

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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September 5, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-1:00pm-4:00pm
T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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HAPPY
Labor Day

From Fr. Varghese's Desk



Jesus treasured children and childhood, saying in Matthew's Gospel that we must all become like children to enter the Kingdom of God (Mt 18:10-14). To follow His invitation to become like a child, we must understand children and childhood. When we welcome children, we welcome Jesus in our midst.

Educator, Neil Postman wrote way back in 1985 that the stage of life we know as "childhood" in North America probably will not survive much longer. His forecast was based on a number of factors, but television and video games and social media were at the center. That medium, he believes, rapidly brings children into a world of experiences, visual images, language and attitudes reserved a generation or two ago for adults. Postman states that childhood as a time of life is only a few centuries old. Prior to that time children were regarded as miniature adults and often given adult responsibilities. In biblical times children had no rights at all. They were seen but never heard. We all remember the plight of children like Oliver Twist and Tiny Tim in the stories of Charles Dickens. But even in our own country, children in the early 20th century were often forced to leave school and work in local textile mills until child labor laws prohibited it.

Today childhood is threatened, not by the exploitation of child labor, but by the exploitation of their "innocence". Children are constantly bombarded by adult images of sex and violence on television and at the movies. Their entertainment is more adult than childlike, and we have little control because their access to this material is so easy and our culture is so saturated with it. Children are exposed to problems and issues that children in the past never had to deal with. They are exposed to serious sin and vice, but they are rarely given the means to evaluate it. Most children, for example, are far too young to really understand the immoral and negative implications of the sexual exploits and relationships on their favorite TV sit-com. They do not know how to deal emotionally with all the violence in most action movies. Their video games are so realistic there is nothing left to their imaginations and "creative" play is almost gone completely.

Jesus tells us that children are smiled upon by angels and that we should all cultivate the child-like qualities which make us more innocent, trusting, loving, teachable and dependent on another's love. If we want to help preserve these qualities in our children, there is much we can do to help. One of the most visible ways is to lend our hands to children and teach them. Our Religious Education Program offers opportunities for many volunteer teachers to make a real difference in helping the children of our parish live with Christian values which will last their whole lives. If you would like to assist with this helpful program, please call our office 401-231-3542.

Have a good week and God bless.

Fr. Varghese



Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:00 pm All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, Sept. 5~Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Evelyn Pitassi (8th Anniversary)

10:30 am Kyle Hodgkins (6th Month)

Monday, September 6~Labor Day

8:00 am Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 am Brian "Greg" Tongue Jr.

Wednesday, September 8~Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Tom & Rose Igoe

Thursday, September 9~St. Peter Claver

8:00 am Pope Francis

Saturday, September 11, 2021~Patriot Day

4:00 pm Irene & Ben Peloquin

Sunday, Sept. 12~Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Doctors & Nurses working the front line

10:30 am Lynn DiMario Kashmanian (11th Anniversary)

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Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday—Thursday from 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.

**Weekend of August 29, 2021
Offertory Reports**

Weekly Offering 08/29: \$4,478.00

On-Line Giving 08/29: \$722.00

Helping Hand Fund 08/29: \$141.00

Thank you for your support!



The Office will be closed on Monday September 6th in honor of the Labor Day Holiday!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a meeting on Thursday September 9, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.



Men of St. Joseph Monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday September 13, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact Ron Lamothe @ ronlamothe35@gmail.com

SUNDAY SMILE :)

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. "This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?" The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

CRITERIA FOR BAPTISMAL SPONSOR FORMS

The parish office receives many requests for sponsor forms throughout the year for people who have been asked to be Godparents for Baptism, as well as sponsors for Confirmation. To clarify the policy on Sponsor Forms:

- 1) A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- 2) A sponsor must be a registered participating member of the parish and attending Mass on a regular basis for a minimum of six months.
- 3) A sponsor must be single or married according to the Law of the Roman Catholic Church.



SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR MEETING

Wednesday September 8th at 6:30PM

All Are Welcome!

Donations of hand-crafted items, gift baskets, gift cards and Christmas items are needed. We are in need of volunteers to help before, and during the bazaar. If you can assist, please contact : Elaine Milkaitis 401-231-6422.

This week our second collection is for the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign

All parishes in the Diocese of Providence are joining together for the Grateful for God's Providence Campaign. As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Diocese, this historic campaign will ensure that we are able to continue our Mission for years to come.

At its heart, this campaign is about supporting our future by focusing on our parishes, our priests, Catholic School Tuition Assistance, The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, and Catholic Charities and Social Services. Our parish will retain 40% of every dollar raised in our campaign effort to be used for our own needs. In the coming weeks, our Campaign Leadership Team will be providing more information to you about the campaign and details about each of its purposes. Their goal is to make sure every parishioner knows what this campaign is about and how we are being called to participate.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Which Beatitude do I identify within my own life? How or why?

Children: Am I a peacemaker as Jesus asks me to be or do, I ever bully others?

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Schedules for classes starting in the fall for grades 1-10 have been mailed. Please call the office if you have not received one, 231-3542

Children in first grade need to attend classes in order to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade.

If you have a child entering first grade in September and did not receive a registration form, call 231-3542

If you have a child in first grade in Catholic School, they do not have to attend classes until second grade. Confirmation program is a two-year program. Students who are in 9th grade need to attend classes in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 10th grade. If your teenager is in Catholic High School for 9th grade, they do not need to attend classes however they do need to attend classes in 10th grade. Please contact Wendy if your child will be attending Catholic High School for 9th grade.

Mary Mother of Mankind Religious Formation is in need of volunteers to teach. Training and support are provided, books and materials are easy to follow. If you would like more information on what is involved, please contact Wendy. Please consider sharing your faith with our young people!

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)

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