## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 2, 2024

7:30 AM Anthony Hroncich

12:30 PM Anthony Vathalloor (Living)

7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory 12:30 PM Edith Lupo Kaulbach

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

7:30 AM Robert Hartlett

(Birthday Remembrance)

**12:30 PM** Gentile-Guariglia Family (*Living*)

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving to God

12:30 PM Maria Brabosa Reis

Friday, September 6, 2024

7:30 AM John Verni

12:30 PM Assunta Amarone

Saturday, September 7, 2024

**5:00 PM** Elizabeth Crowley

Monica Homer Joan McKenna Patricia McGrath

Arthur Tamborino

Maria Joaquina Fernandes

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:00 AM The Unborn Children 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions 10:00 AM Domingos Monteiro 11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Spanish Intentions
7:00 PM Pay Michael Reid

7:00 PM Rev. Michael Reid

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#### **CMA Numbers for 2024**

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$37,780 Payments = \$35,650 Donors = 147 Average = \$257

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.

## PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 7, 2024

5:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:00 AM Fr. Yesudas

**8:30** AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm 7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."
- JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

August 25<sup>th</sup> Actual Collection = \$9,546

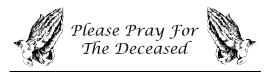
August 25<sup>th</sup> Ma il-In Donations = \$1,556

**August 25<sup>th</sup> Electronic Donations = \$1,060** 

August 25<sup>th</sup> Total Collection = \$12,162

Attendance = 1,022

Maintenance = \$3,708



Vincenza Benedetto



## **LABOR DAY USA**

#### **MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024**

MASSES: 7:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 7:30 PM Spanish)

#### ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY

Let us thank God for our human rights and dignity as workers in the vineyard of the Lord. By our labor, may we continue the good work of the Creator who made all heaven and earth; as well as all men and women in His own image and likeness. God bless our parish and families as we return to our job routines and school schedules!!



Our once-a-year parish fundraiser will start in September which this year will go towards the cost of improvements in our school building, now 70 years old! The gym needs a new electronic score board, for the increasing number of boys and girls playing on our CYO basketball teams. And the Youth Room could use some fresh updating. Four raffle tickets will soon be sent to each home.

# \$25 per ticket

3 lucky winners will get one of the three cash prizes!

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1,500

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,000

3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500





Each year Americans celebrate Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people. For Catholics, it is also an opportunity to recall the traditional teaching of the Church on dignity of work and the rights of workers. As Pope Francis pointed out, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own Nation."







This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO in the Lives of Others.	THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every G	ift Makes a Differe
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Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese	of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New Y	York 11571

THANK YOU!



Thursday, Sept. 5 3:00-5:00 PM

Registration for 1st graders & families new to the program *School building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor* 

Jueves, 5 de septiembre 5:00-7:00 PM Registro para Primera Comunion

La escuela de Corpus Christi, segundo piso Necesario: Certificados de nacimiento y bautismo Cuota de educación religiosa \$140.00 per nino Para mas información, llamar a 516-294-0631

Needed at the time of registration

- Birth and baptismal certificates
- Religious Education fee of \$140.00 per child
- For more information, contact us at <a href="mailto:ccreligioused@verizon.net/">ccreligioused@verizon.net/</a>

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

## **Catechetical Sunday**

"Lord, when did we see You hungry..." Mt. 25:37

9:00 AM Catechist Meeting (Fitzgerald Hall) 10:00 AM Opening Mass

#### With Heartfelt Gratitude...

We wish "farewell" to *Ms. Emily DeSousa* who will take leave from teaching religion classes as she pursues her graduate studies while teaching full time. Emily will be honored for her five years of service with the St. Paul VI Service Award. Emily did an excellent job of preparing our children for First Holy Communion.

Junior Lectors		
10:00 AM Mass		
Sunday, September 8, 2024	nday, September 8, 2024 Michael Perro and Lily Wasserman	
Sunday, September 15, 2024	Gabriella and Michaela Palumbo	
Sunday, September 22, 2024	Alcina and Carmen Lima	
Sunday, September 29, 2024	Nicole Henriques and Marc Machado	

# <u>Catholic University Collection</u> <u>September 8</u>



The diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faithinspired education and the University's various research and training

initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the events, U.S. contributing education, formation, research, and Management, master's program in Ecclesial Administration and credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at:

futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.



Is there a better time to become a Catholic Daughter (CDA)? The world needs you now! It's a time when relatively few believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist; when the Deceiver ridicules the Church, postulates gender confusion, denigrates the institution of the family, and pollutes much of what we hold to be true – of value. It's time to step up for what we believe as Christian women. Court Immaculata #444 welcomes that challenge. Come and explore what we offer in Unity and Charity. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM in FitzGerald Hall. There's no commitment on your part other than to take a step forward. We welcome and look forward to seeing YOU. (FitzGerald Hall is accessible to those with disabilities.)



# What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

#### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

- When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
- 2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
- 3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USCCB. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Joseph (Chuck) Carney, Jackson Carvalho, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Charles Procaccini, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Sat., Sept. 7 Sun., Sept. 8 5:00 PM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM

R.Kearns/H.Kearns J.Ferreira/A.Granados L.Wasserman/B.Reyes





#### **Banns II**

Susana Miranda, Corpus Christi Church & Michael Amoroso, St. Filip Neri layfayette Hill, PA

#### **Banns III**

Susana Sousa, Corpus Christi Church & Anthony Francone, St. Bernard, Brooklyn

# The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you are in need financially or need food call 516-746-1223.

"You have abandoned the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." Jesus accuses the Pharisees. Let's not be guilty of the same accusation. In the gospel Jesus comes into conflict with the Pharisees who had a great regard for what is referred to in that gospel as 'the tradition of the elders.' These were traditions that had been passed down orally for hundreds of years and that applied the Jewish Law to all the details of daily living. These traditions were not written in the Scriptures but they had come to acquire an authority that was equal to that of the Scriptures. In the course of his ministry, Jesus challenged the prominence that the Pharisees and other religious leaders gave to these religious traditions. In the gospel Jesus contrasts these human traditions to the commandment of God and he declares that in their zeal to uphold these human traditions, the religious leaders have ended up undermining the commandment of God. Jesus is implying that what mattered so much to the Pharisees did not matter to God. God had other priorities. Long standing traditions about ritual washings of hands and of cups and pots do not matter to God; what does matter to God, according to Jesus, is what is in our heart and what comes from out of our heart.

The first priority in God's eyes is how we relate to one another, in particular how we relate to the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Jesus did not hesitate to heal the sick on the Sabbath even though the tradition of the elders held that this constituted work and so was unlawful. The words and deeds of Jesus are always are best guide to what is of real value in our own religious tradition and what it is that may need to be put aside.

SVDP Clothing Drive & Fundraiser will be Oct. 12-13

# Español XXII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

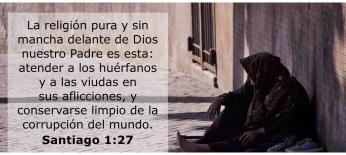


#### **EVANGELIO: SAN MARCOS 7, 1-8.14-15.21-23**

En aquel tiempo, se acercaron a Jesús los fariseos y algunos escribas venidos de Jerusalén. Viendo que algunos de los discípulos de Jesús comían con las manos impuras, es decir, sin habérselas lavado, los fariseos y los escribas le preguntaron: Por qué tus discípulos comen con manos impuras y no siguen la tradición de nuestros mayores? (Los fariseos y los judíos, en general, no comen sin lavarse antes las manos hasta el codo, siguiendo la tradición de sus mavores; al volver del mercado, no comen sin hacer primero las abluciones y observan muchas otras cosas por tradición, como purificar los vasos, las jarras, las ollas). Jesús les contestó: Qué bien profetizó Isaías sobre ustedes, hipócritas, cuando escribió: Este pueblo me honra con los labios, pero su corazón está lejos de mí. Es inútil el culto que me rinden, porque enseñan doctrinas que no son sino preceptos humanos! Ustedes dejan a un lado el mandamiento de Dios, para aferrarse a las tradiciones de los hombres. Después, Jesús llamó a la gente y les dijo: Escúchenme todos y entiéndanme. Nada que entre de fuera puede manchar al hombre; lo que sí lo mancha es lo que sale de dentro; porque del corazón del hombre salen las intenciones malas, las fornicaciones, los robos, los homicidios, los adulterios, las codicias, las injusticias, los fraudes, el desenfreno, las invidias, la difamación, el orgullo y la frivolidad. Todas estas maldades salen de dentro y manchan al hombre.



El tema del evangelio es la oposición entre mandamientos de Dios y tradiciones humanas. La cuestión es muy importante para definir la verdadera religión. El pasaje se refiera a la pregunta que los fariseos (cumplidores estrictos de la tradiciones de los padres) plantean a Jesús, porque algunos seguidores suyos no se lavan las manos antes de comer. La verdad es que esta es una buena tradición sanitaria, pero convertida en precepto religioso, como otras, puede llegar a ser alarmante. Es el conflicto entre lo esencial y lo que no lo es; entre lo que es voluntad de Dios y lo que es voluntad de los hombres. El Señor invitó a su pueblo a escuchar sus mandatos y preceptos sin añadir ni suprimir nada y así cumplirlos tal cual Él los ordenó para su crecimiento y desarrollo. La observancia de estos preceptos eran el mejor testimonio de la sabiduría e inteligencia de pueblo de Dios frente a las demás naciones.



Nuestro texto valora la Palabra de Dios y subraya su importancia en el sentido de que nos conduce al encuentro de la vida verdadera y eterna. Es necesario que demos a la Palabra que Dios nos dirige un peso infinitamente superior al de las palabras sin sentido que todos los días llenan nuestros oídos y que intoxican nuestra mente. La Palabra de Dios es Palabra generadora de vida, de eternidad, de felicidad.

# Português

# **DOMINGO XXII DO TEMPO COMUM**



# **EVANGELHO: SÃO MARCOS 7, 1-8.14-15.21-23**

Naquele tempo, reuniu-se à volta de Jesus um grupo de fariseus e alguns escribas que tinham vindo de Jerusalém. Viram que alguns dos discípulos de Jesus comiam com as mãos impuras, isto é, sem as lavar. Na verdade, os fariseus e os judeus em geral não comem sem ter lavado cuidadosamente as mãos, conforme a tradição dos antigos. Ao voltarem da praça pública, não comem sem antes se terem lavado. E seguem muitos outros costumes a que se prenderam. Por tradição, como lavar os copos, os jarros e as vasilhas de cobre. Os fariseus e os escribas perguntaram a Jesus: "Porque não seguem os teus discípulos a tradição dos antigos, e comem sem lavar as mãos?" Jesus respondeu-lhes: "Bem profetizou Isaías a respeito de vós, hipócritas, como está escrito: Este povo honra-me com os lábios, mas o seu coração está longe de mim. É vão ao culto que me prestam, e as doutrinas que ensinam não passam de preceitos humanos. Vós deixais de lado o mandamento de Deus, para vos prenderdes à tradição dos homens". Depois, Jesus chamou de novo a si a multidão e começou a dizer-lhe: "Escutai-me e procurai entender. Não há nada fora do homem que o torna impuro. O que sai do homem é que o torna impuro, porque do interior o homem é que saem as más intenções: imoralidades, roubos, assassinatos, adultérios, cobiças, injustiças, fraudes, devassidão, inveja, difamação, orgulho, insensatez. Todos estes vícios saem do interior do homem e são eles que o tornam impuro".



#### Homilia pelo padre Miguel Cavaco

As leituras deste XXII Domingo contrastam a verdadeira observância da lei de Deus com o legalismo vazio. Em Deuteronómio, Moisés enfatiza a importância de seguir os mandamentos de Deus, não como um fardo, mas como um caminho para a sabedoria e proximidade com o Divino. Ele destaca que essas leis são justas e benéficas para o povo.

No Evangelho de Marcos, Jesus critica os fariseus por se apegarem às tradições humanas em detrimento do verdadeiro espírito da lei de Deus. Ele enfatiza que a verdadeira pureza vem do coração, não de rituais externos. Jesus ensina que o que contamina uma pessoa são as ações e intenções que vêm de dentro, não fatores externos. Juntas, essas passagens nos convidam a refletir sobre nossa própria prática religiosa. Elas nos desafiam a buscar uma fé autêntica, centrada no amor a Deus e ao próximo, em vez de nos concentrarmos apenas em regras e rituais externos.

# INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 8 DE SEETEMBRO

+Domingos e Teresa Cardoso + Domingos Lage Cardoso + Maria do Carmo e Manuel Afonso +Mário e Alice Adão + Ana Rodrigues Nogueira +António Mendes Oliveira + António Correia da Costa + Julian Barreto Albuquerque + Guilherme Simões + Ana Pereira Portela + António Pires e pais + Natividade Ramalhete