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OCTOBER 13, 2019 • TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
 Holy Day 8:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Thursday..... No Mass
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

IMPATIENCE

SOMETIMES I GET IMPATIENT

The Lord hung upon the Cross for three hours
But my suffering seems to be without end!
Sometimes I get impatient

The doctor's appointment was scheduled for 1pm
But I wasn't seen until 3!
Sometimes I get impatient.

The homily was inspiring; the music was great
But I'm leaving right after Communion!
Sometimes I get impatient.

Dinner's at 5 and I'm ready to go
But they're just getting dressed!
Sometimes I get impatient.

The whole created world eagerly awaits (Romans 8:18-21)
But sometimes I get impatient!

The key to patience is found in its exercise: true freedom, indeed!
Be free! Be patient!
Impatient no more!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

MAINTENANCE APPEAL - WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

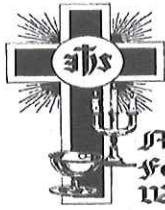
Our parish is faced with several maintenance issues and we ask you to consider making an extra donation to help support this appeal:

Church Boiler - \$25,000
Church Facade - \$7,295
Total - \$41,513

Church AC - \$3,768
Rectory Roof - \$950

Church Portico Roof - \$1,200
Trees - \$3,300

Please use your maintenance envelope or visit our parish website at <http://www.holycrosscatholics.org> to give electronically. We appreciate your generosity.



**Masses
For The
Week**

MONDAY **OCTOBER 14**
 Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 8:30 AM Salvatore Nazionale

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 15**
 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and
 Doctor of the Church
 8:30 AM Joe Nero

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 16**
 Saint Hedwig, Religious
 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 8:30 AM Catherine C. Crawford

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 17**
 NO MASS

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 18**
 Saint Luke, Evangelist
 8:30 AM Elizabeth Stefanski

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 19**
 Saints John de Brebeuf and
 Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions,
 Martyrs
 8:30 AM Leo Sheridan

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 19**
 4:30 PM People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 20**
 8:30 AM Anna May Boyle
 (3rd Anniversary)

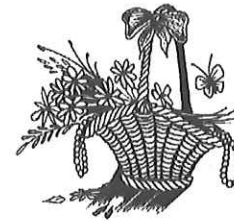
11:00 AM Marguerite Greenleaf



*Remember
Our Sick*



JOHN BOYLE	HELEN LYONS
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JOHN CASSIDY	BARBARA MC CUSKER
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*This Week's Flowers Are
 In Memory of
 Sgl. Carmen Grandizio*

The Corner

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"This is the great good news of the Gospel: God loves you just as much when you fall to temptation as when you stay strong, just as much when you wander from Him as when you are faithful to prayer. His love compels Him to say "I forgive you" every time you return to Him. His mercy moves Him to forgive you the very moment you repent — *EVERY SINGLE TIME.*"

—The Word Among Us

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PARISH HALL

Over 50 Vendors showcasing their crafts and products. Snack bar open during the event. Great time to start holiday shopping! Crafts, jewelry, home decor, candles, food, and so much more!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Mercy Catholic Medical Center, Mercy Fitzgerald Campus, as well as the Philadelphia Campus, are looking for volunteers. The volunteer department is specifically looking for greeters for the front lobbies of both hospitals.

CHURCH CLEANING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:15 AM

VOLUNTEERS, WELCOME

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR DINING OUT AT LA LOCANDA

Mangia! Join us at a yummy fundraiser at La Locanda for the Little Sisters of the Poor! Ten percent of your bill will benefit the needy elderly residents at Holy Family Home. Event will be held on Tuesday, October 22, (cash bar/BYOB) and Wednesday, October 23 (cash bar only), 11:30 AM-10:00 PM. Call the restaurant at 610-353-7033 for reservations and let them and your server know that you are there for the Little Sisters of the Poor! La Locanda is located at 4989 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Thank you for your prayers and support! **We are grateful for you!**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the Mass of Anointing and Luncheon on Saturday, October 12 such a special occasion for our Parish.

Sincere gratitude to: Fr. Wilson, Lector, Cantor, Organist, and Altar Server, who assisted in the beautiful celebration of the Mass and Sacrament of Anointing.

Special thanks to our office staff for printing the lovely program, Phyllis Creato for organizing the luncheon and all her helpers in the kitchen, Eleanor Hoban for the colorful plants, the numerous volunteers: greeters, servers, those who made sandwiches, desserts, donations of money, clean-up crew.

This truly is a COMMUNITY IN SERVICE! GOD'S BLESSINGS ON ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED.



Thank you!

Sunday Collection

October 6

Amount Received

\$11,104



Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Our Student Council was installed at the 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, October 9. We are looking forward to a great year. We had a visit at school from Mrs. Bernadette Dougherty, the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education. She was very impressed with our students and our school in general. She asked the students to give Student Council ideas of what they would like to see in the school. I am looking forward to reading their proposals.

We are working toward getting a network and new equipment in our school. Our Home and School are fundraising so they can support this endeavor. We are going to need new Smartboards very soon, as the ones we are using are starting to break and it does not pay to repair them. Our goal is to put new Smartboards into the classrooms. They no longer require a projector to operate. We really need to improve the network so we stay connected to the wireless.

Remember, **Saturday, November 2**, will be the Lincoln Car Drive for Education. Please come over and test a new Lincoln. The school will benefit from your test drive. There will be no pushy sales people or any pressure to buy a car.

Please consider your parish school if you have children of school age. We would love to have them be part of our school family.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. Worrilow

SAVE THE DATE! "SCIENCE TESTS FAITH"

Dynamic lay evangelist Tim Francis will be presenting his first ever live presentation in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at **7:00 PM on October 28, 29, 30 at OLPH!** "Science Tests Faith" includes Tim's own dramatic story of his return to the Catholic Church with amazing video clips of well-documented Eucharistic miracles and other present-day mystical phenomenon that changed his life and is changing the lives of many others who have attended his presentations at hundreds of parishes across the country. Tim has been appearing on **EWTN** and many other Catholic TV and radio stations and we are blessed to have him come here. To see a short video on Tim's ministry, visit: www.olphmorton.org.

*Your faith
has made
you well.*



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Widely considered one of the cornerstones of western classical music, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is one of the most frequently played, and most easily recognized. Its four opening notes are known worldwide, and they can be heard even in commercials and other pop culture versions. We can probably all hum the "short, short, short long" notes of it if we want, perhaps ahead of some big announcement.

Similarly does St. Luke's gospel, also a cornerstone of our faith, have a consistent theme that runs through it. Not a musical one, of course, but one of mercy and healing written for Gentiles, all those non-Jewish readers of the time. Luke's masterpiece is from the outset a message of good news to the wide world, beyond that of the Jews.

In this weekend's selection, Jesus has already started on His long journey to Jerusalem, a main thread of Luke's writing leading to Holy Week. Along His way, He now comes to Samaria, land of the people so hated by the Jews. There He meets ten lepers and cures them. But, to His dismay, only one healed man comes back to thank Him. A disgraceful 10 per cent gratitude return! And who is the man but a Samaritan! He is the first of two "Good Samaritans" Jesus will talk about. We will hear this story again in about 6 weeks in the Reading for Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

For now, please concentrate, if you will, on Our Lord's very human reaction. You can almost hear it in His voice. "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has no one but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Note two things here. First, that Jesus doesn't use the word "Samaritan" out of kindness or perhaps to avoid any hint of racism. Secondly, He gives the credit to God for the cure, although He later will reveal that He could have said it of Himself. Do you also hear sadness in His voice, one that often comes when love is unrequited? I can even imagine putting those feelings as a lyric to fit Beethoven's famous four notes: "O Look how sad!"

That question "Where are the other nine?" has a way of rolling down the centuries right to us. In a way, it embraces all the ingratitude to God that we His free-willed creatures, amassed since creation. Sadly, that number includes most of us at times. We have been given so much by our good God, and yet our prayers mostly include requests for even more.

Here is one of those rhetorical questions characteristic of homilies and waiting for the hearer's answer: "Are you grateful to God?" If we're honest with ourselves, our answer could prove embarrassing, leading us to a form of despair. But the good news is that our God loves us too much to hold our discourtesy over our heads. One sincere act of contrition, followed by praise of Him for His unfathomable goodness to us, you and me, and He smiles and reaches out to hug us as only He can.

Back to Beethoven for a closing. I know nothing of that man's religion, but I have to wonder whether or not he was a man who revered the Lord. Was he grateful? Note that he was already growing deaf when he wrote his Fifth Symphony sometime between 1804 and 1808. That sad condition was to be his until the end of his productive life as a master composer. But even though he never heard the actual notes played on an instrument, not to mention the audience applause afterward, he had the gift of "hearing" the notes in his brain as he wrote. More than enough to thank God.

We who can hear those notes, and many more of his composition three centuries later, can and must add that to our list of things for which to be grateful. And no question about it, God will be smiling at us.

Isn't It Time for Peace of Mind?

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