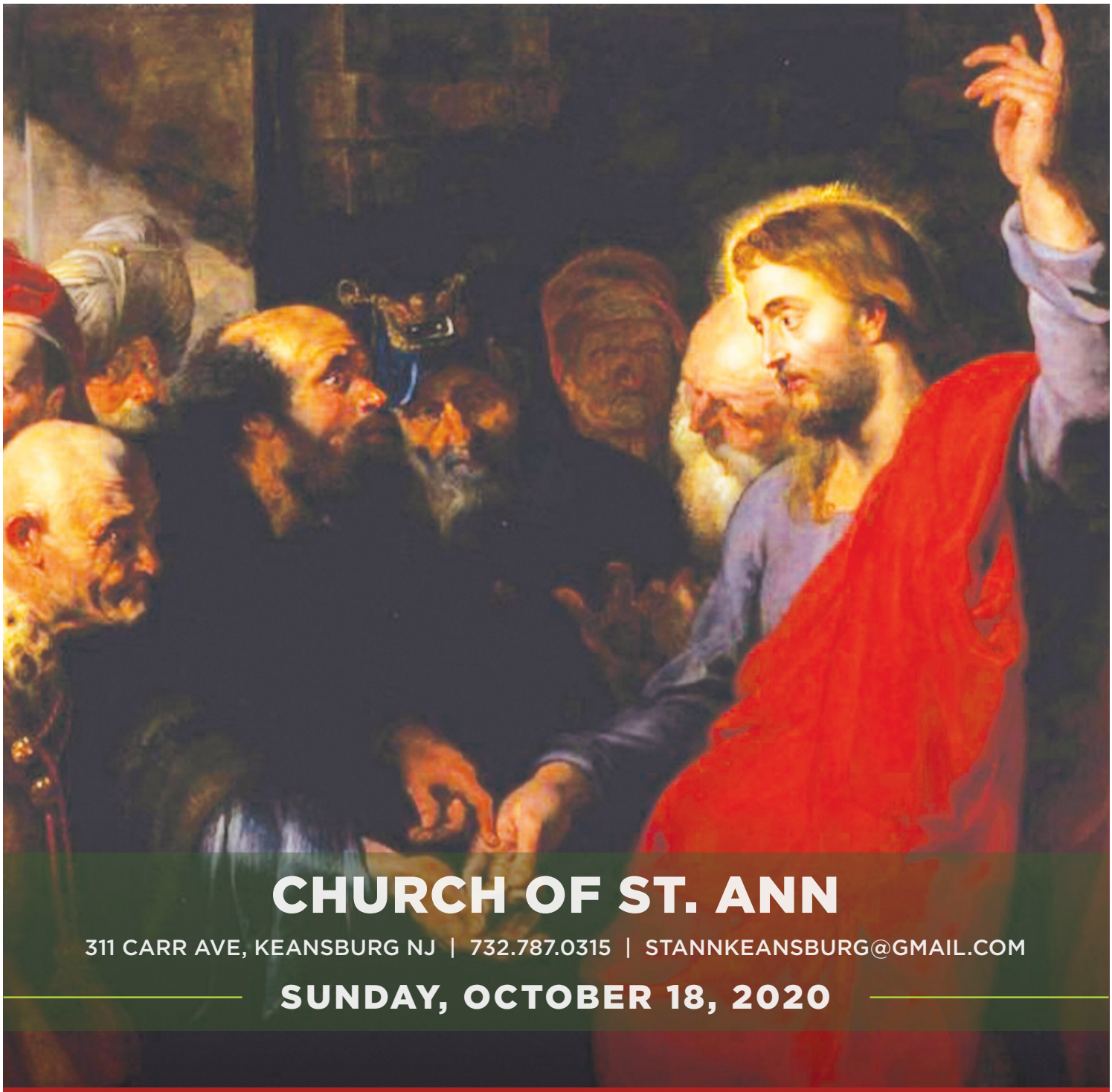

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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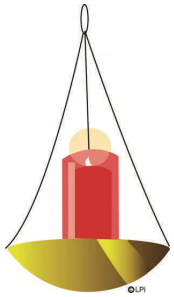
PARISH LIFE

Monday	*10-19-20*
8:00am	***St Ann Purgatorial Society***
Tuesday	*10-20-20*
8:00am	***Parishioners of St. Ann***
Wednesday	*10-21-20*
8:00am	***Fred Dollinger*** *rq by Loving Family*
Thursday	*10-22-20*
8:00am	***Agatha Lombardi Moore*** *rq by Loving Family* ***Thomas Sauickie Jr.*** *rq by Loving Family*
Friday	*10-23-20*
8:00am	***Patricia White*** *rq by Loving Family*
Saturday	*10-24-20*
5:00pm	***Thomas Sauickie Jr.*** *rq by Loving Family* ***Connie Clifford*** *rq by The Kauffmann Family*
Sunday	*10-25-20*
8:00am	***Rose Ann & Joseph Walsh*** *rq by Loving Family*
10:30am	***Rita Sullivan*** *rq by Loving Friends*
6:00pm	***Charles Gee*** *rq by Loving Friends*



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FALL SCHEDULE

Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.
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Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.
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Please pray for our children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, Oct 17th & 24th.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

SUN 10/18	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
MON 10/19	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
TUE 10/20	Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
WED 10/21	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
THR 10/22	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
FRI 10/23	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
SAT 10/24	Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
SUN 10/25	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Paul II, Pope
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?

Let us see your kindness.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING:

I am the LORD, there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not.
(Is 45:1, 5)

PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

GOSPEL:

At that Jesus said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hording, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:
While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: *www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm*

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"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Mt 22:19-21

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

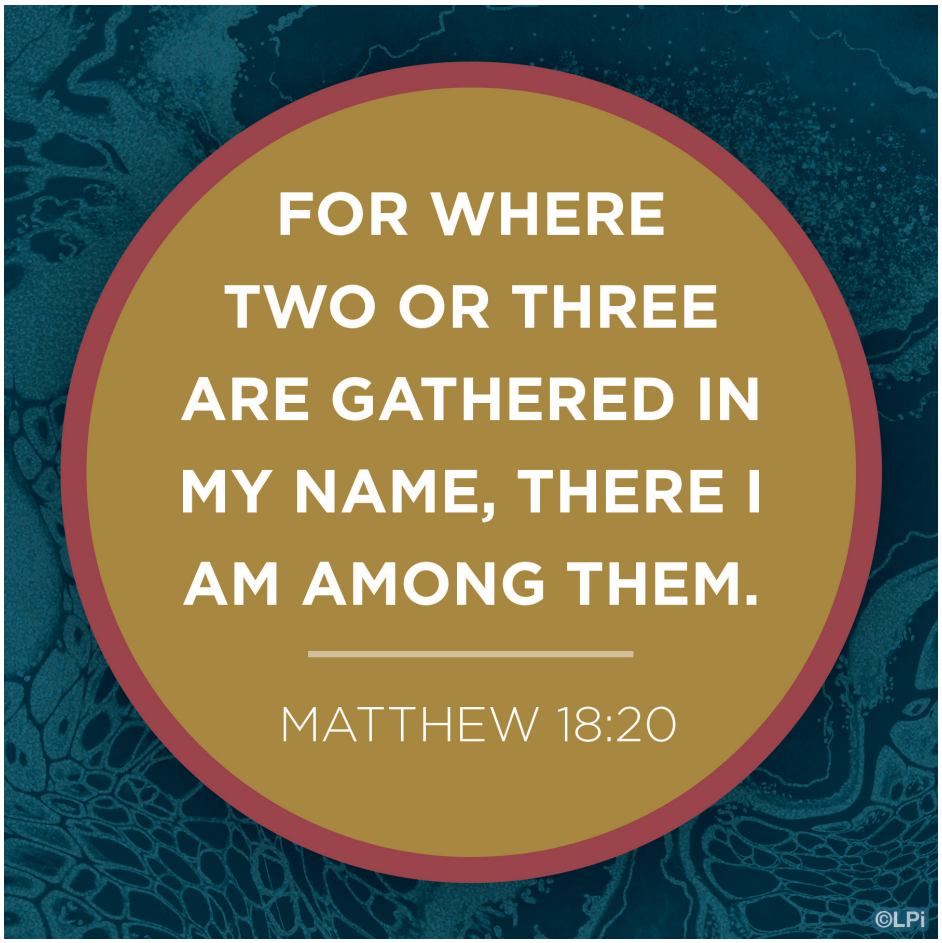
Cyrus was king of the mighty Persian Empire (559-529 BC) while Israel was exiled in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah revealed God would use Cyrus to free Israel from captivity. What lesson do you think Israel was supposed to learn from this revelation?

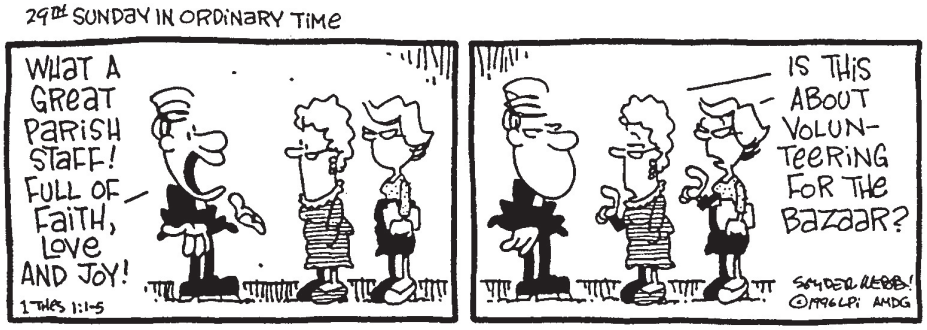
Second Reading:

In his opening remarks in First Thessalonians, Paul speaks of the power and conviction with which he preached the gospel to them. How do you show the conviction of your faith?

Gospel:

The religious leaders in Jerusalem were unable to trap Jesus with a seemingly trick question. How do you respond to non-believers who try to challenge or trick you in matters of your beliefs?





PRAYER LIFE

Novena Prayer for the USA

Oct 26 - Nov 3

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders and citizens. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany respecting and protecting human life and religious liberty. Help us to bring an end to racial injustice, violence and all the evils that divide us. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Make us instruments of your peace!

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death" and lead us always to respect life in all its stages and circumstance. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Here mention intention listed below)

THEN, RECITE AN OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY AND GLORY BE EACH DAY FOR OUR NATION

(individual recommended intentions for each day of the Novena)

Monday, October 26: For an end to abortion in our country and for respect for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death
Tuesday, October 27: For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and for all those affected by it
Wednesday, October 28: For an end to racism and social injustice in our country
Thursday, October 29: For the protection of religious liberty in our country and around the world
Friday, October 30: For those who protect and serve us in law enforcement in our country and for an end to violence and destruction, especially in our cities
Saturday, October 31: For those who protect our country in the armed forces at home and around the world and for peace in the world
Sunday, November 1: For the poor, for immigrants and refugees, for the forgotten and most abandoned in our country
Monday, November 2: For the protection of marriage as the faithful union of one man and one woman and for the strengthening of family life in our country
Tuesday, November 3: For those who govern our country and for those who are running for elected office that they might serve with a commitment to life, respect, compassion, liberty and justice for all

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ...Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Mt 22:17b-18, 21c

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