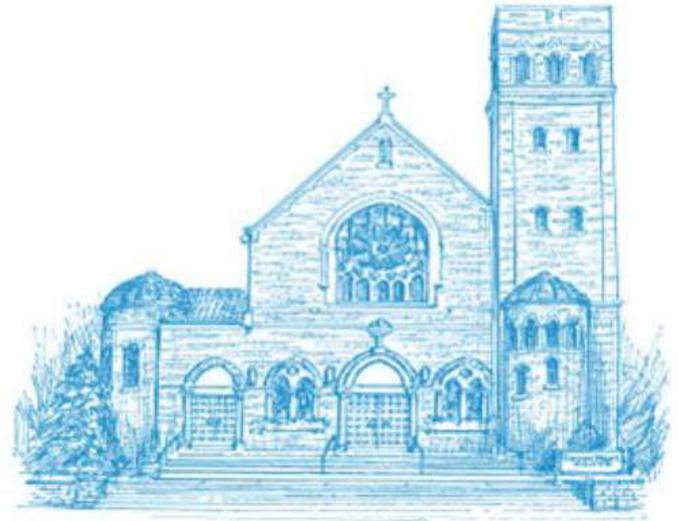


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**OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you, we give  
you thanks for your great glory, Lord  
God, heavenly King, O God, Al-  
mighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begot-  
ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated at  
the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen.

**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 yield-  
ed 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 cher-  
ished 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. 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."

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis. He was born in 1181 in Assisi, not too far from Rome. In his teens, Francis saw himself one day becoming a knight. He also had a side to him that loved to feast and party. There was a civil war in 1201 and Francis was captured by the other side. While he was imprisoned in Perugia for a year, he became very ill. After having recovered he once again dressed for battle in ostentatious military armor. But when he met a beggar in rags Francis exchanged clothing with him out of pity.

That very night he had a dream that turned out to be prophetic. He saw a great castle with various wartime utensils bearing the sign of the Cross. Then a majestic voice announced to Francis that these weapons were for him and for his soldiers. There was also an indication that a beautiful bride was awaiting him. Francis took great comfort from that vision and believed that he was being led to join the army in southern Italy of Duke Walter III of Brienne.

However, he never arrived at the Duke's encampment. He fell sick on the way there. During his illness he heard a voice in his heart ask him, "Which is better? To serve the lord or to serve the servant?" Francis immediately answered, "To serve the lord of course." The voice replied, "Why then are you making a master of a servant?" Francis began to understand the meaning. As a result, he lost his zeal for his former way of life and began to spend very much time in prayer. He made a pilgrimage to Rome and passed the day as a beggar. He then began to give alms continuously.

One day, while on horseback Francis gave money to a leper. Overcoming his disgust at the man's appearance and aroma, he decided to kiss the man's hand. The leper responded by giving Francis the kiss of peace. From that moment on, Francis saw that Lady Poverty was to be for him the bride foreshadowed in his earlier vision. That nuptial relationship would be highlighted in a famous scene involving his father, who was exasperated with his son's largesse to the poor, which was costing his father much profit. Pietro Bernardone, a wealthy merchant, appealed to the local bishop to mediate his financial dispute with his son. At the climax of the hearing, Francis stripped to his loincloths and publicly offered his father his clothing, since, earthly wealth apparently meant so much to Pietro.

One day, Francis was praying in the parish church of San Damiano very close to Assisi. A Voice from the Crucifix said to him three times, "Francis go and repair My house, which, as you see, is falling down." Francis was certain that the Lord Christ Him-

self was giving him his life's purpose and mission. At first, he thought he was being directed to literally repair the dilapidated church building in which he had been praying. Later, after Francis had begun the Order of Friars Minor, whose striking example of authentic Gospel living would set the universal Church on fire with the love of God, it became apparent that the mandate given by the Crucified was meant for the planet, and not merely for the parish.

Francis would eventually receive the gift of working miracles and, finally, the stigmata. He had remarkable rapport with animals. There was a rabbit and a pheasant who could not tolerate his absence. A friendly falcon woke him up in the middle of the night so that he might pray. However, that living alarm clock never did so when Francis was sick. He would preach to the birds and they would listen and respond by flapping their wings. Then there was the cricket that would rest on his hand and sing when he told it to do so. St. Francis died in 1226. He is the patron of animals.

Bert Ghezzi summarizes the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He writes, "The people of Assisi thought Francis was crazy. Francis gave them plenty of evidence for their view. What would *you* say about a rich kid who seemed to change overnight from partygoer to ascetic? who swapped his fine clothes for a beggar's rags, gleefully renounced his inheritance, and stripped naked in a bishop's court? who kissed lepers, preached to birds, and claimed that Jesus spoke to him from a crucifix? Had I personally observed Francis's unusual behavior, I think I might have agreed with his critics. 'Of course I favor taking Christianity seriously,' I might have said, 'but Francis has gone too far.' No doubt I would have echoed the voice of reason, warning of extremism and praising balance. Francis certainly was an extremist. But weren't all the saints? While it's true that he was unbalanced, in the sense that he did not limit his enthusiasm, Francis was anything but insane. To the contrary, you could argue that he had a healthier mind than most of us. Unlike him, we focus narrowly on the material world. We wear blinders that shut out the broader and deeper spiritual realm. By so doing, we place ourselves out of touch with a vast part of reality. So perhaps we are the ones who are a little crazy." (Bert Ghezzi, *Mystics & Miracles: True Stories of Lives Touched by God*, 2002).

God bless you!  
Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Saturday, October 3:**

5:00 Anthony & Adeline Fanticola

**Sunday, October 4:**

7:00 Benjamin Zarrelli

9:00 Brendan Hoey

11:00 Robert McGrath

1:00 Father James E. Burke (1st Anniversary)

**Monday, October 5:**

9:30 Donald & Therese O'Shea

**Tuesday, October 6:**

9:30 Stanley & Edith Modzelewski

**Wednesday, October 7:**

9:30 Stephen Kubick

**Thursday, October 8:**

9:30 Michael Byrne

**Friday, October 9:**

9:30 The Gordon & Scuderi Families

**Saturday, October 10:**

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

5:00 Steven Murphy &  
Baby Raymond Celentano

**Sunday, October 11:**

7:00 Hon. Louis Jerome Sr.

9:00 Marguerite Cox & Souls in Purgatory

11:00 Vernon & Noeline Fernando

1:00 Philip Perkowski

**Saturday, October 10:**

5:00 Mary Rosso

**Sunday, October 11:**

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 10:**

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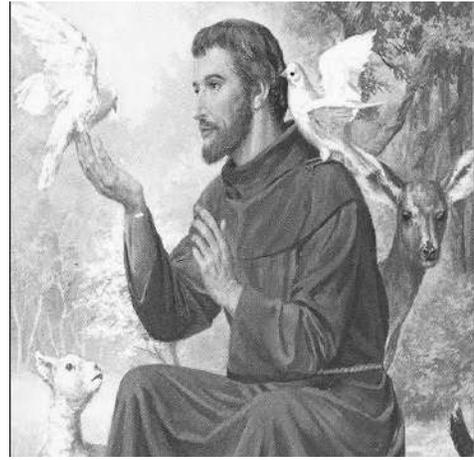
## Holy Name Pledge

Blessed be God. Blessed be his Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. I believe O Jesus That Thou are the Christ. The Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love. For the Vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths Which the Holy Catholic Church Believes and teaches. I promise to give good example By the regular practice of my faith. In honor of his Divine Name I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country. And to the God given principles of freedom, justice and happiness. For which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civic and religious. I dedicate myself to honor the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ and beg that he keep my faithful to these pledges....Until Death. Amen.

**Lady of Fatima:** In honor of the 103rd anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Charles Church will be having an outdoor Rosary. The Rosary will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 3 PM outside of Saint Charles School located at 200 Penn Avenue.

**Hurricane/Wildfires:** Recently we have all witnessed the devastating impact of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. To aid these unfortunate people, The Archdiocese of N.Y. is sending \$15,000 to assist in recovery. In light of the ongoing pandemic rather than ask for a second collection at Sunday Mass, we are asking that anyone who wishes to make a voluntary donation mail that donation to The Archdiocese of New York, 1011 1st Avenue, NY, NY, 10022 room 940. Make sure it is clearly marked for relief.

**Newly Baptized:** We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized parishioners including **Joseph Michael Jezycki, Aariah Lynn Garda, Stassiana Grace Macalush, John Luke Adams, Alexander Charles Baez Jr, James Peter Smith, Wyatt Blaise VandenHeuvel, Nicholas Anthony Primiano, Quinn Catherine Whyte, Biagio Michael Settepani, Courtney Deidre Mooney, Makenna Lizann Mooney, Harper Quinn O'Leary, Ezra Michael Quevas, Emily Madison Williams, Kadyn Jaxyn Williams & Aliyahna Jessica Rogers.** God bless all of them and their families!



**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI. FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4TH, PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS. WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS LISTED BELOW.**

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**Public Square Rosary:** In light of the pandemic, the murders, the riots, the looting and the socio-economic upheaval a Public Square Rosary will happen across the country at 12 noon on October 10th. Those who cannot join are asked to pray The Rosary that day when time allows. For more information please visit [www.anf.org](http://www.anf.org).

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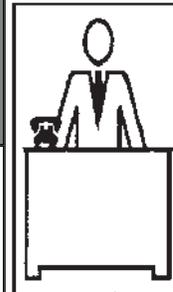
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