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September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

- Mk 9:35b-37a

CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.

Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)

Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

(or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

Family Perspective: Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | September 18: (Vigil Mass for Sunday) Clara Carney (Family) | ✝ |
| Sunday 10:30 a.m. | September 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Paul O'Brien (Family) | ✝ |
| Monday 12:10 p.m. | September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral | |
| Tuesday 12:10 p.m. | September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Repose of the souls of Lillian, Gertrude & Elsie Burau (Family) | ✝ |
| Wednesday 12:10 p.m. | September 22: Weekday Raechel Suttelle Conroy (Estate) | ✝ |
| Thursday 12:10 p.m. | September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Members of the Piech and Kopczynski Families (Estate) | ✝ |
| Friday 12:10 p.m. | September 24: Weekday Robert E. Levi (Estate) | ✝ |

Marriage Moments: “Where do the conflicts among you come from?” (James 4:1) - Jealousy, fatigue, fear, misunderstanding... There are many sources but more important is to search for reconciliation, mercy. We all have our faults. Is there anything I need to ask forgiveness for from my beloved this week?

ANNIVERSARY MASS. Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. The Anniversary Mass honors couples who will observe their 50th, 60th, and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. Registration is required by Friday, October 1; please contact your parish to register. Sponsored by the Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205.



Vocations. “You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly,” explains St. James in today’s 2nd reading. There is a right way and a wrong way to pray. Who will guide us in the spiritual life? We need the voice of a church minister. Could Jesus be calling you to lay ministry, religious life, or the priesthood? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.

September 25 & 26 there will be a special collection to assist Haiti.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) President requests a special collection in Dioceses to assist Haiti following the earthquake and tropical storms/hurricanes to assist in the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and Church needs. The funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services as they and their local agencies respond to the immediate emergency needs as well as aid in long-term recovery.

October 2 & 3 there will be a special collection for Respect Life.

Please consider supporting our Diocesan ministries that directly have served over 1,500 families at the 5 locations of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers and the Mother Teresa Home.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

- Bishop* Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
- Cathedral Rector* Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
- Music Director* Timothy Socha

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. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

Second Reading:

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

Gospel:

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord? ©LPi

A Prayer for Catechists and Teachers.

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our catechists and teachers, that they may be authentic witnesses and proclaimers of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render their hearts to be open, receptive and responsive to the Holy Spirit, that like Mary and Joseph, they might become living instruments of your Word to others. Help them to be faithful disciples, that they may animate a passionate love for the Gospel, and so build your kingdom here on earth. May the fire of your love enkindle in their hearts a desire to draw others to love of you in the Church of your Son, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Widow and Widowers: the Companions Sharing the Journey invite you to join our social group on Fridays at 6:30 pm at St. Bernadette Parish, Msgr. Carey Room of the Parish Ministry Center (enter door #1 in the back), 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. We gather for light refreshments, prayer, conversation and fun. Special events are scheduled. For additional information, call Mary at 716-667-7197.

When was the last time you saw a Wild Goose? The ancient Celts called the Holy Spirit the Wild Goose. When was the last time you saw a Wild Goose? Come and join us as we look at the Holy Spirit in our lives. This study is 7 weeks long and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm at St. Andrew Church, 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore beginning on September 15. Deacon Mike Ficorilli will help guide us and answer any questions.

Word of Life...“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7).”

Parenting pointers: “Taking a child, Jesus placed him/her in the [disciples’] midst...Whoever receives one child in my name, receives me.” (Mark 9:36-37) *Think of one thing you have learned from your child.*



Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back? Consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. Current opportunities include English as a Second Language volunteer, food pantry volunteer, donations assistance volunteer and more. To view all opportunities, visit www.ccwny.org/volunteer. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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