

THIRTIETH-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2019

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.
— Sirach 35:17-18a*

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,576.000	\$1,956.00
Number of Families contributing	70	56
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (42 Weeks)	\$134,741.00	\$131,618.00
Received to Date	\$111,511.00	\$88,582.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$23,230.00	\$43,036.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$132.00	\$7,593.00

Ten ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$370.00	\$52,721.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

21 **CHILDREN** contributed \$76.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$17.00.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH totaled \$386.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 105; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 140 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 205.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A New Jersey pastor admits he's lucky to be alive following a one-car accident in 2017 in rural Swartswood. Consider what happened to Father Abuci Nwosu: the priest came upon a good-sized rock in the road, so he swerved to avoid it. His car lurched to one side and rolled over twice before coming to rest on the blacktop, upside-down.

The windows were shattered, and pieces of wreckage littered the road. With the help of a passerby, the priest was able to slide out of a window on the driver's side and emerge virtually unscathed. I can't believe that I survived," said Father Nwosu, a native of Nigeria. "I'm so grateful to God for saving my life, for whatever reason he has in mind."

Father Nwosu spoke a few days later to the news editor of the Paterson Diocese. "I definitely appreciate life more. Even today, I still thank God for each day."

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts...and with my song I give thanks to Him. —Psalm 28:7

Save me, O Lord, from danger, and help me to make the most of each day.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Mikey Boy Sherlock in loving memory of him on his 86th Birthday;
2. the Family of Tommy Bunk Carroll in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Rat's Pat in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Johnny Andrew McNally and Marley Riley.

ST. EDWARD HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

The Halloween Trunk or Treat organized by the Young Girls Organization will be held this Thursday, October 31st at 5:00 P.M. in the Church parking lot. It will be a fun-filled event for everyone. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER 1st: ALL SAINTS DAY is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated this Thursday, October 31st at 7:00 P.M. and the Feast Day Mass this Friday, November 1st 10:00 A.M.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY

The **Rosary at the Cemetery** for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held next **Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.**

MASTER'S TABLE

Skully's Mary Rita Legion Group (Our Lady of Epiphany) is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their clients at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, November 7th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Skully's Mary Rita.

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

**When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them.
It may take seconds to say, but for them, it could last a lifetime.**

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for a favor received.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Sally was 30 years old and had been married for 7 years, but she had no children. One day, her pastor told her that he was going on a pilgrimage to Israel and assured her that he would light a candle at the birthplace of Jesus at Bethlehem for her special intention of being blessed with children.

Ten years later their former pastor, whole on tour of Atlanta, was invited by Sally to visit her family. When the pastor called on Sally he found to his great joy and astonishment that she was blessed with five children. "Congratulations Sally, I am glad to learn that my candle at Bethlehem really worked," he said. After a while he enquired, "Where is your husband?" "He's gone to Bethlehem," Sally replied, "to thank Jesus and to blow out that darn candle!"

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the Touching Safety Program, to students November 11 — November 15, 2019 during Religious Education class with a makeup date of November 18, 2019. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students of the St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education Program. As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms will be available to parents on the day your child has Religious Education class. If you don't want your child to participate in this program, please contact Sandra for a form.

HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

***When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes;
when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.***

ADDICTION PROBLEMS Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Thursday: Halloween
Friday: All Saints; First Friday
Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Rose Pie Gorman on her Birthday.
Tuesday: In thanks to St. John Paul.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory and in thanks to St Anthony and the Blessed Mother for Patrick Sherlock's miracle received.
Thursday: In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Good Health and all the Saints.
Friday: In thanks for Saint Riley on his 1st Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Eddie O. on his Birthday.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 26th, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Ivana	Sat. Oct. 26th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Oct. 27th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
Sat. Nov. 2nd, 4:00 P.M. Karen & Cathy Lisa	Sat. Nov. 2nd, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Bridgette Anna
Sun. Nov. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Reed
Tuesday	- Ivana
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Fallon
Friday	- Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup	Oct. 26th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Oct. 27th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	Nov. 3rd Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

ALPHABET "O"

**Alphabet "O" stands for opportunity,
Which is absent in 'Yesterday,'
Available once in 'Today'
And thrice in 'Tomorrow.'**

LEGACY

The things you do for yourself are going when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your LEGACY.

LESSON FOR LIFE

Life has taught me that you can't control someone's loyalty. No matter how good you are to them, doesn't mean that they will treat you the same. No matter how much they mean to you, doesn't mean that they'll value you the same. Sometimes the people you love the most, turn out to be the people you can trust the least.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR A FRIEND

I will pray for you, my friend. I will name you in my heart before God and ask all His blessings be upon you. I will think of you at the close of each day and pray that God's peace be with you. I will ache for you in your sorrows and disasters and rejoice with you in your joys and triumphs. I will love and care for you as I love and care for myself. Amen.