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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

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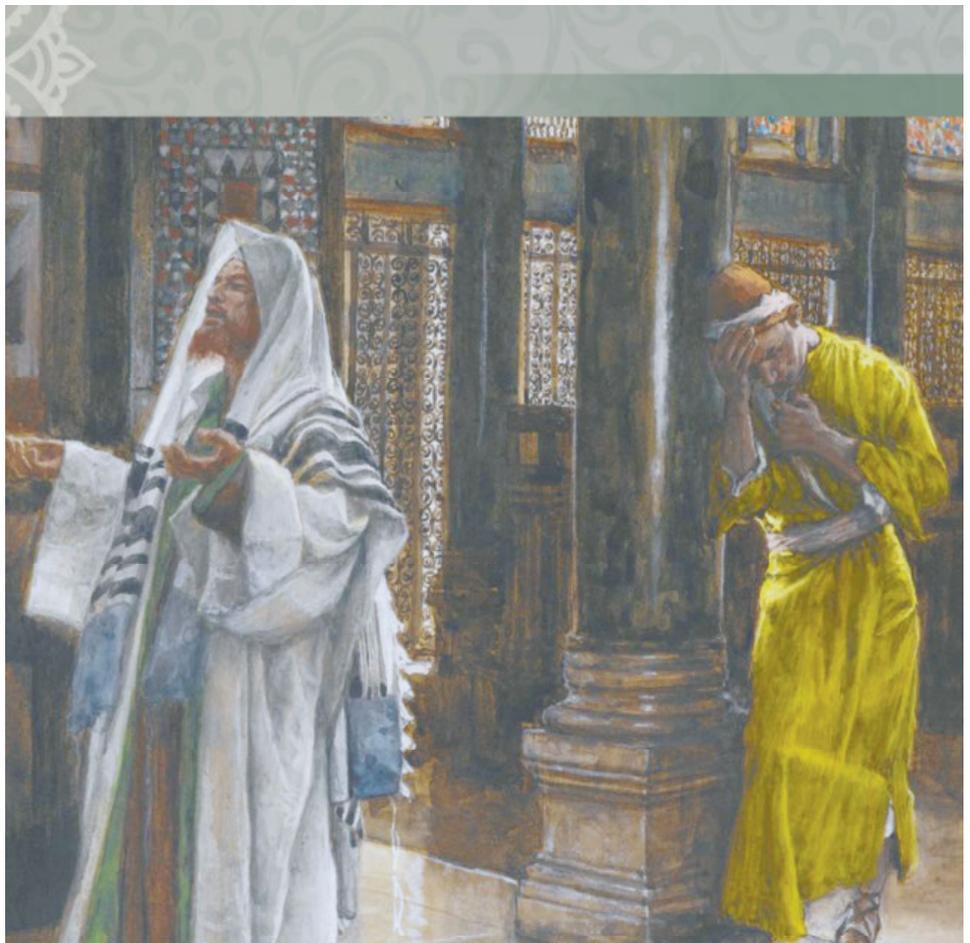
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October 23, 2022



30th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

Fr. Arnel's Reflections - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm. 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk. 18:9-14*

True humility and repentance for our sins is the theme of our Gospel this 30th Sunday of the Ordinary Time. This Humility was the theme few weeks ago, so why would the Church bring this theme once again? It is because humility is something that almost everyone thinks they have but unfortunately, most of us do not. Hence, it is just appropriate that this theme is discussed again. What, then, is humility?

Let us go through the readings and see examples, then hopefully we will have a good knowledge of this great, but seldom understood, virtue – the Virtue of Humility. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, the writer is expounding some of the many divine qualities of God. Take a look at the examples of certain people that God hears and helps - the weak, the oppressed, the deaf, the widows, and others. These are not necessarily poor people; rather, they are those who approach God in prayer with humility, acknowledging their needs and their dependence upon God for help.

In the Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist is also giving us many qualities of God that are related to those who seek help from the Lord, recognizing their own faults and failures and taking refuge in Him.

The Second Reading is from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. The time of the writing of this letter is near the end of the life of St. Paul. He is in prison in Rome and recognizes that the end is near. He has already been saved from one execution ("rescued from the lion's mouth"). Here he is pouring out his thoughts to Timothy about his ministry over the years and his situation now. He rejoices that he has served God well and, because of his close relationship with Jesus Christ, God is pleased with him. Therefore, the fate that is coming will only bring Him into heaven sooner. This is the ultimate in humility.

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke. It is so easy for the healthy and wealthy to be pleased with themselves and to look down upon those who have not "made it" in life. However, let us listen to what Jesus says in the parable. He is not condemning wealth or social status or good health. Rather, He is saying that we must recognize that all of these things ultimately came from God in some way or another and that we should constantly give thanks to Him for His mercy and goodness. Recognizing and accepting this given reality about ourselves is the very essence of humility.

Let us try to understand the spiritual meaning of Humility. It does not mean to degrade or belittle oneself. Instead, humility means to recognize who and what we are in the eyes of God and who God is in our lives. Then we must learn to recognize that all of our possessions, talents and good qualities are God's gift to us through the help of other people around us. Furthermore, let us kick out the Pharisee within us and renew the publican in each one of us. We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness; by asking for His strengthening through the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can. Let us also include all the necessary things in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgement of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit.

In the end, let us ask ourselves – Is my prayer a real prayer or a bragging of my achievements? Am I humble before God or too proud in front of Him? Let the prayer of the Publican "*O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*" will also be our prayer to our Lord God.



Today is World Mission Sunday

Each of us, who is baptized, shares in Jesus' mission to all nations and peoples. Today, Catholics throughout the world are called to offer special prayers and financial support through the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. *"No undertaking, perhaps, is so pleasing to God as supporting the Missionary work of the Church. All who are reckoned Christians or boast of that name must contribute their support either by their prayers or by an offering according to their means."* - Saint Pope John XXIII

Your gift on Mission Sunday helps people in remote villages through the work of local priests; children, the elderly, refugees, the sick and orphans, through the service of Religious Sisters and Brothers; to bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family, as catechists proclaim the message of the hope and peace that only Christ can give. Please **pray every day** for missionaries and those they serve.

Question of the Week: How do I see myself dependent upon God? Do I pray humbly, recognizing my dependence on God?

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. - Psalm 34

Monday is the Feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret

An Archbishop in Spain in the nineteenth century, he founded the Claretians. He is the patron saint of weavers as he was the son of a weaver and a weaver himself before joining the priesthood. He participated in the first Vatican Council and wrote about the traits of one filled with the zeal of Christ: *"Nothing deters him: he rejoices in poverty; he labors strenuously; he welcomes hardships; he laughs off false accusations; he rejoices in anguish. He thinks only of how he might follow Jesus Christ and imitate him by his prayers, his labors, his sufferings, and by caring always and only for the glory of God and the salvation of souls."*

Friday is the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude

Saints Simon and Jude were a part of the Twelve Apostles. Not much is known about either of them apart from what is recorded in the Gospels. Simon originally preached in Egypt before entering Persia with Jude to evangelize the masses. Saint Simon is the patron Saint of leather tanners. Saint Jude is the patron of hopeless causes because of the miraculous cure of the King of Edessa who had leprosy. Saint Jude showed a cloth that depicted the face of Christ on the face of the king, and he was cured. Both were martyred in Syria while spreading the Word of God.

Sacred Steps at Saint Francis of Assisi

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of
 † Adeline Rose (Cotes) Kiec
 who was buried Monday, October 17. May God grant her eternal life and comfort her family.



The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls give us the opportunity to remember the vast Communion of Saints who have preceded us. Some are officially proclaimed holy men and women by the church; others we know from our experience of the holiness of their lives.

On November 1, the Church celebrates the **Feast of All Saints**, a feast that reminds us all of our call to holiness and anticipates the glory of the new and heavenly Jerusalem by celebrating the memory of those who have lived our faith to its fullest.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation

will be: Tuesday, November 1, 12:00 pm (Noon) in Footedale and 6:00 pm in Masontown

All Souls Remembrance Mass and Candle Service

On **Tuesday, November 2**, we will remember all the faithful departed with a special emphasis on those who were buried from our parish since last November 1st during a **special Mass in Masontown at 6:00 pm**.

All are invited to attend, most especially the families of these deceased parishioners. It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.

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.

The Practice of Stewardship

Both the first reading and today's psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts - of time or money or abilities - to be the means by which God answers their need?

Thank you for the following memorial donations to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish given in memory of
Arthur Cerullo by David & Vicki Berish
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Stewardship of Treasure

October 16: \$4,607; loose \$418; monthly \$1,024; children \$9; online \$417 totaling \$6,475
 We also collected \$1,005 for the care of our cemeteries:
 St Thomas \$335; OLPH \$217; St Agnes \$193; Madonna \$100; St Procopius \$95; Holy Rosary \$65



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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FREE VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH

Friday, **November 11** - 11:30 am thru 1:30 pm
at *The Meeting Place*, 7 Main St., New Salem.

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Sponsored by New Salem American Legion Auxiliary Unit 753. RSVP by November 4 by calling 724-437-1640.

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.
- The annual **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** is currently underway. Your support is appreciated.

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 (holubki, halushki, pirohi, pagach, kolbasi & kraut), baked goods, entertainment including the Rusyn Folk musical group "Rusynsky Betjare" throughout the afternoon. There will also be a presentation on Rusyn culture/customs, church tour, displays, craft sales, raffles, parish cookbooks, folk art demonstrations, children's activities. Everyone is welcome; admission is free.

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.

"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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22 -- Vigil: 30th Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 pm-F (A) *Janice Roček (Jill Roček)*
 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)*

Monday, October 24 -- Saint Anthony-Mary Claret
 9:30 am-M *Frank Blasinsky (Wife, Mary Ann)*

Tuesday, October 25 -- Weekday
 9:30 pm-F *Joseph Thomas (Eugene, Roseann, Fam)*

Wednesday, October 26 -- Weekday
 9:30 am-M *Guy & Carmella Porco (John/Mary Anne)*
 4:30-6:00 pm *Adoration in Footedale*

Thursday, October 27 -- Weekday
 9:30 am-F *Frank E. Check (Marge Dugan)*

Friday, October 28 -- Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
 NO MASS

Saturday, October 29 -- Vigil: 31st Ordinary Sunday
 3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
 4:00 pm-F (A) *Joe Mehalek (Wife, Donna)*
 6:00 pm-M (A) *August & Sarah Vittone (Family)*

Sunday, October 30 -- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M (A) *Thomas Zemo (Anna Hornick)*
 9:30 am-F (A) *Elaine Rosnack (McVicker Family)*
 11:30 am-M (S) *Pro Populo*

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



We gather together today in the presence of God and neighbor to worship God and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us that those who exalt themselves will be humbled and that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Our presence here testifies that we are humbled before God, acknowledging that ultimately we are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we achieve. Let us take this opportunity to thank God for all the blessings we have received.

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and of the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon Him.

The Practice of Hope

Today's Gospel passage is the inspiration for the **Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."** Offer the Jesus Prayer throughout your day. Receive God's mercy and strength. Use these words to pray with and for those who struggle to know and do what is right, especially those who are trapped in difficult situations.

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:10-17
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10



Faith Formation at Saint Francis of Assisi Sunday, October 23 - 10:30 to 11:45 am



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 12, in Footedale
 4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition and Confession
 5:30-5:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
 5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

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

- † **Sanctuary** - *Jan Roček*
Birthday Remembrance
 requested by her loving family
- † **Blessed Mother** - *Elizabeth Zvatchan*
100th Birthday Remembrance
 requested by her children
Irene Zawelensky
 requested by daughter, Marcia & Family
- † **Saint Joseph** - *Helen F. Kovacic*
 requested by her children
- † **Saint Anthony** - *Alice Wallace*
 requested by daughter, Maureen & family
- † **Sacred Heart** - *August & Catherine Arndt*
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