



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ☒ September 24, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-11

For God, justice is a matter of treating everyone with dignity and honor and ensuring that each person is loved and cared for. God's justice includes generosity and love, mercy and compassion. His justice went so far as to give up His only Son to save us from sin and death. How can we help but praise Him for such a gift! Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Sept 23	4:30 PM	+EDWARD and +IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael and Stephanie Dunn</i>
Sun.	Sept 24	7:30 AM	+LAURA and +AMEDEO VIETRI ~ <i>Daughter, Nancy and Grandson, Dan</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE, +ANTOINETTE and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+EDWARD and +MARY JABLONSKI ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Mon.	Sept 25	7:30 AM	+DECEASED OF THE BERCHAM FAMILY
Tues.	Sept 26	7:30 AM	+GENE MEMOLI ~ <i>Flor Soto & Family</i>
Wed.	Sept 27	7:30 AM	+ANNA DURKAY ~ <i>Anna Balash</i>
Thurs.	Sept 28	7:30 AM	+MSGR. FRANK WISSEL ~ <i>Pham Loc & Family</i>
Fri.	Sept 29	7:30 AM	+MARILYN ANN MARLIN ~ <i>John and Alan Mako</i>
Sat.	Sept 30	8:00 AM	+FRANK ZIZA ~ <i>The Ziza Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+DANIEL and +MARY RYAN ~ <i>The Saranich Family</i>
Sun.	Oct 1	7:30 AM	+HELEN and +MARY SENKO ~ <i>The Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael & Stephanie Dunn</i>
		11:00 AM	+FRANK and +ELIZABETH KRAJCIK ~ <i>Daughter, Mary Ann</i>



Heaven
is like
the vineyard

PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:

Fr. Andy, Dolores Zimmerman

Dear Parishioners, to accommodate the various prayer intention requests that we receive; we have added a **Prayer Board** in addition to our bulletin Prayer Corner. The Prayer Board will be placed at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine in Church. **Prayer CORNER intentions listed in the bulletin** are for immediate concerns, such as hospitalizations. These names will be included in the bulletin for one month. **The Prayer BOARD** placed at Our Lady's 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. **Please call the parish office 203-375-5815 if you wish to be included on either the Prayer Corner or the Prayer Board.** Yours in Christ, Fr. Andy



Faith Formation Program

September 24 – "Working Class – Meet the Teachers"

- Students (Parents join at 11:30 AM on church lawn.)

October 1 ~ Students

On Sunday, September 24 at 11:30 AM, all parishioners are invited to stop by the campus lawn to greet Fr. Andy, Sr. Joseph Therese, the teachers and assistants and say hello to our young people as we seek to "Build memories for our children through our Church Community"



Sanctuary Candles for the month of October are given in loving memory of Michael Pucci

by Betty Pucci & Family

St. Joseph Altar Candle for the month of October are given in loving memory of

Louis Miklos, Jr. by Cathy & Tom Rinaldi

A reflection from our Parish Nurses

Letting Go – by Joyce Rupp As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives.

Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden. All the religious traditions pay tribute to such acts of relinquishment. Fall is the right time to practice getting out of the way and letting spirit take charge of our lives. The inner quality of letting go speaks of generosity. We simply have to look at the gifts of autumn around us to see the generosity of the seasons. It is as if autumn says to us "freedom awaits!"

****In October, our Parish Nurses will be available after all Masses the weekend of **October 7 and 8** *****



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

New Members are invited to join. It is a beautiful and fun way to share your talent and be involved in the parish community. Please take a flier from one of the church entrances for more information.

Evangelization Corner God's measureless generosity is a reason not for envy but praise. All of us, great and small, belong to the flock he leads to safe and plentiful pastures of peace through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will hold their next General Meeting on Thursday, **Sept. 28 at 7:00 PM** in the School Meeting Room



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will open their 2017-2018 season on Wednesday, October 11 with Mass at 6:30 PM followed by a buffet dinner meeting in the parish hall. Cost is \$12.00 per person. The menu consists of cavatelli & broccoli, sausage & peppers, sliced turkey breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and soda and dessert. **Reservations should be called into Nancy Vietri at 203-685-8147 before the cut-off date of October 8.** Payment may be made via the collection basket marked "Guild Opening Dinner" or dropped off at the parish office.

Dear Friends in Christ, on Oct. 11th we will be hosting our final Lord's Kitchen obligation for 2017. Please help by contributing your time or money for this worthy cause. Contact Armand Majewski 203-521-5915 or Toni Majewski 203-520-5117 if you plan on helping serve or prepare the meal on that day. Your monetary contributions must be in an envelope marked Lord's Kitchen but checks should be made out to Holy Name of Jesus Church. "Let us not become weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Galatians 6-9.



Defending Our Religious Liberty "In a diverse society like ours, people will disagree on moral issues. A majority should not be able to impose its way of life on others by using the government to coerce people into violating their consciences. The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, we are simply asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life." -- *Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston & president of the USCCB*

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. (inpatient and homecare) is sponsoring volunteer orientation and training this fall. If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a volunteer, you can fill your house (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in a clerical capacity or offering direct patient/family contact as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral care or bereavement services, help in the arts, massage therapy, pet therapy, hairdresser/barber or provide transportation. For more information, please contact Joan Cullen at 203-315-7510 or jcullen@hospice.com

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal As of September 17, we have received contributions from 160 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 5 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 53 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 101 gifts of \$1-\$75 for a total of **\$21,249**. We thank all the parishioners who have contributed and encourage those who have not yet made their donation to this year's appeal to please do so now. **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 Sept. 17, 2017

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

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,973
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 318
School Lease Income.....	\$ 15,462
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 20,753
Surplus	\$ 9,753

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 12	\$ 132,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 131,793
Shortfall	\$ 207

Online Giving please visit our website hnojchurch.org and click on the green OnLine Giving icon found on the left hand side of the web page.

Open House at Fairfield Prep: Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. All seventh and eighth grade boys and their families are invited to meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about Fairfield Prep's many offerings. For directions and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, visit www.fairfieldprep.org and click on the Admissions page.

****EIGHTH GRADE BOYS** – registration for the entrance exams are now being accepted. For information please contact the Admissions office admissions@fairfieldprep.org Exam dates are Saturday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 4.

From the Bishop's Office: The 10th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's conference ~ "You Will Be My Witnesses" is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave in Bristol. The conference seeks to build up Christian camaraderie among the men who attend so they in turn can become more faithful fathers, husbands, brothers, sons and disciples. This is accomplished through presentations, seminars, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and a closing celebration of the Eucharist. This year, I (Bishop Caggiano) will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 4:00 PM. Speakers include Bishop Caggiano and Raymond Arroyo of EWTN. Tickets are \$45 at catholicmen.org or call 860-484-7950