

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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October 16, 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM - Kathryn Rose
SUN	8:00 AM - John Arnold
	10:00 AM - George Hendershot
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM David Erb
	12:05 PM - Richard Gillon
TUE	7:45AM - Antoinette DiBello
	12:05 PM - Barbara Wolfe
WED	7:45 AM - Sara Caldwell
	12:05 PM - Olive Schroeder
THU	7:45AM - Sharon J. McElfresh
	12:05 PM - Charles & Mayme White
FRI	7:45 AM - Jason & Kim Albrecht
	12:05 PM - Liv/dec'd of Wm. Edward & RoseMarie Gill Family
SAT	9:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance (Bishop)
	5:30 PM - Rick Schaad
SUN	8:00 AM - People of the Parish
	10:00 AM - Richard Crum
	12:00 PM - Larry Steinel

Women Religious Celebration.

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)
BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office
WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Edward Maxfield, Jr.
Retired - Rev. Dale Tornes
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend
Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740-350-4224, ontkob@suddenlink.net)
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School Principal - Elizabeth Tokodi (elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org)
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CWC President - Jenn Tinkler
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Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740-525-6360)
Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)
Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sir 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14.

WELCOME RECEPTION:

Please join in as we welcome Father Edward Maxfield to our parish! A welcoming reception will be held after each Mass this weekend, October 15th & 16 in the Basilica Social Hall. Donuts, cookies, coffee and lemonade will be served in the Social Hall.

ADVENT CANDLES & WREATHS

Advent candles and holders/wreaths are now available in the Gift Shop. There are many other beautiful gifts also. Please stop in soon and check them out. Divine Mercy Gift Shop is located in the lower level of the the Basilica and is open after all weekend Masses.

VISITORS WELCOME! We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

PARISH OFFICES are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY	-	Welcoming Reception for Father Edward after all Masses in the Social Hall.
6:00 PM	-	Youth Group Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
MON	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions.
6:15 PM	-	RCIA in the Basilica Social Hall.
7:00 PM	-	St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting in the Conference Room.
TUE	-	Support Group Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
7:00 PM	-	Grief Support Meeting in the Conference Room.
WED	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
6:00 PM	-	Religious Education at Saint Mary School.
FRI	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
SAT	-	Mass of Remembrance with Bishop Monforton. See announcement.
9:00 am	-	

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 13,658.00

Amount needed each week for the
Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

BASILICA FOUNDATION:

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least One Million in the fund before using it.

CROSS+FIRE YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet Sunday evening at 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

We pray for all of those serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

The Fall Festival is quickly approaching! Parishioners were mailed cash raffle tickets for a chance to win \$100.00-\$1,000.00. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be returned in the Basilica collection or mailed to the school. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the Catholic Woman's Club Italian Dinner on November 6th. Included in this weekend's bulletin is a flyer highlighting the Fall Festival weekend's events. Please email Tammi Bradley tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org with any questions or to obtain tickets for the Friday auction or the CWC Italian Dinner.

CHRISTMAS BOXES OF JOY

Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry sponsored by CWC. By packing boxes with toys and other gifts, you will bless a child suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the Joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope.

Boxes are available at the entrances. Helpful gift suggestions are in the box. If you do not wish to shop, we will shop for you. It cost about \$30.00 to fill one box. Please place your check, payable to Basilica of St. Mary, in an envelope marked Box of Joy and place it in the collection basket. **Thank you for making Christmas Wishes Come True for Children Who Wish for Just One Gift.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the flowers for the altar are in memory of Mary Agnes Augenstein. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to a Mass of Remembrance for those who have suffered the loss of a child offered by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton. The Mass will be held on October 22 at 9:00 AM here at the Basilica. The loss of a child causes tragic suffering, no matter how old the child was at death. Please join us in praying for comfort and healing for those who mourn the loss of a child or grandchild through miscarriage, stillbirth, illness, abortion, accident or some other tragedy. If you have questions, please call Joe Schmidt at 740-516-9270.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

A Day of Discovery, Spiritual Reflection, and Community: The CWC and CLC of Athens, Ohio will be sponsoring a women’s retreat on October 22nd in Athens. Women from other parishes are invited to join them for this retreat. It will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at Holy Family Center in Athens, Ohio. The retreat runs from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. A lunch buffet will be provided. There are registration forms available at our parish office as well as directions.

OUR LADY OF MERCY NEWS

Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell, Ohio, CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Sunday, November 6th, Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7.00 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$6.00. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

ST. MARY ALUMNI NEWS

Thank you to all the alumni for helping make our reunion a success! We voted to have the next reunion in two years. It has been scheduled for July 13, 2014. Also, a reminder about our upcoming sports memorabilia display – if you have any items that you would like to donate, jerseys, numbers, letters, articles, etc. please contact Dave Archer at 740-896-2755 or Ken Strahler at 740-373-4529. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The annual World Mission collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous. Envelopes should be put in the regular collection.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Knights of Columbus will be praying the rosary a half hour before their meeting on October 25th at the K of C Hall on Franklin Street. The rosary begins at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Monforton will celebrate the Jubilee Mass for our area on Sunday, November 6, at the Noon Mass.

This year’s celebration will be offered for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter). The anniversary is (or was) during 2022. Qualifying couples may register for this Jubilee of Marriage Mass by calling the parish office at 740-373-3643.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting is October 26 at 6:00 PM in The Basilica Social Hall. Our October book is **Ripped at the Root, An Adoption Story – Based on True Events** by Mary Cardaras. The book is available in the Parish Library. Remember: All are welcome. Bring a friend. Snacks and beverages are provided. If you are not able to read the book, a summary is presented, and you can participate at whatever level is comfortable for you.

RCIA

Please pray for the RCIA members as the classes have started for those searching to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Help is needed with this process of ministering. **Please** consider helping! We are in need of sponsors and prayer partners! If you can be a part of this process, please let us know! We would love to have your help! Sign up below or contact Cathy Rauch at 896-2901 or cathyrauch@stmaryscatholic.org

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

___ Help with snacks (we will call you)

___ Be a prayer partner (Pray in your own time and send cards)

___ Be a sponsor (Attend class and help an Inquirer)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF October 22 & 23

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat: 5:30	Sandy George (CAPT) Missy Deskins (HOST) Cathy Harper (HOST) Sheri Black (CHALICE) Gregg Black (CHALICE)	Teri Ann Pfeffer	Connor Bichard Gavin Kunz Eva Tornes
Sun: 8:00	Theresa Huck (CAPT) Beckie Arnold (HOST) Ron Arnold (HOST) Babs Douglass (CHALICE) John Douglass (CHALICE)	Nancy Funk	Jerry Huck Kenny Offenberger Charles Kremer Joe Flaherty
10:00	Ken Schilling (CAPT) Janet Schilling (HOST) John Towner (HOST) Elizabeth Tokodi (CHALICE) Cathy Rauch (CHALICE)	Don Murray	Grant Palmer Annie Tokodi-Ruth Ben Pfeffer Benedict Parlin Mary Tokodi-Ruth
12:00	Not Filled (CAPT) Sandy Bickert (HOST) Karen Schramm (HOST) Sherry Hill (CHALICE) Jeanette Flowers (CHALICE)	Lisa Taylor	Kingston McMahon Alexis Wescott Olivia Wescott

Saturday, October 22– 9:00 AM - Nico Marasco & Valentina Marasco.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN SEEKS DONATIONS:

Families are struggling to make ends meet with higher prices. As a result, the number of people we serve at the Daily Bread Kitchen continues to increase. We are currently serving 250+ meals each Wednesday and believe that the number will continue to rise. We are asking for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “DBK” and put it in the weekly collection. Checks should be made payable to the Daily Bread Kitchen. Thank you and God bless you.

CWC ITALIAN DINNER

Advance Dinner Reservation & Ticket Drawing

Sunday, November 6, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

(at St. Mary School)

\$9.00 Adult, \$5.99 age 5 -12 yrs., Children 4 & under are free

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____

All advance purchase tickets will be entered into a \$100 drawing at 6:00 PM on the day of the dinner. You do not have to be present to win. Please place this ticket and money in an envelope and place in the collection basket. Take-out meals available. Deadline for advance reservations is October 31st

Price at Door: \$10.00



THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2022

Notes on the Gospel

Jesus told His followers a parable to show the need for them to always pray and not to give up, saying; "There was a judge in a certain city, who neither feared God nor respected men. A widow in that city kept coming to him, saying 'Get justice for me from my enemy!' He was not willing for a time. After this, he said to himself, 'Even if I neither fear God nor respect man, the widow gives me trouble, so I will give her justice, so that she will not keep wearing me out.'" The Lord said, "Listen to what the immoral judge says. Will God not do right by his chosen, the ones crying out to him day and night? I say to you that He will do the right for them quickly. Even so, will the Son of Man, having come, then find faith on earth?"

Jesus told this parable about persistence in prayer. A widow relentlessly badgered a corrupt judge until he gave up from exhaustion. Like many other parables in Luke, the parable had symbolic overtones. The unjust judge represented the world which has no sense of place before God or sense of justice. As the old saying goes, "Life isn't fair"; it is the world that insures life's unfairness.

In many respects, the widow represented Christianity. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus aligned himself with the poor, the outcast, those with disease. The image of the widow included all three, for widows were many times homeless. Homeless widows were poor beggars who were weakened by the elements, attacked by thieves, and ignored by a disdainful public. Ejected from the Jewish synagogues as heretics and hated by the pagan populace as Jews disloyal to the Roman Empire, Christians in the time of Luke truly stood alone as poor, weakened outcasts. The image of the widow fit Christianity well.

But, the symbolism broke down with the person to whom the relentless request was made. Christianity (the widow) could have demanded justice from the Roman world (the judge), but to no avail. Roman power was temporal, but God's power was (and is) eternal. Prayer appealed to the source of all power; relentless prayer constantly reminded the petitioner that God was truly in charge.

Constant prayer required unwavering faith. The content of the prayer petition reflected the quality of the faith. If the content was self-serving, the petitioner would place him/herself above God and treat the divine as a servant gift-giver. If God answered "Wait," would the selfish petitioner have the strength of faith to persist in prayer? This was Jesus' concern.

Take as a whole, the gospel portrayed Christians crying out for justice from God. Deliverance would come speedily, but in God's time and in God's way. But, would Christians wait for God?



Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday and Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs. Adoration takes place on these two days from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. every week. Eucharistic Adoration allows us to clear our minds and just pray in the presence of the Lord. Adoration is an opportunity to reconnect with God on a personal level. If you have five minutes, 10 minutes, that's all it takes – stop in for a visit. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit.

PILGRIMAGES TO OUR BASILICA

Our Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors, encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance. We are honored to host visitors and pilgrims to our Basilica.



Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening



Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this devotion celebrated in our Basilica. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica, all visitors, and each one of us. Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- Oct. - 22, - Mass of remembrance (Bishop)
- Oct. - 23, - Celebration for Religious Women (Bishop)
- Nov. - 6, - Marriage Anniversary Mass (Bishop)
- Dec. - 16, - Decorate Basilica for Christmas
- Dec. - 18, - Christmas Appreciation Dinner



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

On Tuesday, October 18th, we will continue our grief support group sessions at 7:00 pm. There have been several deaths earlier in the year, and it is beneficial to share our thoughts and grief. The death of a child or a spouse is a very difficult journey – sharing with others who are going through the same process gives us support. Transforming loss into living again with faith, hope and love and moving toward healing and growth.

PRAY FOR ALL OF THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO WILL HAVE THEIR FALL MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

Feast days this week

Monday, October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, (Bishop & Martyr)

Ignatius was martyred in 107 by order of Trajan in Rome's amphitheater. He was from Syria, and is known as the second successor to St. Peter in Antioch. He wrote seven letters to local churches on church unity and structure. He was the first to use the words "Catholic Church" as a collective designation for Christians.

Tuesday, October 18, Saint Luke (Evangelist)

Luke was a Syrian physician from Antioch. He was a companion of St. Paul. He authored the Acts of the Apostles, and a gospel for gentile Christians. His gospel speaks of God's mercy, universal salvation, love of the poor, absolute renunciation, prayer and the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues (Martyrs)

They were French Jesuits and missionaries to the Huron and Iroquois Indians of North America. They were martyred in 1643. Isaac was tomahawked to death by the Iroquois, and John was mutilated and slain near Georgian Bay.

Thursday, October 20, Saint Paul of the Cross (Priest)

Paul was a renowned preacher and founder of the Passionists (today numbering 2,160 members.) They offer retreats and missions.

Saturday, October 22, Saint John Paul II (Pope)

Karol Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Poland. He was the Archbishop of Krakow and was elected pope on October 16, 1978. He had a zeal for the sick, for families, and for youth. He made many pastoral visits throughout the world. He revised the Code of Canon Law and the Roman Missal.

The Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton, Bishop of our diocese, has announced at a meeting recently with all the priests and deacons that we will begin to look at the merging of the Diocese of Steuben-ville back into the Columbus diocese. This will be a process over time, which will include making inquiry into the thoughts of the faithful of the diocese, for which a survey will soon be available. We encourage you to take the survey in order to make your thoughts known. Please also read the relevant article in the recent edition of the Steubenville Register, as well as any forthcoming articles. Bishop Monforton especially asks your faithful and diligent prayer as we engage in this process.



DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

On Tuesday, we remember the 12th anniversary of the death of Fr. Edmondo Stabene. Next Sunday, we remember the 21st anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael Zahorchak. We thank God for the work that these priests accomplished in their lives, and we ask God to grant them eternal life, happiness and peace.

Catholic organizations in Colombia call Bogotá cathedral attack by militants ‘terrorism’



Catholic organizations joined the chorus of condemnation of the Wednesday night attack by abortion militants on the Bogotá cathedral and demanded that the Colombian authorities arrest those involved in this act of “terrorism.”

The night of Sept. 28, a group of feminists with their faces covered tried to burn down the main doors of the Bogotá cathedral while others tagged the wall with pro-abortion graffiti to the astonishment of passers-by and the inaction of the officials present from the Bogotá Mayor’s Office.

The attackers were part of demonstration for the decriminalization and Legalization of Abortion. The president of the Catholic Solidarity Movement announced that they will file a complain against “these terrorists” so that they take responsibility “for the alleged crimes of damage to the property of others, rioting, damage to the public good, disrespect for beliefs, vandalism, terrorism, attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit a crime.”

Pope Francis: Rediscover the beauty of the rosary

Pope Francis invited Catholics to rediscover the beauty of the rosary prayer this month, encouraging people to carry a rosary with them in their pockets. "I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries," Pope Francis said.

"I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Savior with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations," he added in his message to Arabic-speaking pilgrims. The pope said that the Blessed Virgin Mary has urged the recitation of the rosary in her apparitions, "especially in the face of the threats looming over the world. Even today it is necessary to hold the rosary in our hands, praying for us, for our loved ones and for all people," he added.

Prayer, the pope said, is "letting ourselves be carried by God," especially in moments of suffering or temptation. "In some evenings we can feel useless and lonely. It is then that prayer will come and knock on the door of our hearts," he said. "And even if we have done something wrong, when we return before God with prayer, serenity and peace will return as if by miracle." The pope added that the real "proof of prayer" is "love of one's neighbor. Prayer is the lifeblood that constantly nourishes his existence. For this reason, he is one of those most dear to the monastic tradition, so much so that some have elected him as the spiritual father of the life consecrated to God."

“There are only two kinds of people in the world: saints, who know they are sinners, and sinners who think they are saints. Your entrance card to Doctor Jesus’ office is your spiritual sickness; He treats only the needy.

Do you qualify?”

—Peter Kreeft

EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 17,

7:45 am. - Mass
9:15 am. - School Mass (7&8)
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm. - RCIA

Tuesday, October 18,

7:45 am. - Mass
7:15 am. - School Mass (2)
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:30 pm. - CWC Mass & Meeting - St. Henry
7:00 pm. - Grief Meeting

Wednesday, October 19

7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist
9 15 am. - School Mass (3&4)
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

Thursday, October 20,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Friday, October 21,

7:45 am. - Mass
8:15 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist
12:05 pm. - Mass
5:00 pm. - Wedding Rehressal
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

Saturday, October 22,

9:00 am. - Mass of Remembrance (Bishop)
3:30 pm. - Confessions
1:30 pm. - Wedding
5:30 pm. - Mass (Bishop)

Sunday, October 23,

8:00 am. - Mass
9:30 am. - Mass - Saint Henry Church
10:00 am. - Mass
12:00 pm. - Mass Women's Religious (Bishop)



Police: Man attacked Tulsa cathedral attendant with sword, tried to set building on fire

Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrested a man Wednesday after he allegedly attacked a desk attendant with a sword and started a fire at Holy Family Cathedral. We apprehended the man a short time later at 71st & Sheridan after he caused a disturbance in a store by threatening to detonate a device. This is still an active investigation that involves TPD, our Bomb Squad, Tulsa Fire Marshals, and federal authorities. We are working with our federal partners on charges and will share more information as information becomes available."

Kastl related that a man carrying an ice chest approached the front of the cathedral and attempted to enter. After realizing the doors were locked, he proceeded down the alley between the school and the cathedral, according to Kastl. "During this time, students were on the front steps of the Cathedral taking school pictures. We express our gratitude and appreciation for the faculty and staff who reacted quickly and immediately moved the students inside the school. The whole school was immediately placed on lockdown and remained so until cleared by local law enforcement," Kastl wrote in a letter about the incident.

It appears that the suspect lit an object on fire and threw it into the side of the cathedral, causing damage to some windows, according to Kastl. The suspect was arrested around 5:30 p.m., about an hour and a half after the incident, Kastl wrote. Kastl said the church will offer a Mass for Notzon's healing at 9 a.m. Thursday and will have priests, deacons, and counselors available after Mass at 11:30 a.m.



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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October 16, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes events that affect our spirit occur at epic speed. Others seem to take an eternity. God seems to answer some prayers now. Other prayers He answers "in the future." Many times, the prayers we need answered immediately involve eternal pressure, prejudice, or persecution. "Save us from this crisis!"

In Luke, Jesus taught that God answers all these prayers. But in His own way. And in His own time. If we object to His means or His timing, can we really speak of a request in faith? Or are we just complaining? Using a parable, Jesus told his followers they needed to always pray and to never give up:

He said "Once, in a city, there was a judge who didn't care about God or people. A widow in that city kept coming to the judge with a complaint. "Protect me from my enemy!" the woman said over and over again.

For a while, the judge refused her. But, in the end, he thought, "I don't care about God or people. But, this widow keeps bothering me. So, I will protect her, or she will come again and again until she wears me out! Won't God protect his followers who keep praying to him day and night? No! I tell you he will protect them quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faithful followers left in the world?"

In a monologue to his followers about the end times, Jesus added a parable about prayer in such an atmosphere. Like a persistent widow who wears down a corrupt judge, Christians are to "pester" God with their complaints and requests. They are to trust God in the outcome, even to the very end.

The gospel presents us with many challenges. Are we willing to seek God's will in our lives? Is our faith strong enough to trust God with an unknown future? Are we willing to patiently wait for God to act? Will we remember that God sometimes acts at the last minute, but always at the right time?

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell

THREE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Hosts from three recent Eucharistic miracles have been subject to considerable scientific examination. The first occurred in Buenos Aires in 1996 and was investigated at the direction of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis. A Host discarded on a candleholder in the back of the church had transformed into a piece of bloodied tissue, which upon examination was revealed to be from the left ventricle of a human heart. It had two peculiar features. First, it had white blood cells, which cannot be explained, as they would die once the living heart tissue is disconnected from a live body. Second, they were embedded in the ventricle wall, which would only happen if a person were undergoing trauma, such as being beaten or tortured [as happened to Christ].

The next miracle occurred in Tixtla, Mexico, in 2006. In this case, heart tissue was growing out of the middle of the Host and was exuding blood. The tissue was bleeding from the inside out, yet it is not visibly connected to a circulatory system. How is this possible? There is no scientific explanation. I believe there is an abundance of evidence that it is a supernatural occurrence.

The third occurred in Sokolka, Poland, in 2008. This one has human heart tissue growing out of the substance of the Host, with the integration of the Host and the heart tissue so refined it exceeds anything a NASA technician could reproduce.

If we combine all three of these Eucharistic miracles, we are left with scientific evidence that these Hosts are exactly what the Catholic Church has declared them to be: the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic miracles happen for our faith. We need to see that, in our scientific age, that God has given us a wide breath of evidence to help us. When Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, He was giving us his Body and Blood to transform us, to heal us and to forgive us.

The Eucharist transforms us. Our belief in, and dependency on Christ – present in the Eucharist – makes our Faith grow stronger and makes us better people.

Thailand day care massacre an act of ‘unspeakable violence,’ pope says



Pictures of victims stand on top of their caskets at Sri Uthai temple in Na Klang, Thailand, Oct. 7, 2022, following of a mass shooting in Uthai Sawan. A former police officer facing a drug charge burst into the day care center Oct. 6, killing more than 30 people, including preschoolers, in the deadliest rampage in the nation’s history.

Pope Francis said he was “deeply saddened” after hearing the news of one of the world’s worst mass shootings at a day care center in northeast Thailand. The pope offered prayers for the victims “of the horrific attack” that claimed the lives of 36 people, including at least 24 children, Oct. 6. The pope prayed that God may grant “divine healing and consolation” to the grieving families and the injured. Cardinal Parolin wrote. “Upon all the beloved Thai people, the Holy Father invokes the blessings of peace and perseverance in every good.”

On Putin's birthday, Russian patriarch offers praise, says power is God-given



Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church with Vladimir Putin after Easter services in Moscow on April 24, 2022.

On Russian President Vladimir Putin's 70th birthday, Kirill has praised his leadership as divinely orchestrated and has urged citizens to offer two days of prayer for his health.

In an Oct. 7 congratulatory note, Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow praised Putin's reputation as a national leader "selflessly devoted to the Fatherland, sincerely loving the Motherland and giving her all your strength, abilities and talents. The Lord placed you at the helm of power, so that you could perform a service of special

importance and great responsibility for the fate of the country and the people entrusted to your care," Kirill said. He made no mention of Putin's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine or the war that erupted after, which continues to rage, has claimed thousands of civilian lives, including children, and has forced millions from their homes and destabilized the security of the entire European continent.

Kirill has been vocally supportive of the war, and has drawn criticism from the international community for his sympathetic sharing of Putin's view that the war is justified not only as protecting Russia's security interests, but also as a defense against western secularism. Russia recently announced it had annexed four occupied territories in eastern Ukraine, a move widely condemned by Pope Francis and one not recognized by the international community.

Kirill made no mention of these developments but praised the development of church-state relations under Putin, which he said is marked by "a unique model of cooperation, building a trusting and mutually beneficial dialogue." He called for a special liturgy to be celebrated for "the health of the President of Russia" and for the "longevity" of his reign and his efforts.

Francis issued a rare direct plea to Putin to "stop the cycle of violence" during last Sunday's Angelus address, while also urging Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to be open to negotiations. He asked world leaders "to do everything in their power to put an end to the ongoing war, without allowing themselves to be drawn into dangerous escalations, and to promote and support initiatives for dialogue."

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Pope Francis reminded the faithful that God's physical presence on earth should inspire us to continue His mission by showing greater compassion for the poor and marginalized. "When we adore the Lord Jesus present in the Eucharist, we receive a new way of looking at our lives as well. As Eucharistic people, we are called to be a "Church that kneels before the Eucharist and worships with awe the Lord present in the bread, but which also knows how to bend down with compassion and tenderness before the wounds of those who suffer and to become the "bread of hope and joy for all."