th

10/27 Sat 5:00pm †Paddy Ottman
 10/28 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
 10/28 Sun 10:15am †Gina Cantelani
 10/29 Mon 9:00am †Lana Rivas
 10/30 Tues 9:00am †Jeff Neal
 10/31 Wed 9:00am Int. of Tony McElroy
 11/01 Thurs 9:00am †Gina Cantelani
 11/02 Fri 9:00am Available
 11/03 Sat 9:00am Available
 11/03 Sat 5:00pm †Daniel Sullivan
 11/04 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
 11/04 Sun 10:15am †Roy & Genevieve Musetti

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 7,473.00

November 3rd & 4th- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, November 3rd 5 pm	#1- K. Schmoll #2- S. Simpson	Joe Piasta, Mary Davis, Dominica Mollahan, Lee Ward, Nora Ward	As Available	As Available
Sun, November 4th 7:30 am	#1- L. Kubo #2- L. Davis	Robin Kunde, Kurt Kunde, Patti Mazur	As Available	As Available
Sun, November 4th 10:15 am	#1- L. Johnson #2- D. Bowers	Charlene Hullinger, Diane Lisciandro, John Lisciandro, Jacky Macy, Jolon Wagner, Patty Zack, Michelle Davis, Babette O'Shell, Diane Hobaugh	As Available	As Available
Children's Liturgy of the Word - Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of November 3rd- H. Salemi, M. Davis, D. Boito				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades K-12

October 27th & October 28th

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

In today's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52), the blind Bartimaeus had to make up his mind about Jesus without the benefit of seeing him. He asked Jesus for the gift of sight. His faith was rewarded with vision. We all learn about Jesus from what we hear of him from those who teach us and from what we see in his followers. Our faith response is also rewarded with the gift of vision. We come to see Jesus as our Lord and Teacher who leads us to the Father.

Pray Together: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As a family, pray at least one decade of the Rosary together. Make the recitation of the Rosary an interesting and happy event. Ask the Blessed Mother to take away any family "blindness" and give you all the vision of those who follow Jesus.



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2nd Year Confirmation Candidates



We gather this Monday, October 29th from 6:30PM -8:00PM in the Holy Family Room for

"Labyrinths: Paths to Invite Prayer Outdoor (and indoors)"

Have you ever wondered what that "maze" is in our plaza? It is not a maze at all, it is a labyrinth. A labyrinth is an ancient form of prayer used by Catholics as well as other religions. This evening we will explore this Catholic prayer style and create a few labyrinths ourselves.



Reminder: We will be celebrating our Confirmation candidates' **Rite of Welcome** next Saturday, November 3rd at the 5PM mass.



Wednesday Night G.I.G!

**NO MEETING TONIGHT (10/31).
HAPPY ALL HALLOWS EVE !**



We will gather next Wednesday evening, November 7th for
"Jesus Loves Me This I Know!"

Save the Date....



**Advent Workshop
"Create a Nativity Set"
Sunday, November 18th 1PM**

This workshop will give families (couples and individuals too) an opportunity to create a nativity set and focus on preparing ourselves to celebrate the Advent season with Jesus, Mary, Joseph!