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### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

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

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 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

**Bulletin Articles:** The deadline  
for placing articles in the bulletin  
is Monday at Noon.

**New Parishioners, Welcome!**  
Please register as soon as possible.

**Communion to the Homebound** is  
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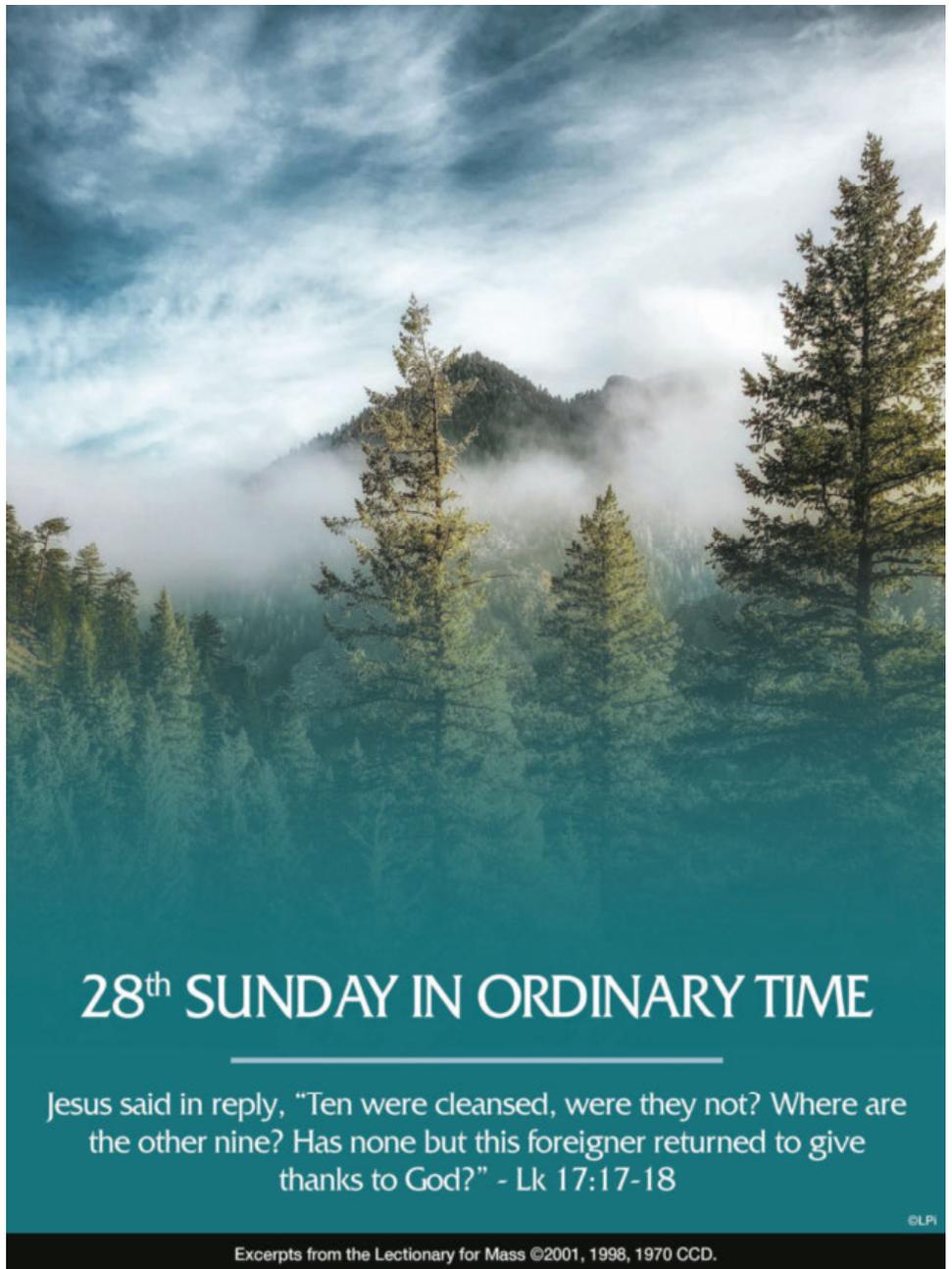
**Sacrament of Baptism:** By  
appointment. Prior to your baby's  
Baptism, you must be a registered,  
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**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires  
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## October 9, 2022



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

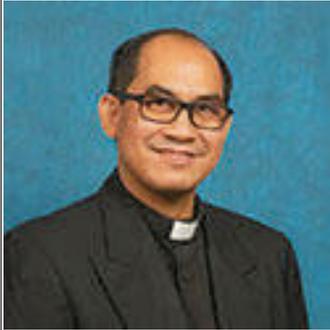
Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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**Fr. Arnel's Reflections: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

II Kgs 5:14-17; II Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



This 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time, the theme of our readings is gratitude – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. Today's Gospel story of the forgetful lepers presents a God Who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and Who feels pain at our ingratitude.

Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the First Reading, was an outcast, not only because of his leprosy, but because he was also a non-Israelite, a pagan. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for curing his leprosy, and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading, advised Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people.

In the Gospel, ten lepers came to Jesus for healing, exhibiting two of the spiritual gifts: faith and hope. And when Jesus told them to report to a priest, they revealed a third gift, obedience, hastening off to do what He had commanded. For according to the Law, a cleansed leper had to be officially inspected by a priest in order to be pronounced clean. Without touching them, Jesus ordered them to act as though the healing had already taken place. And the ten lepers were prepared to claim the healing even before they could see it. But one of the ten returned to give thanks. It was to that one person alone that Jesus imparted something better than healing, that is, the assurance of salvation.

The Gospel story seemed to remind the Jewish audience of the encounter between Naaman and Elisha. But in the story, Jesus healed not just one person but ten, afflicted with skin diseases, without regard to nationality or belief. Furthermore, the lepers violated Jewish regulations concerning their conduct by approaching Jesus and other people. They were forbidden to approach and mingle any person. Then, from the ten, a despised foreigner expressed his gratitude. The Samaritan leper glorified God or gave thanks to God. In response to the Samaritan's expression of gratitude, Jesus says "your faith has saved you." Here, St. Luke made an explicit connections between gratitude and salvation. Moreover, it is clear that the gift of healing was not revoked for the other nine who were healed, because Jesus showered grace upon all, the grateful and the ungrateful.

As we look at the Samaritan's gratitude, we are reminded of our proper response to the gifts that are available to us at all times. When we accept the gifts of God in gratitude, we can also receive the great gift of salvation. Let us then, celebrate always the Holy Eucharist, for it is the supreme act of thanksgiving. The Greek word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." So, when we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for giving us the great gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist so that we can share His Divine life and recharge our spiritual batteries, and for giving us His teaching, guiding, strengthening Holy Spirit. We also express our thanks to God as a parish community by sharing our time, talents, and material blessings in the various ministries and services of the parish.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power. (Psalm 98)*

**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.

**Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Shrine - Sunday, October 2**  
*The path of freedom is marked by the Cross*



**THE GIFT OF SALVATION**

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God’s hand in their healing. Only through God’s intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God’s presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith.

For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings - life, love, gifts and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

**Question of the Week:** What sins are holding me captive? How do I show my gratitude to God and to others for their forgiveness?

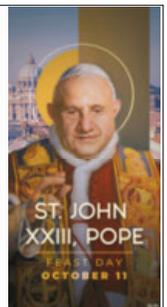
**Parish Sympathy** is expressed to the family of  
 † **Albert Guerrieri**  
 who was buried Thursday, September 29.  
 May God grant to him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

**From the Diocese of Greensburg**

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick has called **Mr. Craig Alexander** to be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders. Bishop Kulick will confer the Rite of Admission to Candidacy within Mass at 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 22, at St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon. Please keep Craig in your prayers as he continues his formation and final preparation for ordination to the diaconate. In addition, please continue to pray for all those discerning God’s call in our diocesan formation programs.

*The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*  
 - St. John Vianney

Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881 in a small Italian village, he was ordained in 1904 and earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I, he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925, he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War, he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944, he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953.



In 1958, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope and took the name John. His papacy was short but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time, he worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII’s kindness, sense of pastoral care and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963, was beatified in 2000 by Saint John Paul II and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. **Saint John XXIII, pray for us!**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**October 2:** \$5,866; loose \$387; monthly \$555;  
 children \$12; online \$712 totaling \$7,532  
 Social Ministry \$283

**Our Parish is grateful for your support!**



*America Needs Fatima* is sponsoring a **PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY** in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, **October 15**, at **12:00 Noon** at the outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother on the parish grounds in Masontown. Please plan to join us! Public prayer is powerful!!

Kay Rendina is captain of this event and asks that you please sign the attendance sheets located at the church entrances so that enough materials can be provided. We will be standing through the service; therefore, if standing is a problem, please feel free to bring a chair. Questions? Please call Kay at 724-583-2349.

*“Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.”* (Saint Louis de Montfort)

### CEMETERY FUNDRAISING

As you know, our parish is maintaining six cemeteries - Holy Rosary Cemetery in Republic, Madonna Cemetery in Cardale, St. Agnes Cemetery in Masontown, St. Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery in Leckrone, St. Procopius Cemetery in New Salem and St. Thomas Cemetery in Footedale. Grass cutting for these cemeteries usually takes place April through October. Each week we are paying \$3,475; and as of September 2022 we have already paid \$41,829 for the last six months of grass cutting.

The interest that we get from our Cemetery Endowment Funds and the Cemetery Care Envelopes are not enough to cover the entire expense; therefore, we are sponsoring a JANUARY CALENDAR TICKET costing \$10 each. 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 will be available at the Parish Office beginning October 17. All proceeds will go into our cemetery care fund. Your purchase of this Calendar Ticket will help us offset the expenses for next year's cemetery maintenance.

Thank you! – *Fr. Marlon*

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**Faith Formation at Saint Francis of Assisi  
Sunday, October 9, 10:30 to 11:45 am**

**Confirmation - Tuesday, October 11**  
at Saint Therese Church in Uniontown.

Confirmation is one of the Seven Sacraments and one of the three Sacraments of Initiation, the other two being Baptism and Eucharist. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.” Please pray for the young people of our parish who will receive this Sacrament on Tuesday!

**The Christian Mothers** will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, **October 12**, at the social hall in Footedale.

The **Golden Group** meets at 11:30 am on Wednesday, **October 19**, at the social hall in Footedale.

**SENIOR BINGO** - Sunday, **October 16**, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the cafeteria in Masontown. Cost of \$7 includes a catered lunch. All are invited to attend! To help us plan, please RSVP via the sign up sheets located at the Church entrances by October 10.

**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.



### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A special board is located in church on which you are invited to list the names of those you wish to pray for, honor and remember who have been affected by breast cancer.

### 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 Friday, November 4**; 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.
- We continue to collect **USED EYE GLASSES** to be donated to the Blind Association. To date we have collected over 1,000 pairs

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# MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 8 -- Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
 4:00 pm-F (A) Judy Scola (Sister, Mary Jo Bashour)  
 6:00 pm-M (A) Mary E. Zuzak (Steve, Irene & Eric)

**Sunday, October 9 -- 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am-M (A) Cheryl Marie Maykuth (Family)  
 9:30 am-F (A) Beatrice Dunlevy (Daughter & Family)  
 11:30 am-M (T) Pro Populo

**Monday, October 10 -- Weekday**  
 9:30 am-M Beatrice Deli Dyer (Patty & Gary Ball)

**Tuesday, October 11 -- Saint John XXIII**  
 9:30 pm-F Frank & Mary Ann Kordella (Sons)

**Wednesday, October 12 -- Weekday**  
 9:30 am-M Charles Rohol (Family)  
 4:30-6:00 pm Adoration in Footedale

**Thursday, October 13 -- Weekday**  
 9:30 am-F Cork, Nora Jean, Judy & Mikey (Fabrycki Fam)

**Friday, October 14 -- Saint Callistus I**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday, October 15 -- Vigil: 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
 12:00 pm-M America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally  
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
 4:00 pm-F (A) Hoby Springer Jr. (Godson, Bruno)  
 6:00 pm-M (A) Adams Family (Family)

**Sunday, October 16 -- 29<sup>th</sup> 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)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel / (T) Fr. Tringhese

## Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

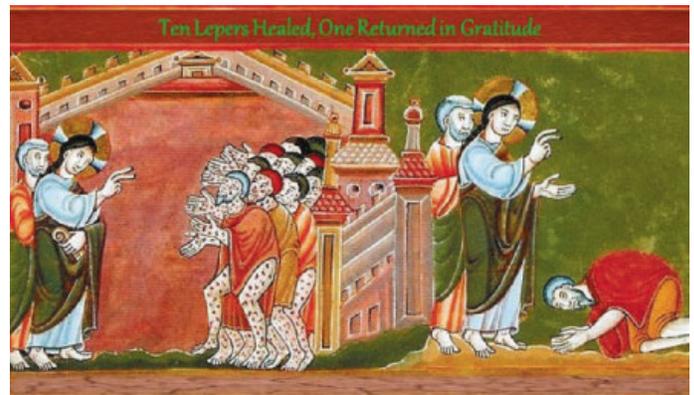
Monday: Gal 4:22-31; 5:1; Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46  
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12  
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8



On Monday we celebrate Columbus Day, the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first landing in the Americas; the linking of the European and American continents.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday.**

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,  
 be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.  
 - Saint Francis of Assisi



We come together today to give praise and glory to God in a spirit of gratitude. We are grateful to God for the gift of faith that blossoms within us and for God's healing presence in each one of us and in the world, which makes us whole again. During the pandemic there have been times when collectively or individually we have not been able to gather together. We are especially grateful whenever we can do so once again. Let us maintain our gratitude for God's blessings always.

## 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.

## 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** - Charles Rohol  
 requested by his family
- † **Blessed Mother** - Eleanor Sigwalt  
 requested by children & grandchildren  
 Mary Homa  
 requested by George Homa
- † **Saint Joseph** - Special Intention
- † **Saint Anthony** - Leona Kois  
 requested by children & grandchildren
- † **Sacred Heart** - Dorothy Paterline  
 requested by Rebecca Marian



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