



Twenty~Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✘ October 22, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

What belongs to God is all of his creation, including all of us. We who are the crown of God's creation should give him glory and honor by following his commandments and reaching out to care for his loved ones.


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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK


Sat.	Oct 21	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>
Mon.	Oct 23	7:30 AM	In HONOR of ST JUDE for FAVORS GRANTED ~ <i>Anonymous</i>
Tues.	Oct 24	7:30 AM	+LOUIS MIKLOS, JR. ~ <i>Cathy & Tom Rinaldi</i>
Wed.	Oct 25	7:30 AM	BLESSINGS and GRACE for PHAM LOC (<i>Prayer Service</i>)
Thurs.	Oct 26	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL PUCCI ~ <i>Wife Betty & Family (Prayer Service)</i>
Fri.	Oct 27	7:30 AM	+FRANK ZIZA, <i>Anniversary ~ The Ziza Family</i>
Sat.	Oct 28	8:00 AM	+MARY ANN CARDELLICHIO ~ <i>Flor Soto & Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+MARGE and +CYRIL MIHALIK~ <i>Dolores, Robert & Family</i>
Sun.	Oct 29	7:30 AM	+JOHN SANDOR, <i>Anniversary ~ Connie Sandor & Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+DANIEL RYAN, SR. ~ <i>Daughter, Arlene Saranich & Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+PAUL and +THERESA CORVINO ~ <i>The Children</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:
Fr. Andy, Ceil Elias, Raymond Goddu, Bernard McCoy, Karen Tringhese
 If you would like a loved one added to our Prayer Corner or Prayer Board, please call the parish office.



Faith Formation Program
Oct. 22 ~ Students
Confirmation Students: Session 2
Oct. 29 ~ Students
Confirmation Students: Session 3




We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Rosemarie Brown** who was buried from our church last week.



Our HNJ family is most grateful to the visiting priests celebrating Mass in Fr. Andy's absence. Please feel free to thank them personally after the weekend Masses.
 We thank **Fr. Biroshak, Fr. Boccaccio, Fr. Crofut, Msgr. Esposito, Fr. Pikulski, and Msgr. Scheyd.**
 And, as always, our sincere appreciation to **Msgr. Cuneo and Deacon Mike** for their continued love and support of our parish family.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Oct. 15, 2017


Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,268
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 346
School lease Income.....	\$ 15,462
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 21,076
Surplus	\$ 10,076
Fiscal year to date overview	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 16	\$ 176,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 171,423
Shortfall	\$ 4,577



We congratulate and ask God's continued blessings on Mary Joan and Richard Marus celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary this month.

The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal - As of October 15, we have received contributions from 175 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 6 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 57 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 105 gifts of \$1- \$75 for a total of \$22,871. 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.

Youth Choir News: Our Youth Choir rehearses 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Wednesdays. in the Church Choir Loft. ******Our Adult Choir is seeking new members.** Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Church Choir loft.



Evangelization Corner: God has laid claim to us in love, creating us in his image, calling us personally by our names and the name of Christian, choosing us to be his servants in Jesus Christ.

The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00PM in the School Meeting Room. Plans will be finalized for the membership's November 8 Meeting, "A Wine and Cheese Social". Upcoming events including the Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas party will be discussed.



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Membership will gather for their "Wine & Cheese Social" on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. **Bring a friend and join us for this fun evening.** A business meeting will follow to discuss the upcoming Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas party. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table. **New members are always welcome.**

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. Any one of Slovak/Slavic decent or is married to a Slovak/Slavic is invited to attend and become a member. For more info contact: Marta Suychak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214

Saturday, October 28, 8:00 AM, Notre Dame's entrance exam will be given. All eighth grade applicants must take an entrance exam at one of the five Diocesan high schools. All applicants must complete an on-line or a paper application. Complete information can be found at www.notredame.org Eighth grade students interested in "shadowing" are invited to participate in our Experience Notre Dame Fairfield program. Parents should contact our Admissions Office to schedule a visit. Notre Dame is a co-ed high school located in Fairfield that has been educating students since 1956. The student body of 520 students represents 36 area cities and towns.

Our HNJ website hnojchurch.org

offers October readings & reflections such as **Faith Focus: Who are my companions in following Christ?**

Oct. 2 marked the feast of the Guardian Angels. The guardian angels are not for kids only! Author Mike Aquilina offers the following suggestions for interacting with the guardian angels: ✧ Check in with your guardian angel regularly through prayer and conversation. ✧ Greet others' guardian angels (especially your children's) when they walk in a room. ✧ Before embarking on a journey, ask your guardian angel to keep you safe. ✧ Before a difficult personal or professional encounter, call upon your guardian angel and the other's guardian angel to help you communicate more clearly with one another. ✧ Pray the traditional guardian angel prayer or other prayers to guardian angels. When we remember to call upon them, the angels will help us harvest spiritual fruit. *Our Sunday Visitor*

"In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, we thank God for the countless blessings we have received under her protection." Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Fall Project: Our Faith Formation (Rel.Ed.) program is raising money to feed Thanksgiving Dinners to the less fortunate families of Fairfield County at Bridgeport Rescue Mission.



Just \$2.50 will provide a complete Thanksgiving Dinner consisting of turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and dessert. *Also, your donation serves up a heaping side of hope to someone who otherwise would spend Thanksgiving hungry and alone.* The donations will be collected from Sunday Oct. 29 through Nov. 12. All monies collected will be dropped off at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission on Monday, Nov. 13. *Thank you for your generosity!*

October is Respect Life Month: Caring for loved ones at life's end. The worst suffering of seriously ill people is often not physical pain, which can be alleviated with competent medical care, but feelings of isolation and hopelessness. *"Watching anyone suffer, especially a loved one, is one of the hardest human experiences...looking back, I'm convinced that walking through those moments with Dad made both of us different and better people. God loved us enough to allow those moments - even and especially moments of suffering - in order to teach us lessons which helped us to grow spiritually and emotionally. Dad left a legacy. He taught me how to live and die with faith and with dignity marked by patience and grace. He taught me that dignity can't be diminished by pain or loss of personal control. Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity."* "Maggie's Story: Living Like Dad"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Dear Lord, for those nearing the end of life, strengthen their faith and give them comfort and hope through the gentle compassion of their family and caregivers.

Related Works of Mercy: ✧ Visit the sick ✧ Feed the hungry ✧ Give drink to the thirsty ✧ Counsel the doubtful ✧ Instruct the ignorant ✧ Comfort the sorrowful ✧ Forgive injuries ✧ Pray for the living and the dead ✧
2017 Respect Life Program ~ Moved by Mercy ~ USCCB.org

Vendors/crafters wanted for the Holly Fair sponsored by the Women's Group of St. Margaret Mary, 50 Donovan Lane, Shelton. **Fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the church hall.** Table rental is \$30.00. For info call Sharon at 203-305-6503 or email smwspicer@gmail.com

Defending Our Religious Liberty: According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the decision in early October to expand the HHS mandate exemption is a "return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Pres. of the USCCB, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, are hailing the Trump Administration's announcement to provide a broad religious and moral exemption from the mandate requiring health insurance coverage of sterilization, contraception, and drugs and devices that may cause abortions.