

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14

THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$5,873.00	\$4,726.00
Number of Families contributing	76	60
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (35 Weeks)	\$120,679.00	\$122,841.00
Received to Date	\$114,868.00	\$90,610.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,811.00	\$32,231.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$177.00	\$7,638.00

Twelve ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$290.00	\$106,185.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$72.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$76.00.

BAA totaled \$350.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

One stormy night many years ago, an elderly man and his wife entered the lobby of a small hotel in Philadelphia. Hoping to get some shelter for the night the old man asked. "Could you possibly give us a room here?"

The clerk, a friendly man, looked at the couple and said, "All of our rooms are taken, but I can't send a nice couple like you out into the rain. Are you willing to sleep in my room? It's not exactly a suite, but it is good enough for a night."

When the couple declined, he pressed on. "Don't you worry about me. I will make out just fine," he told them. So, the couple agreed.

As he paid his bill the next morning, the elderly man said to the clerk, "You are great and you must be in a great hotel."

The clerk looked at them and smiled. The three of them had a good laugh, and then the couple left.

Later, one day, the clerk received a letter from the old man, enclosed with a round trip ticket to New York asking the young man to pay them a visit.

The old man met him in New York and led him to the corner of 5th Avenue and 34th Street. He then pointed to a great new building and said, "This is the hotel I have built for you to manage."

"You must be joking," the young man said.

"I can assure you I am not," said the older man.

The older man's name was William Waldrop Aster, and that magnificent structure was the original Waldorf Astoria hotel. The young clerk who became its first manager was George C. Boldt. The young clerk never foresaw the turn of events that would lead him to become the manager of one of the world's most glamorous hotels.

Don't be afraid to reach out and touch someone's life. You never know who's heart you may be touching.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on his 85th Birthday;
2. the Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on his 76th Birthday;
3. the Rouks' in loving memory of Pete Rouk on his 70th Birthday;
4. a Parish Family member in Thanksgiving for the Poor;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held this Sunday, October 3rd. Those who would like their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 3:30 P.M.

PRIEST RETREAT Fr. Cherian will be attending the annual Priest Retreat this week. He will be leaving after Mass this Monday, October 4th and return Thursday, October 7th. In his absence, Fr. David Arnoldt will celebrate Mass. Mass this Monday, October 4th will be at 9:00 A.M.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy.

FALL ADORATION began last week. Adoration will be held 10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. Monday thru Thursday. If you committed to spend an hour with God, please make sure you are there 5 minutes early.

MESSAGE ON A BALLOON

A nice message written on a balloon which was flying high up in the sky:

**"It is not what is OUTSIDE,
but what's INSIDE that takes you to the TOP."**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held in the New Hall from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M Mondays and Thursdays only. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes.

Monday — 5th thru 8th Grades
Thursday — 1st thru 4th Grades

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An irate driver waved his speeding ticket in the air at the police officer who'd just written him up.

"What am I supposed to do with this?" the man yelled.

"Hang onto it," the cop replied. "When you collect four, you get a bicycle."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Respect Life Sunday
Monday: St. Francis of Assisi
Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Wednesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Pete Suedle and Mary Louise Carroll.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Eddie O'Hara on the 10th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Big Apple on his 85th Birthday.
Thursday: For John Gage on his 8th Birthday; Huey David McGuire on his Birthday; and for the repose of the soul of Betty McGuire on the 26th Anniversary of her death.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Paco on his 79th Birthday.

ROUGH ROADS

**How many rough roads have you traveled,
Thinking you had lost your way?
But when life's roads bring us to our knees,
It is there we learn to pray.**

**In times like these God has His reasons
To increase our faith in Him.
Too many times when the way is easy
We drift with the crowd into sin.**

**So, thank You, Lord, for the trials
You see fit to send our way
To keep our focus on the One
Who is our guide day after day.**

READERS

Sat. Oct. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.
Mary Martha & Natalie

Sun. Oct. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

S Sat. Oct. 9th, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Oct. 10th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Tanel
Tuesday	-	Raid's Karen
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Fallon
Friday	-	Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	October 3rd
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann

Sunday	Sunday
October 4th	October 10th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

QUOTABLE QUOTES

- ❖ **"When a man tells you that he got rich through hard work, ask him: 'WHOSE?'" —Don Marquis**
- ❖ **"I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it." —Jonathon Winters**
- ❖ **"I used to want to be a lawyer, but I didn't want to have half my brain sucked out." —Max Walker**

FORGIVENESS

***Forgiveness is a strange medicine.
If you give it to others, it heals the wounds in your heart.***

WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

There are three rules of dealing with all those who come to us:

1. Kindness
2. Kindness
3. Kindness

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~ A PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, even in the midst of storms and chaos, help me to dance with joy in the peace of Your presence.

When the world seems to crumble around me, remind me that Your promise is steadfast, and allow me to experience more of Your boundless grace.

I know that, with You, all things are possible and that with Your help, I can show to others the forgiveness and grace You have so generously bestowed upon me. Amen.