

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020**

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.  
— Philipians 4:6*

**THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD**

Matthew’s Gospel today expands on Isaiah’s ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark’s Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: “This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders.”

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

“And this,” says Matthew’s Gospel, “is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel.” The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

Offertory                      Development

<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$4,903.00	\$3,836.00
Number of Families contributing	97	72
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (35 Weeks)	\$124,235.00	\$122,693.00
Received to Date	\$138,268.00	\$106,782.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$14,033.00)	\$15,911.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2020</b>
\$276.00	\$15,342.00

Twenty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2020</b>
\$65.00	\$12,670.00

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

**BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN**

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

**POOR BOX** \$57.00.

**BAA** totaled \$230.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$130.00.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 dollar bill. In the room of 200, he asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?”

Hands started going up and in a second all hands were up. He proceeded to crumple the bill up. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” Still all the hands were up in the air. “Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. “Now who still wants it?” All the hands still went into the air.

“My friends, you have learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth 20 dollars.”

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel that we are worthless. But, no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased. You are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who we know, but, by who we are.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. the Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. the Rouks in loving memory of Pete Rouk on his 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jim Penn Sherlock and Hilton Riley.

**ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS** will be held this Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Those who would like their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 4:00 P.M.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Anthony for the poor; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Rita, St. Monica and Jesus of Mercy; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood, and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Padre Pio and St. Expedite for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael; and also to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

At a time of social distancing:

- Touch with your hearts.
- Touch with your souls.
- Touch with love.

**REFLECTION**

*Be a reflection of what you like to receive.  
If you want love, give love.  
If you want truth, be truthful.  
If you want respect, give respect.  
What you give out will always return.*

**3 THINGS**

Life is about 3 things:

- 1. **WINNING**
- 2. **LOSING**
- 3. **SHARING**

**WINNING** others heart, **LOSING** bad things and **SHARING** happy moments.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A preacher was greeting people after the service when a little boy grabbed his hand and said, "Don't worry, sir. When I grow up and get rich, I'm going to give you a lot of money."

"That would be great, the preacher laughed, "but may I ask why?"

"Well," the youngster said seriously, "Daddy says you're the poorest preacher we've ever had."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** In honor of St. Claire and the Holy Spirit.
- Tuesday:** In thanks to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, Holy Family and all Saints.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and in honor of the Holy Souls.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Paco on his 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty McGuire on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and for Huey David McGuire on his Birthday.

**MY GOAL**

**I can go through life and never fear,  
Because, I know, my Lord, You're forever near.  
Whatever road I choose to roam,  
Your love will always guide me home.  
I yield myself and all I do,  
And depend, my Lord, on You.  
There's a peace that floods my soul  
As I reach for You, My God, my goal.  
My goal is with You by my side.  
And forever more with You abide.**

**READERS**

- Sat. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna
- Sun. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jersey & Jimmy Joseph
- Sat. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Marilyn
- Tuesday** - Natalie
- Wednesday** - Claire
- Thursday** - Kara
- Friday** - Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Kim Gallon
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front: Mary Margaret, Right: Cathy Pole, Left: Kim Gallon
- October 4<sup>th</sup>** Rose Marie, Mary Cat
- October 11<sup>th</sup>** Rose Marie, Mary Cat

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**A CHANCE**

*Let everyday be a "A CHANCE"  
A CHANCE to be a better person,  
A CHANCE to enjoy life to its fullest,  
A CHANCE to correct mistakes,  
A CHANCE to forgive and ask for forgiveness,  
A CHANCE to love and be loved,  
Don't miss the CHANCE you received from God  
as you wake up this day.*

**COMMON SENSE**

Among the guests at a reception was a distinguished man of letters. He was grave and somewhat taciturn. One of the ladies present suggested to the hostess that he seemed to be out of place at such a party.

"Yes," replied the hostess with a bright smile, "he can't talk anything but sense."

**LEARN TO FORGIVE**

When someone is doing something to hurt you, don't turn inward, turn toward that person. He is hurting himself. Learn to forgive, knowing that we all need forgiveness. If you want to be true to God, learn from Jesus to be meek, humble and pure. Learn to forgive.

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**  
**PRAYER IN TIME OF LONELINESS**

*Heavenly Father, there are days when I feel that You have forgotten about me. When I need You most, it seems I cannot reach You. Yet I do believe You are present during times of loneliness, and when my heart feels empty. Teach me to find You even in my darkest hours. Amen.*