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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 8, 2021 + ORDER of WORSHIP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Recited after the bell during the procession to the altar.)

PEOPLE:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done // and in what I have failed to do,
(we strike our breasts three times during the next line:)
thru my fault, thru my fault, thru my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRIEST: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.
PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.
PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LEADER: Alleluia, alleluia.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

LEADER: One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
(*ALL BOW...*)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
(*ALL STAND ERECT...*)

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE PETITIONS: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

AFTER CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THE PRESIDER: **Amen.**

PRAYERS DURING the OFFERTORY

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

ALL: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

SANCTUS

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy / Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

PRIEST: The mystery of faith:

ALL: (*The people pray aloud one of the following options*)

- A We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again. or ...**
- B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again. or ...**
- C Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

GREAT AMEN

PRIEST: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Recited when the Priest receives the Body of Christ.*)

PEOPLE: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Peter & Mary Ellen Eppolito,
Gordon Fenton, Jessica, Joe, Marilyn Kobza, Barbara Kulig,
Ray Lewandowski, Helen Merrill, Keith Nuns,
Pat Schwertfager, Bev Smith, Todd Smith, Mary Till, Katie
Yates, George Watson, Fr. Charles Zadora, missionaries and
military personnel who serve away from home, and all who
suffer or are in special need.

*Names remain on the list for a period of three months. If
one desires to renew that request for subsequent three-
month periods, please phone or email the office staff. Re-
quests for sacraments for persons who are sick or home-
bound may also be referred to the office staff.*

COLLECTION TOTAL

August 1

St. Joseph \$2,513 + St. Anthony \$2,690

IMAGINE NO “IMAGINE” Part One

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

I haven't been exactly glued to the television during the Summer Olympics this time around. For one thing, I don't have the stomach for that many commercials! I also find a number of the sports downright boring. How many times do I want to watch slalom runs down a white water rafting course? (I don't really know if there was all that much broadcasting of white water rafting slalom races, but to tell you the truth, I wasn't willing to invest the time to find out). For the most part, I found myself recording programs so I could watch them later—fast-forwarding thru the commercials and skipping over the seemingly endless barrage of beach volleyball matches or fencing that would put me to sleep faster than one of my sermons.

I did watch some of the opening ceremonies, however. Just from a cultural standpoint, those things can interest me. Sad to say, however, the opening ceremonies in Tokyo featured one of the worst pop songs of all time, namely, John Lennon's "Imagine." It was rendered by a whole host of wealthy celebrity glitterati and a large children's choir. OK, so the kids were cute, well-trained and sang in tune. I'll give them that. But, I didn't have the stomach to listen to it all the way thru, charming as God's little ones were. It made my flesh crawl to hear hedonistic lyrics placed on the lips of innocent children.

I'm old enough to remember the "British Invasion" of the Beatles, although it was my sisters who were in high school at the time and, together with their friends, fawned over their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. I remember their giddy excitement—which was rather contagious at the time. One of their friends actually knelt down in front of the (black and white) television set and shrieked aloud, clapping her hands together rapidly and at length, while others sat on the couch, bounced up and down and pulled their hair from sheer excitement.

I remember, too, when the band broke up and the members went their separate ways. And, I can remember the night that the news flash came on the TV to announce that John Lennon had been murdered. I remember praying for him at the time. It was during the years between the break-up and Lennon's death that he released "Imagine."

It isn't the tune that galls me; it's the lyrics—lyrics that, for all their spouting peace and unity, come across to me as adolescent and rather nasty in taking potshots at people who are religious, and ultimately invite moral and political chaos, if followed to their logical conclusion.

The opening verse is as good a place to start as any: "Imagine there's no heaven / It's easy if you try / No hell below us, above us only sky / Imagine all the people livin' for today. Oooo-oooo-oo-oo-oooo."

Yukk! I find that prospect positively dismal. If there's no heaven, that means there's no hope of being with God for all eternity. Why would a person want to imagine *that*!?

Quite frankly, I can't think of anything worse. The song seems to present that prospect as a good thing. How can it be good to lose hope of heaven? How can it be good to forfeit the hope of seeing our loved ones again, and being happy with them, and with all the saints, and above all with the Lord Himself for all eternity? No, thank you!

Moreover, if there's no heaven and no hell, then it's implicit that there's no absolute criterion of good and evil. With that, there's no way to meaningfully determine the difference -between right and wrong. This leads to complete moral subjectivity, because it denies any objective moral standard outside of what each person thinks in morally right or wrong. Everybody may do as he or she pleases, precisely because we're clueless as to what's right and wrong.

The fact of the matter is that this approach doesn't work. That is not to say that our understanding of good and evil is perfect, or that moral norms necessarily rid the world of evil. But, all we have to do is to take a good hard look—a clear-sighted, honest, and sober look—at the millions upon millions of corpses that have been heaped up in the last century, all from people who took very seriously Lennon's proposition that there's "no hell below us; above us only sky." Rather, Lennon's idea of dashing belief in heaven and hell—"imagining" that they're not true—certainly has borne some pretty rotten fruit.

*Devotedly in the Lord,
Fr. Joe*

NEW BINGO MANAGER And FLEXIBILITY FOR THE CREWS

Good news! Bingo will continue at St. Joseph Parish for the foreseeable future. A new Bingo manager, William Hass, has stepped forward and is currently being trained for that position. Warren Mosier will continue in that role until Mr. Hass's training is complete.

The revenues from the Tuesday night Bingo provide a significant source of income for St. Joseph parish. The activity also provide wholesome recreation for many both within and outside of the parish. For these reasons, the parish is grateful to those who work to make this venture happen—work that should always be valued and appreciated.

The parish trustees, pastor, and bingo manager met to discuss creative ways of going forward with Bingo. One of the ideas that there may be parishioners who would commit to being as OCCASIONAL Bingo worker, but NOT every Tuesday night until they drop. The idea is to accept what people are able to do without overburdening them. For example, could you work Bingo EVERY OTHER week? How about ONCE A MONTH? If you're a snowbird, could you commit to working Bingo some Tuesdays when you're in the area? If you can't commit to a regular schedule, can you be on a list of substitutes?

There are many ways of making this work. If you can help with this valuable enterprise, please call the parish office and tell Debbie what might work for you.

PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Weekends:

St Anthony: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:30 am
St. Joseph: Sun. 8 am, 11:15 am

Weekdays:

St Anthony: 8:15 am, Monday thru Friday

Holy Days:

Please check bulletin for schedule

CONFESSIONS

By appointment (*until further notice*)

FREQUENTLY-REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

St. Anthony Cemetery: 672-6657
St. Joseph Cemetery: 679-7728
Northern Chautauqua Catholic School: 366-0630

Word of Life

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 7

4:00PM SA - Louise Frazita (Anniversary of Death) -
Family

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 8

8:00AM SJ - Mario Serio - *All Your Many Friends*
**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - George Giambrone - *JoAnn Catalano*

11:15AM SJ - Jeanne Seybold - *Anonymous*

MONDAY, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

8:15AM SA - Thank You St. Anthony - *S.F.*

TUESDAY, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:15AM SA - Theresa Guzinski - *Kathleen & Jerry*

WEDNESDAY, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

8:15AM SA - Charles Giambrone - *Estate*

THURSDAY, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:15AM SA - Angeline Joy - *Estate*

FRIDAY, August 13 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:15AM SA - James & Josephine Nasca - *Estate*

SATURDAY, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

4:00 PM SA - Living & Deceased Members of The
Rocco Society - *Laurito Family*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - August 15

8:00AM SJ - James Wright - *Dan & Cindy Johnson*
**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - Vinnie Castellana - *Mom, Dad, Brother
& Sisters*

11:15AM SJ - Jeanne Seybold - *Planetary Pilgrims
Prayer Group*

SA = at St. Anthony Church / SJ = at St. Joseph Church

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