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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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PRAYING THE ROSARY, PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL AND THE SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

A few people have been asking about the Prayer to St. Michael that we have been saying at the end of Mass for some time now. Back in October 2018, along with other bishops in the USA, Bishop Scharfenberger noted that a number of people have asked about parishes adopting the practice of reciting the rosary concluding with the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. He wrote about this in an article in “the Evangelist” published on Thursday, 4th October. Furthermore, in a statement on 29th September 2018 (the Feast Day of the Archangels), Pope Francis had asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of “spiritual turbulence.” This request has had added impetus with the pandemic, along with so many troubling events in the Church and in the world.

Pope Francis stated that prayer “is the weapon against the Great Accuser who ‘goes around the world seeking to accuse.’ Only prayer can defeat him...The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God.” The statement also encouraged the use of another prayer called the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*.

In the light of these developments, Bishop Scharfenberger has continued to encourage parishes, families and individuals to adopt these devotions and prayers as seems best in local or personal circumstances. Doing this would also provide an opportunity for some catechesis about these prayers and devotions. He also notes that many parishes and families or individuals already follow this practice (as we do in our own parish!).

The St. Michael Prayer is also known as the Leonine Prayer. It was introduced in 1884, when Pope Leo XIII ordered certain prayers to be said at the end of the Low Mass, in defense of the independence of the Holy See. In 1929 the Pope’s independence seemed more secure and so Pope Pius XI decreed that the intention for which these prayers should be offered was “to permit tranquility and freedom to profess the faith to be restored to the afflicted people of Russia.” The practice of reciting this and the other Leonine prayers after Mass officially ended in March 1965 with the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

Thirty years later in his *Regina Caeli* Address on Sunday 24 April 1994, Pope Saint John Paul II recommended its use as a prayer for spiritual battle and protection, especially in times of distress, turbulence and uncertainty. He said: “May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of: ‘Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might’ (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes *the image of St Michael the Archangel* (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the last century, he brought in, throughout the Church, a special prayer to St Michael. Although this prayer is no longer recited, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world.”

The *Sub Tuum Praesidium* Prayer is probably the oldest prayer that we have that addresses our Blessed Mother. A copy of the prayer has been found, for example, on a third century papyrus scroll from Egypt. Like most prayers, it asks for the protection of our Blessed Mother, most especially in times of difficulty or turmoil.

In our parish, the rosary is usually prayed before the weekday Masses and is concluded with the St. Michael Prayer. Following the request of the Bishop, we have been praying the St. Michael Prayer after all weekend Masses immediately following the dismissal and before the recessional hymn. The Saint Michael Prayer along with the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* Prayer can be found at the back of our red Mass books (located in the pews).

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer:

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the
power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.

***Sub Tuum Praesidium* Prayer:**

We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

Father Anthony



The Sacraments

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

Readings for the Week of September 26

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6 /Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17] /Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23] /Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab] /Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34] /Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5] /Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (September 27)

7:15 AM Mary Ann Gregory - Alan & Arlene Liepshutz
Catherine A. Soule - Renee & Jim Dinardi
Frances T. Soule - Harry Soule
Marion Patzwahl - Greenport Senior Citizens Club

TUESDAY: Weekday (September 28)

7:15 AM Patricia Thayer - Dolly VanDeCarr
Mary Ann Gregory - Diane Kreig
David B. Dolan - Harry Soule

WEDNESDAY: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Sept. 29)

7:15 AM Michael Erickson - Mom
Lawrence Shallo - Nettie Shallo
Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY: St. Jerome (September 30)

7:15 AM Andrew Macheski - Macheski Family
Mary Ann Gregory - Sally & Bill Hotaling
Jane Finn (Mother) & Kevin Finn (Son) - Dinardi Family

FRIDAY: St. Therese of the Child Jesus (October 1)

7:15 AM Maria Hunkele - Elaine Erickson
Jane Finn (Mother) & Kevin Finn (Son) - Mary & Kurt Gruber
John "Jack" Curry - Harry Soule

9:00 AM In Honor of all Law Enforcement Persons - Jane & Bill Martin (G'TWN)

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (October 2)

4:00 PM Richard & Michael Erickson - Elaine Erickson
(HUD) Mary & Al Warakomski - David P. Warakomski
Mary & Jack Curry - Bob & Janice Pendergast
Mary Ann Gregory - CDA Court Columbia #248

5:30 PM For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
(LNLTH)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (October 3)

9:00 AM Genevieve Klein - Jane & Roger Dooley
(HUD) Joseph Traina - Jane & Roger Dooley
Bob Jenks - Dee Marotta
Robert Kisselburgh - Norene & Buzz Osswald

11:00 AM Fr. Theodore Gerken - Parishioners
(G'TWN)



God's Blessings upon Blaise Andric Moore and his family on the occasion of his recent Baptism.

Welcome to God's family and to the community of Holy Trinity Parish!



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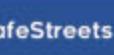

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