Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” - Lk 17:17-19
SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS
INTENTIONS
AND READINGS

28th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 12—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Paul McKinney by Mabel Herring & Donna Hanlon
Sunday, October 13—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Sarah Baker (1st anniversary remembrance) by Parish
10:30am Patricia Manriquez (living) by her family
4:30pm †Joseph Reilly IV by his family
2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19
Monday, October 14—Weekday
7:30am Jocie Pavia (living) by Barbara & Samantha Suo
Romans 1:1-7 / Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday, October 15—Weekday
NO MASS
Wednesday, October 16—Weekday
NO MASS
Thursday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch
7:30am Joseph Lewanduski (living) by Millie Suo
Romans 3:21-30 / Luke 11:47-54
Friday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist
7:30am †Albert & Prima Curina by Bob & Jane Curina
2 Timothy 4:10-17b / Luke 10:1-9
Saturday, October 19—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Romans 4:13, 16-18 / Luke 12:8-12
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Stephen A. Martin by Cindy Poppa
Sunday, October 20—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Anna Lopes by Irene Yablonski
10:30am Maria Garcia (living) by her family
4:30pm †Helen DiStasio by the Mason family

“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other
“G I F T S”
Discovering In Faith Through Stewardship
Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service.

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report
$ 2,115.00 Envelope Offertory for October 6, 2019
$ 665.00 Loose Offertory for October 6, 2019
$ 973.00 Fuel & Electric
$ 1,053.00 Previous weeks & other donations
$ 4,806.00 Sub-total
$ 336.00 Cathedraticum
$ 4,470.00 Total that stays in the parish for our use.

Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord!
May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!

Staff
Father John Kuzhikottayil, Administrator
Father Binny Issac and Father Joy Jacob,
Parochial Vicars
Mary Sciarretta, Child Care Center Director
Thomas Festa, Facilities Manager
Jeff Bingham, Parish Secretary
Helen Finateri, Bookkeeper
Anita Gawronski, Parish Council President
Nancy Hanson, Parish Minister
Cornell Bialicki, Music Director & Organist

Finance Council
Father John, Matt Fortney,
Michael Mason, David Whidden,
Don Duman (Trustee) & Cindy Russo (Trustee)

Ministries
Virtus Facilitator: Annette Whidden
Pro-Life: Dorothy Deitelbaum
Raffle: Don & Jackie Duman
Attic Treasures: Joan Bettencourt
Food Bank: Barbara Salerno & Mabel Herring
Cooking Club: Joanne Ramos
Adult Faith Formation Minister: Sherri-Lyn Raimo
Retreat Coordinator: Mary Welch
Holy Name Society President: Don Duman
Our Lady’s Guild Co-Presidents: Mabel Herring
and Jackie Duman

Rest in Peace
The deceased members of our Parish Family
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
As we continue our month of the Holy Rosary, we consider the newest set of mysteries, brought to the church by Pope Saint John Paul II.

All throughout his long and storied pontificate, Pope Saint John Paul II had an enormous devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Most Holy Rosary. In 2002 the pope added the Luminous Mysteries to the rosary, and in his apostolic letter, “Rosarium Virginis Mariae,” explained the fittingness of these “mysteries of light.

“Moving on from the infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way “mysteries of light”. Certainly the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the “light of the world” (Jn 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life, when he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments – “luminous” mysteries – during this phase of Christ’s life, I think that the following can be fittingly singled out: (1) his Baptism in the Jordan, (2) his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion, (4) his Transfiguration, and finally, (5) his institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.”

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The First Luminous Mystery:
The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Jesus, the Son of God, went to John the Baptist to be baptized. John felt unworthy even to untie Jesus’ sandals, but Jesus stood in line with sinners and presented himself to John to be baptized. At that moment, as Jesus stood in the water, the heavens opened and God the Father said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana. This is it. Jesus’ first public miracle. And it takes place rather quietly at a wedding. When the bride and groom ran out of wine, Mary took their need to Jesus. And he turned water into wine, a wine that was far better than the wine they had already served, and more wine than they could ever drink. Thus, our God is a God of abundance. Just as Jesus abundantly supplied more wine when it was in short supply at the wedding in Cana, her wants to provide abundantly for whatever is in short supply in our lives today.

The Third Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom. When Jesus spoke about the kingdom, he perplexed people. They had a certain image of God and his ways, and Jesus turned them upside down and inside out. In our own ways, we too have images of God and ways of thinking about how God does things that he wants to turn upside down—which as it turns out will be right side up.

The Fourth Luminous Mystery: the Transfiguration. Jesus wants to show us what is possible. Too often our vision is too earthbound. He wants to open our hearts and minds to all that is possible far beyond our limited thinking. The disciples, like you and I, could only see Jesus in a very limited way because of their limits. Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on the mountain so God the Father could open their spiritual eyes wider than ever before and see Jesus in all his glory..

The Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist. Do you know what happened at the Last Supper? Most of us would say yes, and then recite the facts and mechanics of that historic experience. But really, what we don’t know about the Last Supper dwarfs what we do know. What we don’t know about God makes what we do know about him look like a grain of sand in the Sahara desert.
Fr. Binny Issac is attending the Presbyteral Convocation called by the Archbishop of Hartford that will be held from Monday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 16. Please note that weekday Mass will not be celebrated on Tuesday the 15th or Wednesday the 16th. Please also note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday morning, October 15, nor on Wednesday evening, October 16th.

Any former St. Vincent Ferrer CCD Teachers who would like to continue volunteering for the CCD Grades 1—6 Program should inquire at St. Hedwig School on Sunday, October 20th from 9:15am until 10:30am at the CCD Office.

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for Brian's Bags. We are looking for items such as individual packages of tuna, cookies and crackers, socks, deodorant, wet ones, chap stick, dental floss, Slim Jims, toothbrush, toothpaste, first aid supplies, $5-$10 gift cards to KFC, McDonald's, Subway, Dunkin Donuts. Items collected will be packaged and donated to the Brian O'Connell Homeless Project to benefit homeless individuals in our area. Collection Boxes will be at Church Entrances until October 20. For more information, check http://www.brianoc.org. Thank you for your support.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our 10th grade students on October 29th here at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. The ceremony will also include students from St. Francis Church.

October 16, 2019
At Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT (860)677-8519 www.OurLadyofCalvary.net olcretreat@sbcglobal.net Program: Simplicity: Clearing the Clutter in our Lives // Presenter: Sr. Joanne Fahey 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – includes lunch – cost $30.00

RAFFLE WINNERS Our Parish Raffle was a successful endeavor this year. We are grateful to everyone who sold or bought tickets. We also heartily thank Don Duman and Jean Rostowski for their time and effort in running the raffle. Here are the names of the four winners.

John Barletta    Ann Marie Carey
Almira Donorfio   Emil Sopoliga

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

St. Mary Magdalene School—Oakville
Wednesday, October 16, 2019—6:00pm
St. Michael—Waterbury
Sunday, October 27, 2019—11:30am

*Attention We now offer Infant and Toddler Care*
State-licensed facility offering Year-round Full and Part time care for children aged 6 weeks to 12 years of age, including Before and After care during the School Year.
HOURS: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sunday 10/13/19 Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm //
Monday 10/14/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
Tuesday 10/15/19 NO MASS (Priests’ Convocation)
Wednesday 10/16/19 NO MASS (Priests’ Convocation)
Thursday 10/17/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
First Friday 10/18/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
First Saturday 10/19/19 Mass @ 8:00am //Confessions @ 3:00pm // Mass @ 4:00pm //

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha’s time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God’s Word and was cleansed. Today’s Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we’re being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church. Today’s Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today’s Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his “giving thanks” is the word we translate as “Eucharist”.

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too, have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman’s flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember “Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David,” Israel’s covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today’s Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Scott Hahn

October 13th —
Twenty–Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask him how he would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think you are being called, contact Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations / Pastoral Center Telephone: 860-761-7456
Email: vocations@aohct.org or Visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.