



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ October 15, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14; Matthew 22:1-14
The image of a wedding garment is used to represent the essential elements of our life in Christ. Let us remind ourselves that the Mass is a wonderful precursor to the great wedding banquet when Jesus returns in glory.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Oct 14	4:30 PM	+EMILIO and +DORIS CATANI ~ <i>Maria Mucciacciaro & Family</i>
Sun.	Oct 15	7:30 AM	LIVING and DECEASED of the CANTAFIO FAMILY ~ <i>Connie Sandor & Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+FRANK TWISS ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+JOHN GRAND ~ <i>Tom, JoAnn & Joelle Marticek</i>
Mon.	Oct 16	7:30 AM	+GOLLY KASCAK ~ <i>Daughter, Sr. Gloria Marie (Prayer Service)</i>
Tues.	Oct 17	7:30 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>Margaret Patrick (Prayer Service)</i>
Wed.	Oct 18	7:30 AM	+SR. TERESA URDA ~ <i>Cathy Tringhese (Prayer Service)</i>
Thurs.	Oct 19	7:30 AM	+PATRICIA FEDA ~ <i>Catherine Ciacci (Prayer Service)</i>
Fri.	Oct 20	7:30 AM	+IRENE SINANIS ~ <i>Helen Kotulich</i>
Sat.	Oct 21	8:00 AM	+JOHN BILY, SR., <i>Anniversary ~ Sister In Law, Agnes Papin</i>
		4:30 PM	+FR. MICHAEL D'ELIA ~ <i>Buda & Burke Families</i>
Sun.	Oct 22	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL STIFIL ~ <i>Given by Anonymous</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE R., +GEORGE & +ANTOINETTE MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+JEFFREY BOWNS ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:
Fr. Andy, Dolores Zimmerman, Bernard McCoy

Prayer Corner intentions are listed in the bulletin for immediate concerns, such as hospitalizations. These names will be included in the bulletin for one month.

The Prayer Board placed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, will be a listing of parishioners who wish to be remembered in their fellow parishioner's prayers and these names will remain on the Prayer Board in Church until the parishioner calls the office to remove their name.

Youth Choir News: Our Youth Choir rehearses 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Wednesdays, in the Church Choir Loft.

New Members are invited to join.

***OUR ADULT CHOIR is seeking New Members**

Please stop by the choir loft after a weekend Mass and speak with our organist, Michael Petreyck. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Church Choir loft.

☞ We congratulate and ask God's blessings on ☞
Alphonse and Amelia Cangiarella
☞ who were married in our church last weekend. ☞

Evangelization Corner Through the mystery of Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection, God has destroyed death for ever by transforming it from the end of our story to a passageway into eternal life. In the Eucharistic feast, we taste the promise of life fulfilled.

Faith Formation Program

Oct. 15 ~ Students

October 15 – Confirmation Students & Parents Workshop – held in the Convent.

Oct. 22 ~ Students



October is Respect Life Month: Good Counsel Malta House of Connecticut promotes the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

Mothers at Good Counsel Malta House receive on-site counseling, financial education, parental development followed by transitional and post-residential support.

Goodcounselhomes.org

☞ *We pray for those young mothers* ☞



who are considering Good Counsel Malta House, may God grant them the courage to choose life for their unborn child, and to know that their life and the life of their unborn baby has meaning and a purpose. We pray

also for an end to homelessness and for the expansion of Good Counsel Homes in our dioceses, so we can offer additional housing programs needed for those young pregnant homeless moms, offering them support, and opportunity to grow, heal and find hope for their future and for that of their babies.

Prayer for the 5th Convocation of Priests 2017

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name. We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 15 to 18. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return enkindled in the faith and renewed in holiness. We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness: + Sustain and strengthen our Bishop, as our good and faithful shepherd; + Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacrament; + Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need; + Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son; + Make every household to be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured; + Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son's call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

The Courage to Speak Foundation Presentation: Ginger and Larry Katz will be speaking at **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 545 Stratfield Road, Fairfield on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** Ginger who has been inspired to speak out by the untimely death of her son Ian from a drug overdose will address many important issues. The presentation is open to parents, students, and community members. 203-333-9065 www.couragetospeak.org or info@olaffld.org.

The next meeting of the Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society will be held on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 PM in the School Meeting Room.

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents a PASTA DINNER on Saturday, October 21 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Menu includes Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Soda. No charge but free will donations are gladly accepted. For info call Larry Wells 203-375-2836 lawman56@optonline.net

Bullard-Havens Technical High School, 500 Palisade Ave. Bridgeport, welcomes you to an Open House on Wed., Oct 25 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Parking is in the student parking lot on Palisade Ave-shuttle available. 203-579-6333

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will hold their next General Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 7:00 PM in the parish School Meeting Room.

The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal - As of October 8, we have received contributions from 174 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 6 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 56 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 105 gifts of \$1- \$75 for a total of \$22,771. OUR GOAL is to reach \$35,000 before the end of December 2017. *IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENVELOPES – PLEASE USE THE WHITE ENVELOPES AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES LABELED “HNJ ANNUAL APPEAL 2017”******

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Oct. 8, 2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,135
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 1,549
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 5,684
Shortfall	\$ 5,316

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 15	\$ 165,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 150,347
Shortfall	\$ 14,653

Some of our parish couples are currently using two envelopes for their offertory. If you would like to combine your names to one envelope please call the parish office.

Next weekend the Second Collection will be for World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org

Hurricane Maria is the worst natural disaster Puerto Rico has seen in nearly a century. The island has virtually no running water or electricity. Nearly all of the U.S. territory's 3.4 million residents need assistance recovering from the storm. Here's how you can help: Visit [Catholic Charities USA \(CCUSA\)](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA(CCUSA)) or call (800) 919-9338. Visit the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Fund 100% of funds raised go to those affected.

Spend a Holy Hour with Our Lord!

Eucharistic Adoration is maintained at several churches and chapels around Fairfield County. People are welcome to drop in anytime to pray, during the hours posted. Stratford: Saint James Parish Mon. – Fri. 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM and Saint Mark Parish Perpetual Adoration 24 hours/7 days



A father reading a Bible story to his young children said, “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.” His son asked, “What happened to the flea?”