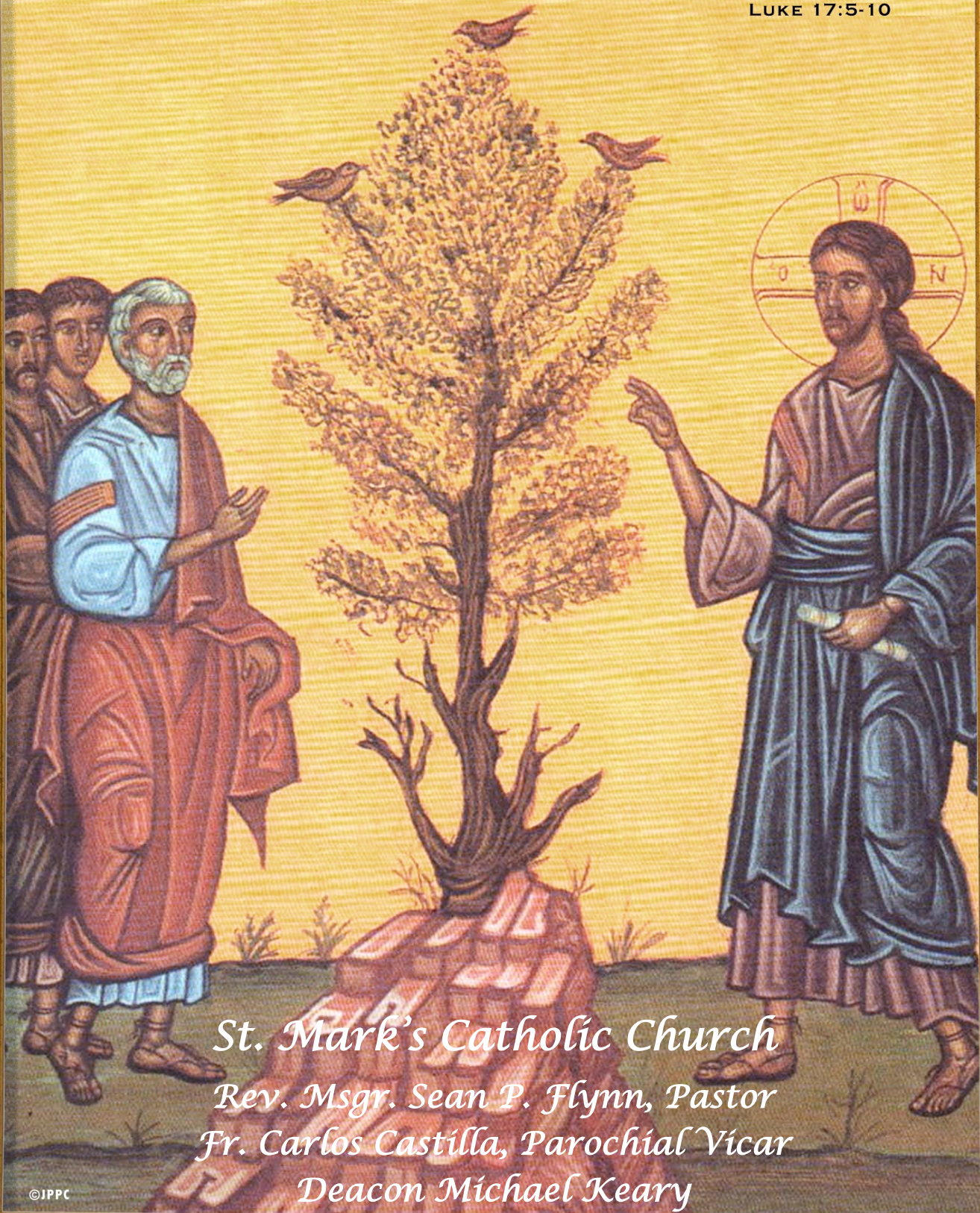


# The Parable of the Mustard Seed

LUKE 17:5-10



*St. Mark's Catholic Church*  
*Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor*  
*Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar*  
*Deacon Michael Keary*

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lectionary: 141

Reading 1                    **Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4**  
 How long, O LORD? I cry for help  
 but you do not listen!  
 I cry out to you, "Violence!"  
 but you do not intervene.  
 Why do you let me see ruin;  
 why must I look at misery?  
 Destruction and violence are before me;  
 there is strife, and clamorous discord.  
 Then the LORD answered me and said:  
 Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,  
 so that one can read it readily.  
 For the vision still has its time,  
 presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;  
 if it delays, wait for it,  
 it will surely come, it will not be late.  
 The rash one has no integrity;  
 but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Responsorial Psalm                    **Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
 let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
 let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
 Where your fathers tempted me;  
 they tested me though they had seen my works."  
**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Reading 2    **2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14**

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Alleluia    **1 Pt 1:25**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
 The word of the Lord remains forever.  
 This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel    **Lk 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



**Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon  
5PM in Spanish

**Daily Masses**

**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and

Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

**Devotions and Novenas**

**Miraculous Medal Novena** after daily Masses on Wednesdays

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Fridays after 11 AM Mass.

**Benediction** at 1:45 PM

**1st Fridays Spanish Adoration** beginning at 7 PM.

**Rectory Office 732-449-6364**

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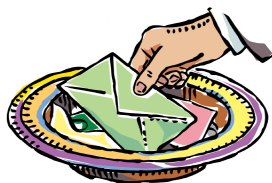
**Ministries**

<b>Altar Rosary Society</b>	732-282-1244
<b>Bereavement Ministry</b>	718-637-1162
<b>CYO</b>	732-685-6011
<b>Music Ministry</b>	908-415-0212
<b>Rosary Makers</b>	732-245-8405

**Thank You!** We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

**September 25, 2022 Sunday Collection Total \$10,961.**



*Pray* FOR THE SICK ©JPPC

**Please Note:** Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

*Marilyn Woerner, Deacon Mike Keary, Caroline Viggiano, Nick Costantini, Teresa Corcoran, Bob Patrignelli, Kaitlin Wason, Baby Mac Simonson, Gerry Barron, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.*

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.*

† John Horrigan  
† Anita Healy

May the angels lead you into paradise



**October 2, 2022**

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19.

## † This Week's Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 3

7:30 AM

- † Deceased Members of St. Mark's Holy Name
- † Susan Mahon Apisa by Ann Tortorella
- † Jack Jurczyk by Family

11:00 AM

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Altar Rosary

### Tuesday, October 4

7:30 AM

- † Timothy Ragan by Kathy, Kelly and Erin Gresh

11:00 AM

- † Frank Grosso by Barbara Grosso
- † Libby, John and Carrie Orlando by Shirley and Bill Collis
- † Eileen Fell by Madeleine and Frank Kineavy

### Wednesday, October 5

7:30 AM

- † Colette Casey by Estate

- † Gretchen Geiger Kelly by John and Maria Checton

- † Harold J. Neilan by Clarke Family

11:00 AM

- † John M. Malloy by Tom Malloy

- † Josephine Plesnik by Altar Rosary Society

- † Deceased Members of the Social Concerns Committee by Marion Reilly

### Thursday, October 6

7:30 PM

- † Althea "Chick" Bormida by J.P. and Nora Connellan
- Robert Czech by Margaret Azzarella

11:00 AM

- † Damiano Rabbeni by Bertucci Family

- † Genevieve Range, 14th Anniversary by Adele Range Byrne

- † Josephine Plesnik by Mary Knapp

### Friday, October 7

7:30 AM

- † Dorothy Wright by Family

- † Norah Elizabeth Bruther by Mom and Dad

- † Mr. Robert E. Fittin Sr. & Norma Padgett by Roslyn Fittin

11:00 AM

- † Thomas J. & Katherine Lavin by Betsy Smith

- † Patricia Noon by Shirley Tahan

- † Alexandria Fiddes by The McKelvey Family

### Saturday, October 8

7:30 AM

- † Jean Judge by Estate

- † Ken & Matthew Zusi by Zusi Family

4:30 PM

- † Buonocore and Hoblitzell Families by Family
- † Jim & Kelly Lynn Brennan by Paulette McCormack
- † John McCormack by Kathy & Bob Flammer

### Sunday, October 9

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

10:00 AM

- † Stephen Joseph Bohacik by Family
- † Lee Ann Duffy by Mark and Connie Duffy
- † Paola Ghilardi Azzollini by Azzollini Family

12 Noon

- † Joseph Santangelo by Barbara and Richard DeGrootte
- † Jeanne Nappi by Peggy Matthews
- † Marc Cohen by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Belott

5:00 PM

- † Nancy Rojas by Gomez Family
- † Benito Lito by Daughters and Family
- † Emmanuel Mendoza by Julia Alvarado



### **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

The Catholic Church will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, commemorating the life of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. Coinciding with this day, Mrs. Luisi's and Mrs. Langeveld's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class will be completing a community service project to collect items for the Monmouth County SPCA. **Bins for donations will be available for the entire month of October.** Items can include toys, food, gently used towels and blankets and cleaning supplies. A bin will be placed in the foyer of the church for collection of the items.



Monsignor Flynn will be blessing the animals in front of the Church, **Sunday, October 2nd at 2 PM.** Students will be collecting items at that time as well. Please bless a homeless animal with your donation while bringing your pet to be blessed. Thank you for supporting our Confirmation Candidates in this project.



# Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

invites you To join us for the

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual "Champion for Life" Award Dinner

Sunday, October 23, 2022 at The Shore Club 700 Hwy 71, Spring Lake Hts, NJ



Our Honorees are:

2022 Champion for Life  
Reverend Dean Gaudio

Lifetime Achievement Award  
For True Courage - Paul Garvey



Reception 5:00- 6:00 PM (cash bar) Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Dinner -\$65 Children's Dinner - \$35  
**Make checks payable to "Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry and mail to: St Catharine/ St. Margaret Parish, 215 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762. Kindly make reservations by October 10<sup>th</sup>. For further information please contact Michele McMahon @ 908-229-0503**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ If you wish to be seated with others, please list their names here or attach sheet.

We expect a large turnout of members of our high School CYO and youth ministries. Whether you attend the dinner or not, please consider sponsoring participation of our youth.

- I would like to sponsor a dinner for \_\_\_\_\_ youth group member(s) @ \$35 each.
- Platinum Level Sponsor of 10 Youth Group Members @ \$300 \_\_\_\_\_
- Silver Level Sponsor of 5 Youth Group Members @ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

Advertisements for Awards Booklet are due by October 4, 2022- Contact Jim Sheridan at [sheridan62j@gmail.com](mailto:sheridan62j@gmail.com) if you wish to email your ad OR mail advertisement with this form and payment to St. Catherine's rectory at above address.


- Full Page Ad – (6" X 7.5") -- \$500
- Half Page Ad – (6" X 3.75") -- \$250
- Quarter Page Ad -- \$125

## Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

**October 8/9, 2022**

	<b>Saturday 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 12 Noon</b>
<b>Celebrants</b>	Msgr. Flynn	Fr. Carlos	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn
<b>Readers</b>	Sue Hannon	Robert Cavazini	Lori Savino	Debbie Dunn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maria Cechton Pat Holt	Barbara King Pam Zusi	Jay Lorenzo Michael or Tara Malia	Marge Loenser Bob Cicenja
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Walsh Walter Henry Anthony Granato	Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko Jim Sheridan	Howard Flood Richard DeGroot

On **Monday, October 3rd, St Marks Altar Rosary Society** Will be crowning the Blessed Mother as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary after the 11 AM Mass. We will then recite the healing rosary with meditations read by Monsignor Flynn. Please bring your written petitions to be read during the Rosary. Thank you.

 **National Rosary Rally:** There will be a National Rosary Rally in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday, October 15th** at noon on the side lawn at Saint Marks Church near the Visitation Memorial Stone . There will be 20,000 Rosaries said across the USA on that day in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Please bring a folding chair or beach chair if you wish. There will be a recitation of the Rosary.

**Rosary Makers:** We welcome anyone interested in making rosaries. **Contact Maria Cechton 732-245-8405 or email [mgcehton@gmail.com](mailto:mgcehton@gmail.com) with questions.**

**St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry:** Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's. **Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information.** All are welcome!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please submit all bulletin announcements by **Monday before 2 PM.** Bulletin drafts are submitted to Msgr. Flynn for review. Email submissions to [cindy@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:cindy@stmarkseagirt.com).



# Fall Is Here!

### Eucharistic Devotion



The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ [stmarkseagirt.com](http://stmarkseagirt.com). Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!



**October 1st & 2nd New Jersey Right to Life** will be selling Volvo Raffle tickets after Masses.

**October 2nd Blessing of the Animals** in front of the Church at 2PM. See page 4.

**October 3rd, St Marks Altar Rosary Society** will be crowning the Blessed Mother as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary after the 11AM Mass.

**October 9th, 10th & 11th No CCD Classes.**

**October 10th Last day for Ads** for Champion for Life Program Booklet.

**October 10th Columbus Day, Rectory Office Closed.**

**October 15th National Rosary Rally** in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at noon on the side lawn at Saint Marks Church.

**October 25th CCD Rite of Commitment & Meeting** 6PM.

**October 23rd Champion for Life Award Dinner.** See page 5.

Msgr. Flynn celebrating his birthday with some members of our parish.



**The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI)** is presenting a Sunday afternoon with Tommy Sands, Internationally acclaimed Singer, Songwriter and Peace Activist from Ireland.

**Sunday, October 23, 2022.**

**3-5PM at St. Catharine School, Spring Lake.**

Admission \$10 members, \$20. for public. Tickets available at [www.lacijerseyshore.com](http://www.lacijerseyshore.com) (select schedule), or call Peggie or Jim O'Brien at 732-282-0562.

# Life

starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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## Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry (MCPLM)



**October is Respect Life Month! Please join us in support of our unborn brothers and sisters:**

**40 Days for Life.** Our members join the prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood on Fridays beginning September 30th and ending November 4th. Sign up with Jim Meyer: [Meyerjim1953@gmail.com](mailto:Meyerjim1953@gmail.com).

Our parishes will be assisting New Jersey Right to Life by selling Volvo raffle tickets after Masses on the designated weekend at each of our six parishes. **Saint Mark's will be selling tickets this weekend, October 1st and 2nd (see below).**

We are honoring Fr. Dean Gaudio and Paul Garvey at our Champion for Life Dinner on October 23rd. Dinner reservations and ads for program booklet are **due by October 10th**. Forms are available in our bulletins and parish offices. For further information on attending the dinner please contact Michele McMahon at 908-229-0563 or [mgm2364@gmail.com](mailto:mgm2364@gmail.com). To purchase an ad, contact Jim Sheridan at 908-839-2995 or [sheridan62j@gmail.com](mailto:sheridan62j@gmail.com).

MCPLM enthusiastically welcomes new members. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7PM in the basement of St. Margaret Church in Spring Lake. **For further information contact Mary at [Mary33angels@aol.com](mailto:Mary33angels@aol.com).** Thank you and God bless.



### New Jersey Right to Life Volvo Raffle Tickets

This weekend raffle tickets are being sold at all Masses, the proceeds of which will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

The prizes this year are:

1st Prize - 2023 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$42,400. Volvo's bestselling vehicle loaded with innovated safety features.

2nd Prize - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card.

3rd Prize - \$750 ShopRite Gift Card.

4th Prize - \$500 ShopRite Gift Card.

Please show your support of LIFE by buying a raffle ticket!

The cost is \$10 per ticket. Thank you!!



## Feeding the Hungry



### Frozen Meals Program Resumes!

Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

**Please use only the trays provided.**

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

**Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.**

### Collecting Travel Size Toiletries

St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**



**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America** have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, please call 609-906-0004 or email [racworld2015@gmail.com](mailto:racworld2015@gmail.com). Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Thank you.

Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. **If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) or call 800-360-7711.**

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: [Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 \(stmarkseagirt.com\)](http://SaintMark'sCatholicChurch-215CrescentPkwy,SeaGirt,NewJersey08750.stmarkseagirt.com) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink [St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot.](#)



### Bible Study



This class is offered for 12 sessions, on Tuesdays, beginning September 20th from 9:30 AM-10:45 AM. This is not a lecture class. We will share our ideas,

opinions, and questions.

Both the Old and New Testaments will be covered in the following books: Proverbs, Song of Songs, the Gospel of Luke, the Letters of Paul and John, and sections of the Book of Revelation.

The instructor will be John Snyder, Ph.D., who taught literature at The City University of New York for 32 years. After retirement, he was an instructor teaching senior citizens at The Life Long Learning Institute at the University of Delaware.

Class will be held in Fr. Child's Hall. If you have a Bible, please bring it with you. I will be using the Oxford Study Bible.

This informal gathering will teach us to better appreciate some of the great teachings in the Bible. All are welcome!

**Please call 848-241-3531 for more information.**

### WORD OF LIFE

October 2, 2022

"The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: "Called to Serve Moms in Need"

**Visit our websites: [dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org).**

## CYO News



The CYO had a great time last Sunday night playing the game "Protect The President!" We also learned why each of us is God's Greatest Miracle.

If you are in high school, we want you in St. Mark's CYO! Just show up on Sunday nights at 7:30 PM and bring all your high school friends!!!!!! Lots of fun, service opportunities, faith and great snacks!

CYO Members, don't forget to sign up ASAP for the Champion for Life Dinner on Sunday, October 23rd. Please call, text or email Mrs. Reilly if you will be attending. It's a great dinner and also a service night! God bless!!!!

Join St. Mark's CYO!!





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MERCY CLASSIC**

**Charity Golf & Pickleball  
TOURNAMENTS**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**

**HONORARY CO-CHAIRS**

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CEO, Stillwell-Hansen

**LARRY DOWNES**  
Former CEO, NJ Natural Gas

**HOLLYWOOD GOLF CLUB**  
DEAL, NJ



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**Juices • Diapers • Coffee • Cereal • Peanut butter/Jelly  
White rice • Toiletries (The Dollar Tree is a great source  
for these)**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**



**DRAWING TO BE PULLED**  
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6 pm

At the Mercy Center Classic  
Golf & Pickleball Tournaments  
Hollywood Golf Club  
Deal, NJ



**CONTACT:**  
Elizabeth Downes  
609-712-2994  
elizabeth@mercycenternj.org  
mercycenternj.org

**Winners will divide half of the amount received as follows:**  
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**If you would like more information, please call Meals on Wheels 732-502-3277 or Barbara Anderson 848-444-3123.**

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact **the Rectory, 732-449-6364 x100.**

**9th Annual Healthcare Professionals Mass**

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church cordially invites you to the 9th Annual Celebration for All Healthcare Professionals on **Sunday, October 16th at 2PM.** Traditionally called a "White Mass," this is a special Mass held for physicians, nurses, healthcare workers and their families. Healthcare workers of all faiths are welcome! Reception to follow immediately after Mass. We hope you're able to join us!

**NOTICE**

Please excuse our appearance as we make ongoing repairs to the church.

## October Thoughts, by Marge Loenser



October gets its name from the Roman word “octavus” which means eight. In the early Roman calendar, October was the eighth month of the year. We have many powerful saint days in October; for instance to name a few: on the first Saint Therese (The Little flower) on the fourth, Saint Francis of Assisi, on the seventh Our Lady of the Rosary, on the 11th St. Damien of Molokai, on the 18th Saint Luke, on the 22nd Saint Pope John Paul II and on the 28th Saint Simon and Saint Jude.

Saint Therese was named doctor of the church by Pope John Paul II. She’s the Patron Saint of Missionaries and Florists. She pursued holiness by living an ordinary life. Little Flower please pray for us.

Saint Francis of Assisi embraced poverty to follow Jesus and rebuild his church. We love his prayer: “Make Me a Channel of your Peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury—pardon, where there is doubt faith, where there is a despair—hope, where there is darkness light, and where there’s sadness joy. Oh divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love , for it is in giving that we receive , it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” Saint Francis please pray for us.

St. Luke of course wrote one of the four Gospels, and the Acts of the Apostles. We are all familiar with his infancy narrative. Also Saint Luke recorded the Cantic of Mary, known as the Magnificat, the Cantic of Zachariah, and the Cantic of Simeon at the presentation of the Child Jesus. St. Luke, please pray for us.

Saints Simon and Jude Thaddeus were of the 12 apostles and were martyred in Persia. Dear Saint Jude and Simon please pray for us. A novena to Saint Jude for desperate cases is very powerful. May God bless you all this beautiful month of October with all the mercy and grace your heart can hold.

Love,  
Marge

# Top Ten Reasons

## TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

- 10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9 WWP fits into your busy schedule.
- 8 No prior Scripture knowledge is required.
- 7 WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
- 6 We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.
- 5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
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- 3 There is no actual walking involved.
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**Trip to Portugal and Spain** including Fatima on April 22, through May 3, 2023. It is a river boat, the Gil Evans, with Sr. Margaret Tierney and Father Leo Patalinghug. There will be a presentation on October 11th at 2PM in St. Margaret's Church Hall. For further information, please contact Sr. Margaret at [srbeachcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:srbeachcomb@yahoo.com) or call at 732-449-5765, ext. 124.

## Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Spiritual direction, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director about God in your life, is always available. We offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on a monthly and weekly basis, many opportunities to learn and practice contemplative prayer, reading programs on St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints, and contemporary writers such as James Martin, Thomas Keating, Richard Rohr, Thomas Merton and special one-time programs.

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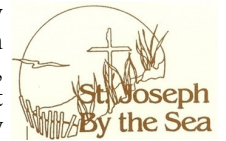
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**The Upper Room** is a spiritual and educational center rooted in a contemplative and holistic approach that supports and nourishes the spiritual growth of laity, religious, and clergy. Sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton, the Upper Room serves women and men within and outside the diocese through on-site and outreach programs. The For information on programs, please visit [www.theupper-room.org](http://www.theupper-room.org) or e-mail: [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org).

Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. **Current brochure can be found on our website – [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org).**



## Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous

provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit [www.nnjaa.org](http://www.nnjaa.org) for more information.

## Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further **committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals**, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.



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## **Act Now! Tell the Federal Government to Do No Harm to Catholic Health Care Ministries**

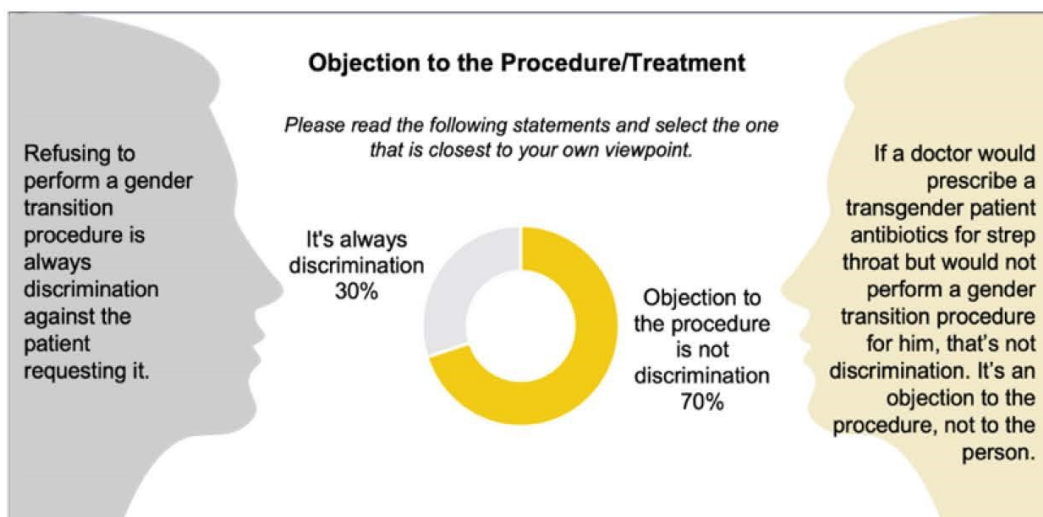
The Church's ministries of healing, education, and social services bear witness to Jesus Christ and build up the common good. Church institutions are not mere providers of social services. They are expressions of Christian ministry dedicated to human flourishing. We serve all people, without regard to race, sex, religion, or any other status, because God has imbued every person with inherent human dignity. Most Americans understand that mission-driven organizations should be free to operate in accordance with their missions. But a recent rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would prevent Catholic hospitals, clinics, assisted living facilities, and health care workers from carrying out their work. **HHS needs to hear your opinion by October 3rd!** Visit [www.usccb.org/do-no-harm](http://www.usccb.org/do-no-harm) to learn more.

### **New Unjust Mandates from HHS**

The HHS rule implements the **nondiscrimination** provision of the Affordable Care Act, Section 1557. It protects people from discrimination on the basis of their sex in health care. But HHS interprets Section 1557 to impose new mandates about gender identity. According to the new rule, it would be considered discrimination for a health care worker or Catholic hospital to object outright to performing gender transition procedures, regardless of whether that objection is a matter of religious belief or clinical judgment. The proposed rule also suggests that the government may refuse to honor the right of health care workers and providers not to perform or participate in abortions. The proposed HHS Section 1557 rule could function as both an **abortion mandate** and a **gender transition procedure mandate**.

### **Objection to gender transition is not discrimination.**

All people should be treated in accordance with their God-given dignity, and no individual should be denied health care because of his or her sex. Most people understand that when medical professionals determine gender transition procedures—such as the administration of puberty blocking drugs or surgery to remove healthy body parts—to be harmful, they are making clinical judgments, not discriminating against persons. A study commissioned by the USCCB found that 70% of registered voters recognized that objection to the procedure is not discrimination.

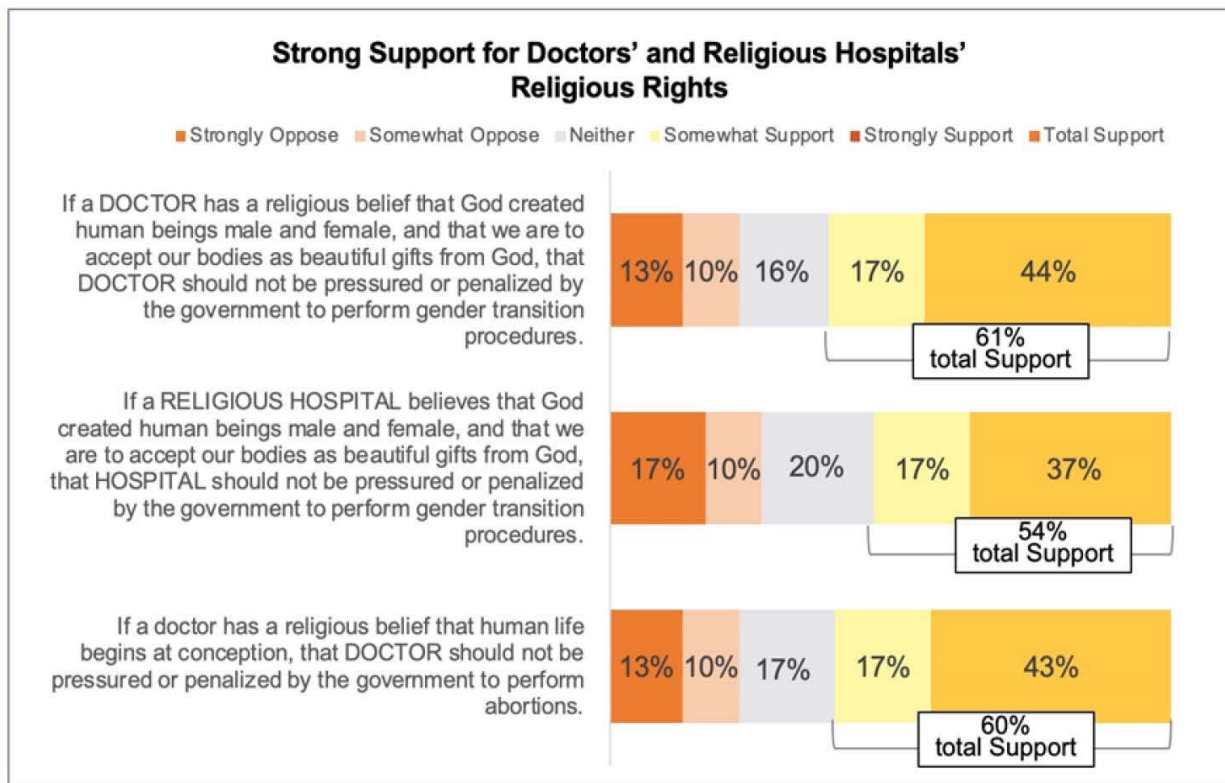


**No protections for health care workers to oppose abortion and gender transition procedures.**

Although the proposed regulations say that HHS will consider whether conscience and religious freedom laws apply, the regulations offer no assurance that HHS will ever agree that anyone has the right to follow their beliefs or convictions. In fact, HHS is currently fighting court rulings that hold that HHS violated religious freedom laws the last time they tried to impose this mandate.

**Health care workers and religious facilities must be free to conscientiously object to these procedures.**

Pope Francis has frequently defended the rights of medical professionals to conscientiously object to harmful procedures. Most people agree with the Church on this issue.



**Take action!**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is vigorously opposing the provisions in the rule that do harm to life and religious liberty. All Catholics and people of good will can help. Visit [www.usccb.org/do-no-harm](http://www.usccb.org/do-no-harm) to learn more about this and other harmful regulations, and find out how you can take action to let the government know you oppose them.



# Accepting Donations for Spanish Ministry

**St. Mark's will be accepting clothes for children and adults along with household items in good condition for our Spanish Ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the Church basement during the week from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

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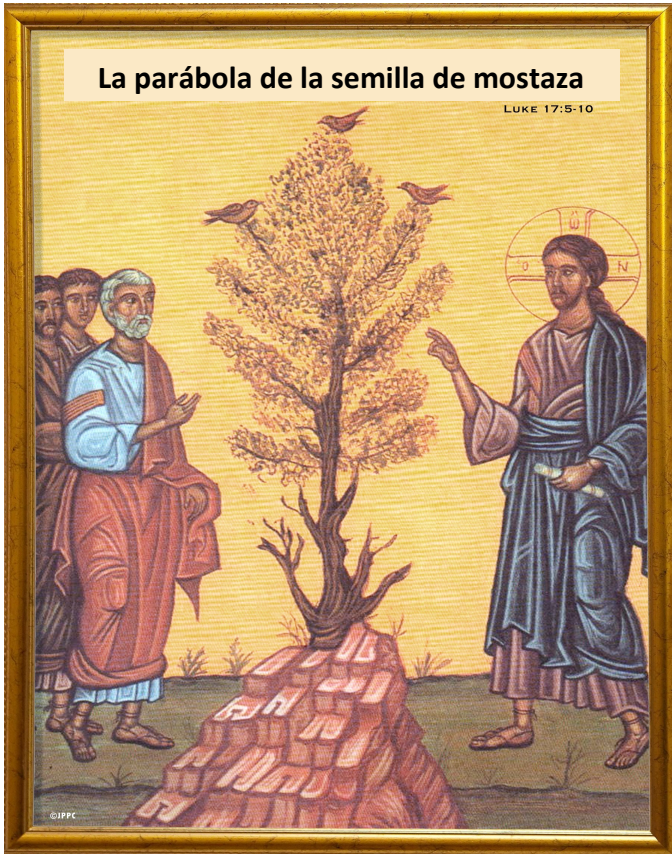
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### La parábola de la semilla de mostaza

LUKE 17:5-10



**Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**  
**2 de octubre de 2022**

**Primera lectura: Sab 9, 13-19.**

¿Quién es el hombre que puede conocer los designios de Dios? ¿Quién es el que puede saber lo que el Señor tiene dispuesto? Los pensamientos de los mortales son inseguros y sus razonamientos pueden equivocarse, porque un cuerpo corruptible hace pesada el alma y el barro de que estamos hechos entorpece el entendimiento. Con dificultad conocemos lo que hay sobre la tierra y a duras penas encontramos lo que está a nuestro alcance. ¿Quién podrá descubrir lo que hay en el cielo? ¿Quién conocerá tus designios, si tú no le das la sabiduría, enviando tu santo espíritu desde lo alto? Sólo con esa sabiduría lograron los hombres enderezar sus caminos y conocer lo que te agrada. Sólo con esa sabiduría se salvaron, Señor, los que te agradaron

desde el principio.

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17.**

**Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.**

Tú haces volver al polvo a los humanos,  
Diciendo a los mortales que retornen.  
Mil años para ti son como un día  
que ya pasó; como una breve noche.

**Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.**

Nuestra vida es tan breve como un sueño;  
Semejante a la hierba,  
que despunta y florece en la mañana  
y por la tarde se marchita y se seca.

**Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.**

Enséñanos a ver lo que es la vida  
y seremos sensatos.  
¿Hasta cuándo, Señor, vas a tener  
compasión de tus siervos? ¿Hasta cuándo?

**Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.**

Llénanos de tu amor por la mañana  
y júbilo será la vida toda.  
Haz, Señor, que tus siervos y sus hijos,  
puedan mirar tus obras y tu gloria.

**Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio.**

**Segunda lectura: Fmn 9-10. 12-17.**

Querido hermano: Yo, Pablo, ya anciano y ahora, además, prisionero por la causa de Cristo Jesús, quiero pedirte algo en favor de Onésimo, mi hijo, a quien he engendrado para Cristo aquí, en la cárcel. Te lo envío. Recíbelo como a mí mismo. Yo hubiera

querido retenerlo conmigo, para que en tu lugar me atendiera, mientras estoy preso por la causa del Evangelio. Pero no he querido hacer nada sin tu consentimiento, para que el favor que me haces no sea como por obligación, sino por tu propia voluntad. Tal vez él fue apartado de ti por un breve tiempo, a fin de que lo recuperaras para siempre, pero ya no como esclavo, sino como algo mejor que un esclavo, como hermano amadísimo. Él ya lo es para mí. ¡Cuánto más habrá de serlo para ti, no sólo por su calidad de hombre, sino de hermano en Cristo! Por tanto, si me consideras como compañero tuyo, recíbelo como a mí mismo.

**Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Sal 118, 135.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Señor, mira benignamente a tus siervos  
y enséñanos a cumplir tus mandamientos.

R. Aleluya.

**Evangelio: Lc 14, 25-33.**

En aquel tiempo, caminaba con Jesús una gran muchedumbre y él, volviéndose a sus discípulos, les dijo: "Si alguno quiere seguirme y no me prefiere a su padre y a su madre, a su esposa y a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, más aún, a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo. Y el que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo. Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla? No sea que, después de haber echado los cimientos, no pueda acabarla y todos los que se enteren comiencen a burlarse de él, diciendo: 'Este hombre comenzó a construir y no pudo terminar'. ¿O qué rey que va a combatir a otro rey, no se pone primero a considerar si será capaz de salir con diez mil soldados al encuentro del que viene contra él con veinte mil? Porque si no, cuando el otro esté aún lejos, le enviará una embajada para proponerle las condiciones de paz. Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo".



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