

October 4, 2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor

Rev. José Fernandez-Bangueses, Resident Priest

Rev. Bernard N. Mohan (*Wednesday and Friday*)

Deacon Michael Keary

LISTEN TO
GOD'S
WORD

October 4, 2020—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 139

Reading 1

IS 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside;
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,
and planted the choicest vines;
within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine
press.
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,
but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?
Now, I will let you know
what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!
Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns
and briers;
I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;
he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm **PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16,
19-20**

R. (Is 5:7a) **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

A vine from Egypt you transplanted;
you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the
River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading 2

PHIL 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

JN 15:16

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

MT 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the
people:

"Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a
tower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.
When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the
tenants to obtain his produce.

But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,
another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the
first ones, but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,
'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one
another, 'This is the heir.'

Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'
They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and
killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants
when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants

who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*"

Therefore, I say to you,
the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5th

7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members St. Mark's Holy Name (For All Parishioners)	
11:00AM	† 13th Anniversary Bryan Ahern	Family
	Living & Deceased Members St. Mark's Altar Rosary (For All Parishioners)	

Tuesday, October 6th

7:30 AM	† Dorothy Wright	Family
	† Edward Albowicz	Millie Abraham
11:00AM	† Damiano Rabbeni	Bertucci Family
	† Marie "Sis" Coogan	Helena, Robert & Mary Anne Coogan
	† Vickie Margadonna	Lu & Michael Malone

Wednesday, October 7th

7:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. James Sheridan, Special Intention	Friends
11:00AM	† Colette Casey	Estate
	† Rev. Joseph Wortmann	Saake Family
	† Joseph Delaney	O'Meara Family
	† Frank Smith	Nancy Introcaso

Thursday, October 8th

7:30 AM	† Matthew Zusi	Family
	† Gloria Ciampi	Irene & Leo Hurley
11:00AM	† Jane-Clare Speckin	Saint Mark's Altar Rosary Society
	Erin Rubas, Special Intention	Mother
	† Maureen Leonhardt	Marion Reilly & Family

Friday, October 9th

7:30 AM	Karen & Dennis Saake (Special Intention)	Family
	† Dorothy Wright	Family
11:00AM	† Stephen J. Bohacik	Family
	† Mary & William McDonald	Wallace Family

Saturday, October 10th

7:30 AM	† Margaret Passalaqua	Family
	† Jean Judge	Estate
4:30 PM	† Thomas Lynch	Sara Lynch
	† Jane & Frank Heilmann	Rick & Maureen Heilmann
	† Joseph McCaffery	Helen McGrath

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 AM	† Timothy, Stephan & Michael Dushnick	Mom & Dad
	† Patrick Barney	David & Carol Rahill
10:00 AM	People of the Parish (For All Parishioners)	
	† Jean & Francis Hayes, Jr.	Family
	† Charles Neilan	Family
	† Eleonora Bongiovanni	Parkhill Family
5:00 PM	† Eva Villa Cruz	Family



A Letter from Bishop O'Connell

For centuries Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is “the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the Rosary is beyond description.”

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer. Please join with me in praying Our Lady’s Rosary every day between now and **October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially for a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death; for the strengthening of marriage and family life; for an end to the COVID 19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it; for a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country; for an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young; for the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking; for the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship and for so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton**

Prayers For Healing

The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note 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. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify Donna at 732-449-6364 ext. 100.



Benjamin Ohlweiler

Jimmy Azzollini

Jeremy Pavlick

Vivian Wilson

Lucy Gargano

Ken Hauck

Julia Buonocore

Dorothy Waugh

Fred Buonocore

Patricia Cavanaugh

Christine Frauenheim

Rose Courtney

Alexandra Gavilanes

Grace Philhower

Sarah Gallagher

Richard DeGroote

*Eternal Rest grant unto 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.*

† Lee Ann Duffy

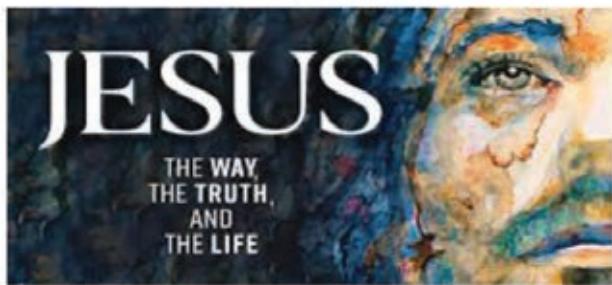
† John Barnes

“May the angels lead you into paradise...”



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its 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.



Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a 10-week video study program and book. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. Most importantly, this encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life in him as you come to know and love him in a deeper and more intimate way.

In This Study, Catholics Will Learn...

- Who Jesus is and how he answers the longings of the human heart.
- Our role today as Catholics in the Great Commission.
- We invite the entire parish, and cohort, to join in this exciting opportunity to share in this experience from the comfort of their own homes. The study will be offered on Wednesdays at the traditional times via Zoom. We are also encouraging and will facilitate the formation of small groups for in home or Zoom gatherings that can be on the day and time of your choosing. We begin September 30th.

For more information, and to register, visit fireoffaith.com.

Please direct all questions to Pat Giles at legski3@aol.com or call (908) 309-2150

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing 2020 Holy Hour for Marriage

 Diocese of Trenton

Holy Hour
for Marriage

Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversary will be honored in a special way in lieu of the annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

Sunday,
October 25, 2020
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Livestreamed from Nativity Parish, Fair Haven
For Event Details visit:
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing



Wrap Yourself or Your Loved One in a Prayer Shawl



St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry, a part of Social Concerns is offering beautiful hand made shawls blessed by our priests.

If you, a family member, or neighbor, are sick, lonely, grieving or would appreciate the embrace of a warm shawl, please call **Donna at the rectory at 732-449-6364 ext.100**.





Our Lady of the Rosary

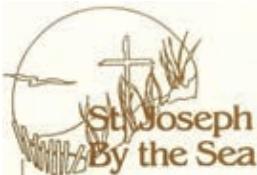
Wednesday, October 7th, in the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary in St. Mark's Church at 11:45 AM. We will also be live streaming.

We invite all parishioners and friends to join us.

Let us turn to Our Blessed Mother for help in these difficult times.

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month beginning October 5th.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.



Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to "Go forth and teach the Word of God." Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them.

For more information on our upcoming events visit:
www.sjbsea.org

October 14, 2020 – FRIENDS OF BILL W. – An Evening for Women in AA

October 21, 2020 - FORGIVENESS

October 29, 2020 – THE JERSEY SHORE- A SPIRITUAL

October 30 - November 1, 2020 – THE SHACK

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 4th

Annual Life Chain will take place from 1:30-2:30PM along Route 9 in front of St. Veronica's, Howell.

Monday, October 5th

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11AM Mass on the first Monday of each month.

Wednesday, October 7th

In the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary in St. Mark's Church at 11:45 AM.

Please note!

Registration for CCD is now closed.

Please call Diana Zuna at 732-449-6364, ext. 105 for more information.

Pray for our Military





Readings for the Week October 4, 2020

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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Saint Mark's Rosary Makers

Saint Mark's Rosary Makers will once again begin the ministry on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM. This following the halt of meetings since the pandemic.



As of June 2020, St. Mark's Rosary Makers have completed and gifted 249,137 sets, including 29,088 Rosaries over the last five years.

Since the beginning of 1990, St. Mark's Rosary was directed by Cecilia Ostrowski and Maureen Walter, followed by Doris Wilson Nancee McManus, and Millie Abraham (retired).

As of 2015, Mae L. Skola leads the group along with Pam Zusi and Barbara Karwacky, also currently MaryLou Donaghue, and Marie B. Behnken.

All are cordially invited to faithfully give of their time to learn to make rosaries and prayerfully honor Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary Patroness of the United States of America under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Amen



Prayer to Jesus for Coronavirus Healing

Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Carry in Your arms those who have died from the virus and bring them home. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know Your Peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who put themselves at risk in serving the sick. May they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they were meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions to help prevent future outbreaks. Our Lord Jesus stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us Your Peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen

October Thoughts Marge Loenser

October, which is the 10th month, was the 8th month of the year in the Roman calendar--“Octo” meaning 8. The same applies for November, our 11th month, which was the 9th month in the Roman calendar--“Novo”. Just why the names were not changed after the calendar reverted to the Gregorian system is a good question. I do know the Romans loved their “vino.” Anyway we ask the Lord God to bless October with colorful leaves and hopeful attitudes.

Saint-wise it's a super month! Starting out on the first with St. Therese of Lisieux, the little Flower, a very powerful intercessor, by the way. She promised a shower of roses for answered prayers. It also happens to be my grandson Tyler's 27th birthday! “Happy Birthday “Ty.” Next we have the feast of our Guardian Angels. Jesus refers to them in Matthew 18 when he tells the crowd that the little children's angels in heaven continually behold the face of God. Daily, we should greet our angel and remember that he is with us each minute of the day. Looking back over my life, I realize mine must have saved me from many disasters. When I meet him in heaven, I hope we'll have a good laugh: “remember that time....”

October is the month of the Holy rosary and we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary on the 7th. On the 15th we celebrate St. Theresa of Avila, a very powerful saint. She was a reformer, author and theologian. I love her prayer, “ Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes, patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.”

On the 22nd we celebrate St. John Paul II. This beautiful saint labored in a quarry during the Nazi occupation of Poland. He later served as a priest, then as bishop under the succeeding Soviet regime. He became Pope in 1978. One of his famous quotes is: “ Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Along with the many other saints we celebrate this month we have Saints Simon and St. Jude, both apostles. After Pentecost, Simon preached the gospel in Edessa, Greece and Jude in Egypt. They met later in Persia where they suffered martyrdom . St. Simon and St. Jude, please pray for us.

My dear brothers and sisters let us remember all St. Mark's prayer petitions. We lift up the sick and those who have died. We pray for all suffering loneliness and depression and all of the effects of Covid 19. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for a vaccine. We pray for a new Pentecost for our church. We pray for an end to violence and division in our country. We pray God's will be done in the coming elections. May Jesus give us the strength to greet each new day with hope, and here is a prayer that I leave you from St. Catherine of Siena as she prayed to the Lord God: “You have loved me even before I existed, and knowing this, I place all my trust in Your love and set aside every fear.” Amen. God bless you. Love Marge

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 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.

Life Chain – Today, Sunday, October 4th



The 30th Annual LIFE CHAIN will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 PM Next Sunday, October 4 along Route 9 in front of St. Veronica's rectory in Howell.

LIFE CHAIN is an annual nation-wide event of peaceful and prayerful public witness against abortion and for greater respect for all human life. Pro-life witnesses will be forming a "Life Chain" along Rt. 9 in front of the St. Veronica's rectory. Signs will be available. Current COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Please join us and stand up for life! Refreshments will be served following the witnessing.

Please contact Hu and Joan Mador at 732-367-2565 or hmador@optonline.net for more information.



St. Mark's will once again be opening our doors to all Catholic men from local parishes for That Man Is You (TMIY) starting **Saturday, September 19th.** Come at 6AM for coffee before a video presentation at 6:30AM. Small group discussions start at 7AM and end promptly at 7:30AM.

To learn more, visit www.thatmanisyou.org. Attendance and participation are relaxed and flexible.



We would like to thank all those who have attended Mass the past few weeks, who wore a mask and adhered to the social distancing requirements. We wish to remind those who are afraid to come to Mass because of health issues, that the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligation will remain in effect until further notice.

Catholic Charities News

The economic impact of the pandemic has increased the number of homeless families. Catholic Charities provides transitional housing, job skills and budgeting training to people in Monmouth county, who have lost their homes. For assistance call 732-922-0400.

ANNOUNCING A PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE DIAPER BANK OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

Did you know: 1 in 3 U.S. families struggle to afford diapers; a toddler uses up to 8 diapers a day; infants use up to 12 diapers per day; and diapers cost \$70 – \$80 per month per child? Just as food banks support families in need, diaper banks also provide a basic need.



Child Care Resources of Monmouth County, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, raises awareness about diaper need. To help families, volunteers, working out of St. Thomas More Parish as their base of operation, are partnering with Child Care Resources to coordinate support for the Diaper Bank from Monmouth County parishes.

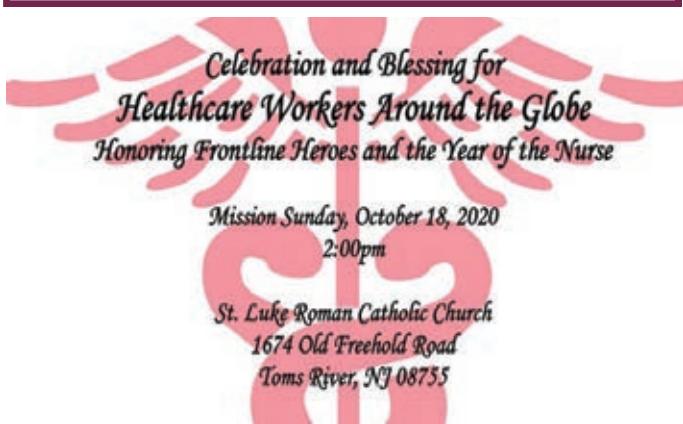
For more information, or to plan a parish diaper drive, contact Deacon Matt Nicosia at deacon_matt@optimum.net. To help purchase diapers, make checks payable to "Child Care Resources" and mailed to: Diaper Bank c/o Child Care Resources, 3301C Route 66, Neptune, NJ 07754-1234. Check out their website at <http://ccrnj.org/diaper-bank-at-child-care-resources/>.



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on

whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.

If you have any questions please call the Rectory office at 732-449-6364.



Virtual Open House

Register for the Donovan Catholic
Virtual Open House

Thursday, October 15 @ 6pm or

Sunday, October 18 @ 2pm

Register TODAY for your session
www.DonovanCatholic.org.



Because of the economic hardships many families have been experiencing and the continued need to rely on outside sources, food pantries in our area have been extremely busy and are in need of help. Please consider donating nonperishable foods and fresh produce to help support the food pantry at St. James Episcopal Church in Bradley.

Items could be dropped off at 2060 Benjamin Circle, Wall anytime Wednesday or early Thursday morning.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ring at 732-449-8759.

Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.





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For the Churches of the Ministerium

Benefiting
Manasquan Food Pantry
Hope Community Food Pantry
St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

Saturday – October 10th

9 AM – 2 PM

Manasquan Presbyterian Church
16 Virginia Avenue

Below are items needed for our Holiday Meals

Boxed Instant Potatoes
Canned Turkey Gravy
Canned Vegetables
40 oz. Canned Yams

Stove-Top Turkey Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Canned Fruit Cocktail

Seasonal Cookies

St. Mark's Sacrament of Confirmation 2020



Sanación después del aborto. ¿Conoces a alguien que lleve el sufrimiento del aborto? Siempre hay esperanza. El dolor y la pena del aborto no necesitan perdurar para toda la vida. Un “Día de Oración y Sanación” ofrece la oportunidad para experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios y para responder a Su invitación de empezar el camino de sanar la herida del aborto. Para las próximas fechas, ubicaciones y registro confidencial, favor de comunicarse con Hna. Benedicta de Las Hermanas de la Vida al (866)-575-0075 o hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org, o llamar a Rosemary – (646) 552-8093.

Vigesimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Octubre 4, 2020

Trigésimo Primera lectura: Isaías 5, 1-7.

Voy a cantar, en nombre de mi amado, una canción a su viña. Mi amado tenía una viña en una ladera fértil. Removió la tierra, quitó las piedras y plantó en ella vides selectas; edificó en medio una torre y excavó un lagar. Él esperaba que su viña diera buenas uvas, pero la viña dio uvas agrias. Ahora bien, habitantes de Jerusalén y gente de Judá, yo les ruego, sean jueces entre mi viña y yo. ¿Qué más pude hacer por mi viña, que yo no lo hiciera? ¿Por qué cuando yo esperaba que diera uvas buenas, las dio agrias? Ahora voy a darles a conocer lo que haré con mi viña; le quitaré su cerca y será destrozada. Derribaré su tapia y será pisoteada. La convertiré en un erial, nadie la podará ni le quitará los cardos, crecerán en ella los abrojos y las espinas, mandaré a las nubes que no lluevan sobre ella. Pues bien, la viña del Señor de los ejércitos es la casa de Israel, y los hombres de Judá son su plantación preferida. El Señor esperaba de ellos que obraran rectamente y ellos, en cambio, cometieron iniquidades; él esperaba justicia y sólo se oyen reclamaciones.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 79, 9 y 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20.

La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

Señor, tú trajiste de Egipto una vid, arrojaste de aquí a los paganos y la plantaste; ella extendió sus sarmientos hasta el mar, y sus brotes llegaban hasta el río.

R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

Señor ¿por qué has derribado su cerca de modo que puedan saquear tu viña los que pasan, pisotearle los animales salvajes, y las bestias del campo destrozarla?

R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

Señor, Dios de los ejércitos, vuelve tus ojos, mira tu viña y visítala; protege la cepa plantada por tu mano, el renuevo que tú mismo cultivaste.

R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

Ya no nos alejaremos de ti: consérvanos la vida y alabaremos tu poder. Restablécenos, Señor, Dios de los ejércitos, míranos con bondad a y estaremos a salvo.

R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.

Segunda lectura: Filemón 4, 6-9.

Hermanos: No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud. Y que la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, custodie sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

Por lo demás, hermanos, aprecien todo lo que es verdadero y noble, cuanto hay de justo y puro, todo lo que es amable y honroso, todo lo que sea virtud y merezca elogio. Pongan por obra cuanto han aprendido y recibido de mí, todo lo que yo he dicho y me han visto hacer; y el Dios de la paz estará con ustedes.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Juan 15, 16

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Yo los he elegido del mundo, dice el Señor, para que vayan y den fruto, y su fruto permanezca. R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mateo 21, 33-43.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo esta parábola: "Había una vez un propietario que plantó un viñedo, lo rodeó con una cerca, cavó un lagar en él, construyó una torre para el vigilante y

luego lo alquiló a unos viñadores y se fue de viaje. Llegado el tiempo de la vendimia, envió a sus criados para pedir su parte de los frutos a los viñadores; pero éstos se apoderaron de los criados, golpearon a uno, mataron a otro y a otro más lo apedrearon. Envío de nuevo a otros criados, en mayor número que los primeros, y los trajeron del mismo modo. Por último, les mandó a su propio hijo, pensando: 'A mi hijo lo respetarán'. Pero cuando los viñadores lo vieron, se dijeron unos a otros: 'Este es el heredero. Vamos a matarlo y nos quedaremos con su herencia'. Le echaron mano, lo sacaron del viñedo y lo mataron. Ahora, díganme: cuando vuelva el dueño del viñedo, ¿qué hará con esos viñadores?' Ellos le respondieron: "Dará muerte terrible a esos desalmados y arrendará el viñedo a otros viñadores, que le entreguen los frutos a su tiempo". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "¿No han leído nunca en la Escritura: *La piedra que desecharon los constructores, es ahora la piedra angular. Esto es obra del Señor y es un prodigo admirable?* Por esta razón les digo que les será quitado a ustedes el Reino de Dios y se le dará a un pueblo que produzca sus frutos".

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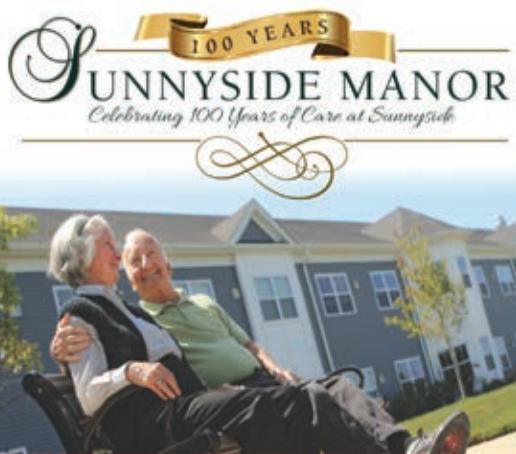
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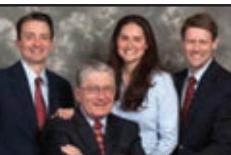
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