26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

26th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 28—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Zephaniah 2:5-9, 14-15a / Luke 9:43b-45
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Louise Urbano by Donna & Larry Hanlon & family

Sunday, September 29—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Anthony Dota (living) by Tom & Arlene Martucci
10:30am †Mary Mangine by Vincenza Cannizzo
4:30pm †Joseph B. Knowles by his brother, Brian
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 30—St. Jerome
7:30am †Joann Carriero by Tom & Arlene Martucci

Tuesday, October 1—St. Therese, the Little Flower
7:30am †John Suo, Sr. by John & Barbara Suo
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—9:00am

Wednesday, October 2—Holy Guardian Angels
7:30am †Fr. Michael Wood by John & Barbara Suo
Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30pm—7:30pm

Thursday, October 3—Weekday
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Suo, Sutera, Lewanduski & Hind families by John & Barbara Suo
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Luke 10:1-12

First Friday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi
7:30am The children and grandchildren of John & Barbara Suo
12:05pm In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16

First Saturday, October 5—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Mary, James & Elizabeth Welch by Dave & Mary Welch

Sunday, October 6—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Anthony Dota (living) by Tom & Arlene Martucci
10:30am †Mary Mangine by Vincenza Cannizzo
4:30pm †Joseph B. Knowles by his brother, Brian
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report
$ 2,265.00 Envelope Offertory for September 22, 2019
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$ 4,099.00 Sub-total
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Rest in Peace
Peter Farrell
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
This week we look at the Sacrament of Baptism. What does the Church teach about the necessity of Baptism?

Christians have always interpreted the Bible literally when it declares, “Baptism . . . now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Thus the early Church Fathers wrote in the Nicene Creed (A.D. 381), “We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.”

And the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The Lord himself affirms that baptism is necessary for salvation [John 3:5]. . . . Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament [Mark 16:16]” (CCC 1257).

The Christian belief that baptism is necessary for salvation is so unshakable that even the Protestant Martin Luther affirmed the necessity of baptism. He wrote: “Baptism is no human plaything but is instituted by God himself. Moreover, it is solemnly and strictly commanded that we must be baptized or we shall not be saved” (Large Catechism 4:6).

Yet Christians have also always realized that the necessity of water baptism is a normative rather than an absolute necessity. There are exceptions to water baptism: It is possible to be saved through “baptism of blood” (martyrdom for Christ) or through “baptism of desire” (that is, an explicit or even implicit desire for baptism).

Thus the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, are saved even if they have not been baptized” (CCC 1281; the salvation of unbaptized infants is also possible under this system; see CCC 1260–1, 1283).

As the following passages from the works of the Church Fathers illustrate, Christians have always believed in the normative necessity of water baptism, while also acknowledging the legitimacy of baptism by desire or blood.

Justin Martyr

“As many as are persuaded and believe that what we [Christians] teach and say is true, and undertake to be able to live accordingly . . . are brought by us where there is water, and are regenerated in the same manner in which we were ourselves regenerated. For, in the name of God, the Father and Lord of the universe, and of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, they then receive the washing with water. For Christ also said, ‘Except you be born again, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven’ [John 3:3]”

John Chrysostom

“Do not be surprised that I call martyrdom a baptism, for here too the Spirit comes in great haste and there is the taking away of sins and a wonderful and marvelous cleansing of the soul, and just as those being baptized are washed in water, so too those being martyred are washed in their own blood.”

Pope Leo I

“And because of the transgression of the first man, the whole stock of the human race was tainted; no one can be set free from the state of the old Adam save through Christ’s sacrament of baptism, in which there are no distinctions between the reborn, as the apostle [Paul] says, ‘For as many of you as were baptized in Christ did put on Christ; there is neither Jew nor Greek . . . ’ [Gal. 3:27–28]”

Catholics From the First

The present Catholic attitude accords perfectly with early Christian practices. Origen, for instance, wrote in the third century that “according to the usage of the Church, baptism is given even to infants” (Holilies on Leviticus, 8:3:11 [A.D. 244]). The Council of Carthage, in 253, condemned the opinion that baptism should be withheld from infants until the eighth day after birth. Later, Augustine taught, “The custom of Mother Church in baptizing infants is certainly not to be scorned . . . nor is it to be believed that its tradition is anything except apostolic” (Literal Interpretation of Genesis 10:23:39 [A.D. 408]).

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Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held October 1 at 6:30pm. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you must sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed. Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish. Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

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Parishioners in active ministries (lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Important: Register online only at: www.virtusonline.org

Assumption—Ansonia
Thursday, October 3, 2019—6:00pm
Blessed Sacrament School—Waterbury
Monday, October 7, 2019—6:00pm

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Tuesday
8:00am
to
9:00am

Eucharistic

Wednesday
6:30pm
to
7:30pm

Adoration

EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER
Sunday    9/29/19  Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm //
Monday    9/30/19  Mass @ 7:30am //
Tuesday   10/01/19  Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 8:00am—9:00am //
Wednesday 10/02/19  Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 6:30pm—7:30pm //
Thursday  10/03/19  Mass @ 7:30am//
First Friday 10/04/19  Masses @ 7:30am and 12:05pm //
First Saturday 10/05/19 Mass @ 8:00am // Confessions @ 3:00pm // Mass @ 4:00pm //

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today’s Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.
The complacent leaders in today’s First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel collapses around them.
The rich man in today’s Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen.
The rich man symbolizes Israel’s failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets.
This is the sin of the rulers in today’s First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.
The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a “great chasm” fixed between himself and God.
In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.
But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.
Today’s liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today’s Epistle.
“The Lord loves the just,” we sing in today’s Psalm.
And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets, where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord.

Scott Hahn

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER

Our next meal for the St Vincent de Paul Shelter is on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The meal will be Breaded Chicken Thighs and Drumsticks, Mashed potatoes, Salad and Ambrosia. We are asking our Parishioners to provide us with instant mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, flaked coconut and mini marshmallows. We thank you for your continued support.

Our weekly Bible Study continues on Friday of this week, October 4th at 7pm in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about God’s holy word.

Come pray the Rosary with us! Sundays at 10AM in the chapel!

September 29nd —
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus’ parable to the Pharisees creates a broad perspective that those who are blind to the poor and deaf to the prophets will also be blind and deaf to the Resurrection of Jesus. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called.
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