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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: During Adoration
Adoration: Friday 4:30-6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm
Adoration: Wednesday 4:30-6:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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October 16, 2022



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

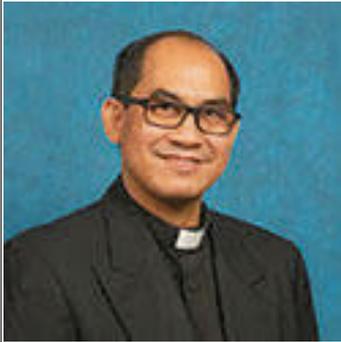
“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just
decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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Fr. Arnel's Reflections - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tm. 3:14 – 4:2; Lk. 18:1-8



The Readings on this Sunday are mainly about prayer — perseverance in prayer, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray. We are all encouraged to pray, but many people give up so easily after a few attempts. Some others feel that God knows what they need and hears their prayers, thus, they just need to ask God once. Persistence is an important aspect of prayer even to the point of getting others to pray with you for strength and encouragement just as Moses needed help in the First Reading.

In the First Reading which is from the Book of Exodus, Moses is leading the Israelites through the desert toward the Promised Land. As they journey, they must go through various enemy territories which resulted in many tribal wars. It is during one of these situations wherein Moses implores God to help them defeat the tribe of Amalek. The result was that God has Moses holding up his hands to remind his people that their help really comes from God and Moses is only their intermediary.

In the Responsorial Psalm, the psalmist picks up the same theme and acknowledges that "our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth." We should not be ashamed to admit that all we have and all that we are come from God, and we are dependent upon Him for all our needs.

The Second Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy is complementary to our theme of persistence in faith and prayer. It is intended to encourage us, through our faith, to be strong in the face of difficulties and to be grateful in times of plenty.

The Gospel Reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke is a short parable told by Jesus to His disciples. This is often misunderstood because of two statements that Jesus makes. First, in the opening portion, Saint Luke says that Jesus encouraged His disciples and all of us to "pray always." However, this does not mean that we must be on our knees 24/7, although it is very noble and very much doable – just take a look at the contemplative nuns. Rather, it means that we should always be in the "spirit" of prayer acknowledging our dependence upon God for all things. Secondly, Jesus says: "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says." Here, Jesus is not tolerating what the judge says. Rather He is holding it up as an example of persistence and of how the Divine Judge, God the Father, will listen to our persistent requests if we remain faithful, particularly in times of need. Many people in the so called first world countries like here in US have difficulty on dealing with the idea of persistence because almost everything can be achieved in an instant. Many people get tired of waiting, while others are simply following the standard of the business world – the longer the wait, more is lost or wasted. Furthermore, some people have also the difficulty with being dependent on others for their needs. Most of us will go to any extreme to avoid asking for help, particularly long-term help. However, when it comes to our faith, we must acknowledge our dependence upon God for it is only through His love and Grace that we can survive and be saved.

Let us, then, ask ourselves: "Does my Prayer Life reflect patience and persistence?"

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistically-centered faith community whose life is formed by our baptismal commitment to Christ; is nourished by Scripture, Church teachings and the Sacraments; and is supported by membership in the worldwide church around us. It is a community made up of the former faith communities of All Saints, Holy Rosary, Madonna, Saint Mary, Saint Procopius and Saint Thomas. There is a long and rich history here where all are welcome, trust is present, risks for the kingdom of God are taken and the gifts of everyone are called forth. Under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi, we strive to be an instrument of peace and all that God calls us to be.

PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the Lord's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the Lord's favor upon Israel. It the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill, they would be reassured by Moses' presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

Question of the Week: For what do I feel I am praying in vain? Can I find the will to pray for it persistently? Meanwhile, how can I be part of God's answer to someone else's persistent prayer?

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121

The Practice of Stewardship

Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge.

To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

World Mission Sunday Appeal - October 22/23

Next Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The theme is *"You shall be my witnesses"* (Acts 1:8). In Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday, he emphasizes that every Christian has received the call to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to participate in the work of universal evangelization. The Holy Father advises all Christians to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit to fulfill these obligations. As each of us bears witness where we are, we must also support the mission work that is accomplished throughout the world.

Two hundred years ago, our own nation was a beneficiary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith's universal fund. Now we are called to share our gifts with the mission Church throughout the world.

Stewardship of Treasure

October 9: \$5,493; loose \$392; monthly \$1,902; children \$6; online \$552 totaling \$8,345

Your support is vital to the life of our parish!

Sacred Steps at Saint Francis of Assisi



Congratulations and may God bless the following who were confirmed by Bishop Larry J. Kulick on Tuesday, October 11: Jacob "Francis" Derring; Anna Louise "Valentina" Jeffries; Cienna "Mary" Kaydo; Kenna "Rita" Whitaker



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized **Lincoln Anthony Kaydo** son of Max and Donna (Peffer) Kaydo who was baptized on Sunday, October 2. Welcome to the newest member of our Parish Family!

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of † **Arthur Samuel Cerullo, Sr.** who was buried Friday, October 7; † **Sylvia Marie (Carrick) Fedor Volek** who was buried Friday, October 14. May God grant to them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.

The **GOLDEN GROUP** members will meet on Wednesday, **October 19**, at 11:30 am at the social hall in Footedale. The lunch menu will be pasta (red and white sauce) and meatballs, tossed salad, desserts, snacks and beverages. Cost for the lunch is \$2. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. New members are always welcomed!

CASH BASH - Sunday, **November 6** - at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 pm and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20; include free food and refreshments and are available at the Parish Office.

PRAYER AND PERFECT PAIRINGS

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John Bishop Kulick for *Prayer and Perfect Pairings*, a five-course dinner prepared by priests of the Diocese of Greensburg, on **November 10**, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.

Each course is paired with wine. For tickets or sponsor information, please visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts.

CEMETERY FUNDRAISING

Grass cutting at our six cemeteries takes place April through October; each week we pay \$3,475; to date we have paid \$41,829. Interest from our Cemetery Endowment Funds and Cemetery Care donations are not enough to cover the entire cost; therefore, we are sponsoring two fundraising events for which we ask your help:

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

So many of us honor our loved ones during the Christmas season by beautifying their gravesites. This fundraiser will offer convenience to you while helping to defray cemetery maintenance costs. Items available for purchase include: decorated pine grave blankets, pillows, crosses and wreaths.

Order forms are available at the entrances of both worship sites. Payment must accompany the orders and can be mailed, dropped in the collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office no later than November 15.

Order pick up will be the weekend of December 3 after all Masses. Please make sure you designate the pick up location (Masontown or Footedale)

Questions? Please call Karen at 724-557-3421.

JANUARY CALENDAR TICKET

Winning numbers will be determined by the PA daily lottery evening number each evening in January. Daily cash awards range from \$100 to \$400. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Parish Office or by mail. If you wish to have your ticket mailed to you, please enclosed a self addressed, stamped envelope. If you request a certain number, we'll do our best to accommodate your request. **Thank you for your support!**

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"Spirited," the first Diocesan Women's Conference, is set for Saturday, **November 12**, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- The annual **PIE SALE** is now being held. Contact any Knight to order. Order blanks have been placed in both worship sights. All **paid orders** are **due on November 1**; delivery is Tuesday, November 15. Thanking you in advance for your support.
- The annual **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** will begin the first Sunday of October. Your support of this project is greatly appreciated. of glasses. Thanks again for your support.

Holiday Craft/Vendor Show - Saturday October 22

St. John the Evangelist Church of Latrobe invites you to shop with over 45 crafters and vendors on Saturday, October 22, 9am/3pm. Receive a free ticket upon entry for a chance to win the "Surprise" basket! Tickets for other Basket Raffles will be sold. Come hungry! RACM will be preparing homemade haluski and halupki, etc.

40th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration - October 30

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, Uniontown, Noon to 5pm. There will be ethnic foods, entertainment, crafts, raffles, bake sale, cookbook sale, folk art demonstrations, children's activities.

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MASS SCHEDULE ©GLPI

Saturday, October 15 -- Vigil: 29th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (A) *Hoby Springer Jr. (Godson, Bruno)*
6:00 pm-M (A) Adams Family (Family)

Sunday, October 16 -- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (A) Pro Populo
9:30 am-F (A) *Helen Pollick (Her Loving Family)*
11:30 am-M (T) Donald A. Beck Jr. (John/Mary Anne Cox)

Monday, October 17 -- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

9:30 am-M George & Elizabeth Parish (Dtr Mary Anne)

Tuesday, October 18 -- Saint Luke, Evangelist

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Wednesday, October 19 -- Weekday

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Thursday, October 20 -- Saint Paul of the Cross

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Friday, October 21 -- Weekday

NO MASS
4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration

Saturday, October 22 -- Vigil: 30th Ordinary Sunday

12:30 pm-F *Wedding: Emily Smearcheck/Jordan Brumfield*
3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
4:00 pm-F (A) *Janice Rocek (Jill Rocek)*
6:00 pm-M (A) Thomas Lipchinsky (Caroline Marella)

Sunday, October 23 -- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (A) Elizabeth Tajc Zavatchan (Children)
9:30 am-F (S) *Pro Populo*
11:30 am-M (A) Paul Verska (Paul & Bonnie Cassidy)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel / (S) Fr. Simboli

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-18; 2 Tm 4:6-18; Lk 18:9-14

Priests of the Diocese of Greensburg will gather with Bishop Kulick this week for the annual Priest Convocation. Consequently, there will be **no daily Mass this Tuesday through Friday**. Please keep the Bishop and our priests in prayer.

Faith Formation at Saint Francis of Assisi
Sunday, October 16, 10:30 to 11:45 am in Footedale



The Holy Spirit draws our community to this place each Sunday, where we encounter Christ in the word of God, in the Eucharist and in each other. This weekly celebration of the Mass is the center of the Church's life and it renews and strengthens us in our faith and our mission. Nourished by Christ's body and this gathering of the body of Christ, may we go forth and give witness to our faith.

From the Diocese of Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg has granted permission to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (Masontown, PA) to offer for sale the church building, convent, school lot, and empty cemetery lot in Republic as well as the entire property in Leckrone. If interested, please contact the Parish Office no later than October 21, 2022.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Luke, the Evangelist

A Syrian physician from Antioch and companion of Saint Paul, he authored *Acts of the Apostles* and a gospel for gentile Christians which speaks of God's mercy, universal salvation, love of the poor and the marginalized, absolute renunciation, prayer and the Holy Spirit. He is represented by a winged ox and is patron of the medical profession, painters, artists, sculptors and butchers.

Saint Luke, pray for us!

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 21, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition and Confession
5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - *Pete & Mary Rohol*
requested by their family

† **Blessed Mother** - *Judith Ann Scola*
requested by Helen Sofranko

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requested by her daughter, Rebecca Marin

† **Saint Joseph** - *John Knapick*
requested by his family

† **Sacred Heart** - *80th Birthday*
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