

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 2017

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

BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalms — 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
Last Week's Collection	\$6,551.00	\$4,910.00
Number of Families contributing	153	113
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (40 Weeks)	\$133,600.00	\$141,520.00
Received to Date	\$129,630.56	\$111,037.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,969.44	\$30,482.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$571.00	\$10,765.00

Forty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$8,837.41
Amount Outstanding	\$16,867.59

Twenty-one people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$390.00	\$8,591.00

Eleven people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

41 **CHILDREN** contributed \$212.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$86.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 320, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One afternoon in January, 1951, in a small city in Japan, a poorly clad little girl approached the entrance of the prison and handed a parcel to the superintendent.

"Give this to some condemned criminal," she said and then left. It was a bundle of religious books with a consoling letter which ended, "...in the eyes of God a criminal is His child..." It was signed "From a School-girl."

The superintendent gave it to a man who was condemned to die for the murder of a family of three. The prisoner was deeply moved and wrote the little girl a letter. In it he said, "...I, the most wicked villain, have been afraid of death which I must face in the near future. But now the fear has lessened...How great is the mercy of God to me, this sinner...May God bless you. Sakuiche Yamada."

This little God-bearer in faraway Japan should be an inspiration to us. You can imitate her love by carrying God to as many as you can before you die.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Matt Michael and Mary Ashley in thanks for Katsyn on her 11th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on his 72nd Birthday; and the Rouks in loving memory of Pete Rouk on his 66th Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of Eddie O'Hara in loving memory of him on the 6th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Wife and Family of Paco in loving memory of him on his 70th Birthday;
5. the Wife and Family of Sonny Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the 13th Anniversary of his death;
6. the Wife and Family of Tommy Scotty Costello in loving memory of him on the 3rd Anniversary of his death;
7. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Richmon Carroll for receiving the star Turtle Award in his class.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION will be held this Friday, October 13th at 7:00 P.M.

ST. EDWARD HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER The Halloween Get-Together organized by the Youth Group will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 P.M. in the Church parking lot. It will be a fun-filled event for everyone.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Philomena, St. Roch and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for an intention granted; and four members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

FRIENDSHIP

Being honest may not get you a lot of friends,
but it'll always get you the right ones.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A little boy and his grandmother were walking along the seashore when a huge wave appeared out of nowhere and swept the child out to sea. The grandmother, horrified, falls to her knees and says, "God, please return my beloved grandson. Please, I beg of you. Send him back safely."

And lo, another huge wave washed in and deposited the little boy on the sand at her feet. She picked him up, looked him over, and, looking up at the sky, said, "He had a hat!"

PUT MISTAKES UNDER YOUR FEET

Don't place your mistakes on your head, their weight may crush you. Instead place them under your feet and use them as a platform to view your horizons.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi;
Columbus Day

Wednesday: Saint John XXIII

Saturday: St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In thanks for John Gage McGuire on his 4th Birthday.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul Eddie O'Hara on the 6th Anniversary of his death.

Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Thursday: For Jim Martin Carroll on his 17th Birthday and Pete Starbuck Carroll on his 28th Birthday.

Friday: For the Blessings of God.

GOD IS OUR HIDING PLACE

Our strength is small, but God, You are mighty,
Mighty to rise and come to our aid.
Many are the battles we're facing,
Battlefields we so often have made.

With faith in you, we start every morning,
Unaware what the day has in store.
We trust in Your mercy, count on Your goodness;
Lead, oh God, as in the seasons before.

You provide shelter in times of trouble,
A hiding place from the tempest's wrath.
Beneath Your wings we find calm assurance,
Precious to You is a soul in distress.

Your mighty power, living within us,
Gives us fresh courage, helps us to pray.
Perfect Your vessels, created for glory.
That our life honors You, day after day.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann

Sat. Oct. 7th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Melissa

Sun. Oct. 8th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat

Sat. Oct. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Ann T. &
Kathy Boo

Sat. Oct. 14th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Melissa

Sun. Oct. 15th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Ciara
Tuesday	Bridget Ann
Wednesday	Christina Apple
Thursday	Christina
Friday	Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	October 7th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	October 7th
Front	Jay
Cup	Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

October 8th	October 15th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Ann Rita

4 FUNDAMENTAL FACTS OF LIFE

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy so that when they grow up they will know the **VALUE** of things not the **PRICE**.
2. Eat your **FOOD AS YOUR MEDICINE**. Otherwise you have to eat **MEDICINE AS YOUR FOOD**.
3. You are **LOVED WHEN YOU ARE BORN**. You will be **LOVED WHEN YOU DIE**. In-between you have to manage.
4. If you just want to walk **FAST**, walk alone, but if you want to walk **FAR**, walk together.

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

THE PATH

When my mind is dark and thoughts empty,
when the images are frozen and my mind meaningless,
help me to recognize that Your love is always with me.
Guide me to the path where my
love will flow again. Amen.