#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, MD Sunday 9:15 AM & 11:30 AM

Daily (Mon. - Fri.) 8:30 AM Holy Days 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

St. Peter's, Queenstown, MD

Saturday 5:30 PM Sunday 7:30 AM Holy Days 8:00 AM

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#### **BAPTISM:**

Call the Parish office to make arrangements. No Baptisms during Lent.

#### MARRIAGE:

Members of the parish may celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the Church. One year of preparation is required. Contact the Parish Office.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joe Brown, Carolyn Caldwell, Ross Camardella, Craig Clagett, Kevin Dey, Michael Page, Jim Niehus, Philip Lindenberger

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

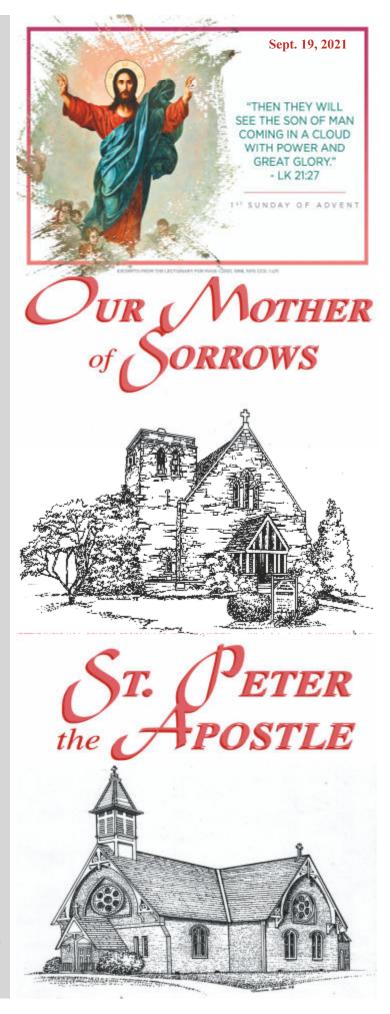
Please call the Parish office or register on the Parish Website.

#### SHUT-INS / SICK:

Please notify the office if you know of anyone in the hospital or ill who would like to receive Holy Communion or be anointed.

#### **CEMETERY CONTACTS:**

St. Peter's Cemetery in Queenstown, please contact Dorothy Zeller @ 410-827-8894. Holy Family Cemetery in Church Hill, please contact the Church Office @ 410-758-0143



## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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Sat. Sept. 18 5:30PM - OMOS

†Jo Perez

(Req. By Bill Bryan)

Sun. Sept. 19 7:30AM – OMOS

†Creighton Rhodes

(Req. By Peggy & Mike, Ann & Joe, Tom & Cindy,

Charlene & Billy)

9:15AM -OMOS

†Sharon Koester

(Req. By Patty & Jim Niehus)

11:30AM-OMOS

†Ken Hanbury

Mon. Sept 20 9:00AM-OMOS

Communion Service

Tues Sept. 21 8:30AM - OMOS

Communion Service

Wed. Sept. 22 8:30AM - OMOS

Communion Service

Thurs. Sept. 23 8:30AM - OMOS

†Dorothy Anastasia (Req. By Frank Anastasia)

Fri. Sept. 24 8:30AM - OMOS

(For the Intentions of)
Vanessa Hyde

(Reg. By JoAnne & James Fairchild-Wood)

Sat. Sept. 25 5:30PM - OMOS

†Jim Gilbert

(Req. By Mugs & Dick Sheffield)

Sun. Sept. 26 7:30AM –OMOS

†Sandy Warpinski

(Req. Julie & Ray Townsend)

9:15AM -OMOS

†Laura Knickman

(Req. By Paula & Terry Beatty)

11:30AM-OMOS

†Linda Cox

(Req. By Bill Buettner & Family)



May the choir of angels, Come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you In His mercy. May you find eternal life

#### Pastorally Speaking-Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021

This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Scriptures proclaim the cost of discipleship. Jesus speaks of His own rejection, torture, and shameful death. He also states that true discipleship is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace. May we be faithful to the Lord's call.

Please welcome Fr. Ed Aigner as our celebrant for the Sunday Masses. He will speak about Cross Catholic Outreach, a program delivering food, shelter, and hope to the Poorest of the Poor. I am away visiting Chicago.

Fr. Clem

#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

I am very grateful for all you do to assist the ministries of the Diocese and our parish family.

Appeal Update:

Pledged to date = \$60,630

Representing 104.53% of parish goal of \$58,000

# of gifts = 71

Collected to date = \$56,850.00 Thank you for remembering to complete your Appeal Pledge!



Next week's second collection will support the diocesan tuition assistance program. Parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has the mission to educate and this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

Will you please consider next week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. God bless you for your ongoing goodness.

To learn more about the *Share in the Spirit* collection, please consult the September 10th edition of *The Dialog* or the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/giving/development-share-in-the-spirit.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING Call

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments** 

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men dedicated to the Church and the Community. The Knights of Columbus are looking for men to join us and help expand our ministry. We are a brotherhood of Catholic men, dedicated to service. You see us at mass and in the community throughout the week. We support the church in a variety of ways throughout the year. Few things occur within the life of Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Peter the Apostle Parish without at least one knight involved.



Men interested in joining the Knights, 18 years and older, should contact Bill Bryan email rcma@atlanticbb.net or 410-490-2680, Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in the Church Hall at 7pm.



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

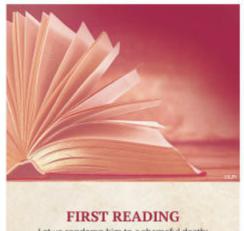
#### Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

#### Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.



#### Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)



#### **PSALM**

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)



#### SECOND READING

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)



#### GOSPEL

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/

Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/

Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,

and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

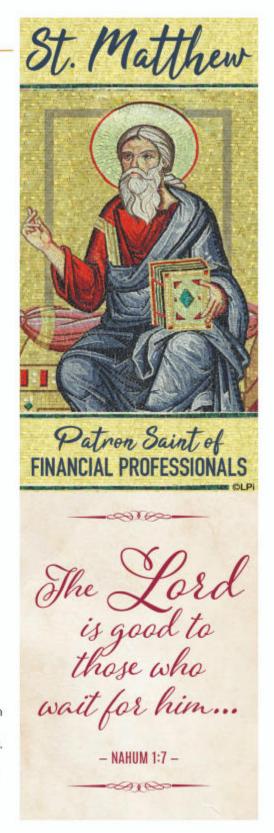
Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



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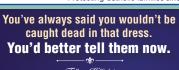
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