

Saint Patrick Church, Kankakee
~ A Viatorian Parish ~

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 4, 2020



A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O, 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;
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Amen.

(*Saint Francis of Assisi*)

The imagery of the people of God as a vineyard is common in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Generally speaking, the vineyard stands for the nation of Israel as a whole, but that does not exclude an emphasis on the role of the individual.

The vineyard parables all have certain things in common. God is the one who plants the vineyard. God chooses the best and most fertile land, works the land to prepare it, and then looks for a harvest, only to be disappointed for one reason or another.

In the First Reading, God is disappointed because, instead of the vineyard producing good grapes, it produced wild, or, as some translations say, rotten grapes. So, what do you do? There is nothing left to do but to tear it all down. Isaiah's message to the nation is that this is what God plans to do with Israel because the nation has produced rotten grapes. In the same way that the owner of the vineyard looked for good grapes and found rotten grapes instead, God looked for justice within Israel and instead found bloodshed. Nations that are systemically unjust can last for a time, but eventually God gets fed up and destruction comes.

The Psalmist does not know exactly why it is happening, but he sees that God is allowing his vineyard to be torn down. With all of the work that God had done, bringing a vine from Egypt, working hard to clear the land to plant it, and then letting it spread itself to the Mediterranean Sea and the Euphrates River, why is God now allowing it to be plundered and trampled on by everybody who passes by? The Psalmist pleads with God to look favorably on his vineyard and to give it new life. The people have withdrawn from you and have not called upon your name; but, if you will restore your vineyard, the nation can turn around and be saved.

In the Gospel parable, the history of Israel as God's vineyard is told. The owner of an estate leases it out to tenant farmers and then goes off on a long journey. That was particularly common in Galilee, where landowners often actually lived outside of the territory. Generally speaking, the rent was for a certain amount of produce from the vineyard, with the tenants able to keep what remained. The owner of the vineyard then sent delegates to take the part of the harvest that was his. However, the tenants choose not to pay and abuse the servants. The servants in the parable are God's prophets whom he regularly sent to Israel, only to see them abused and killed. Finally, the owner sends his son; but he, too, is killed. Those who hate Jesus know that he is talking about them and himself. You can reject God's Son, but he will take back the vineyard and give it to someone else who will produce good fruit.

Finally, what precisely is that good fruit that God wants from his vineyard? Saint Paul tells us.

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.

(George Butterfield)

2020 HALF PADDY NEWS

**This year's Half Paddy Festival,
which eventually became
Half Paddy Saturday,
is now history.**

**Thank you to all of those who participated
in this year's Half Paddy Saturday.
We are already looking forward
to a much more normal
Half Paddy Celebration
on next September
10th and 11th!**

**The 2020
Half Paddy
Committee**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 4:00 P.M.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Larry Gullquist

Randy LeBeau

Liz Keliher

Sunday, October 4, 7:00 A.M.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Charles A. Schultz

Sunday, October 4, 10:00 A.M.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ofelia Palacios Corona

Brendan Olszewski

Joanne Dressler

Judy Swanson

Tom Barrie

Tuesday, October 6, 7:15 A.M.

Charles "Chuck" Habing

Thursday, October 8, 7:15 A.M.

Elwyn "Snipe" Kingsnorth

Saturday, October 10, 4:00 P.M.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tom Billadeau

Sunday, October 11, 7:00 A.M.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marvin Stanley

Sunday, October 11, 10:00 A.M.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catherine Lawless

Judy Swanson

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle burns
for the Special Intentions
of All Catechists.

The Holy Family Candle burns
for all those people suffering
because of the continuing
Covid-19 pandemic.

JULY – AUGUST – SEPTEMBER AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

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Saturday – 4:00 P.M. – 27 persons

Sunday – 7:00 A.M. – 37 persons

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. – 47 persons

Tuesday – 7:15 A.M. – 29 persons

Thursday – 7:15 A.M. – 27 persons

AUGUST AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 4:00 P.M. – 42 persons

Sunday – 7:00 A.M. – 32 persons

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. – 62 persons

Tuesday – 7:15 A.M. – 27 persons

Thursday – 7:15 A.M. – 27 persons

SEPTEMBER AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 4:00 P.M. – 40 persons

Sunday – 7:00 A.M. – 31 persons

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. – 60 persons

Tuesday – 7:15 A.M. – 30 persons

Thursday – 7:15 A.M. – 31 persons

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Envelopes (41) = \$3,010.00

Loose cash and checks = \$52.00

Online Giving (5 families) = \$430.00

A.C.H. Giving (9 families) = \$958.00

Total Collection = \$4,450.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget = \$7,673.00

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

If you were unable to contribute
to the Peter's Pence Collection
over the June 26-27 weekend,
the Diocese of Joliet
has reminded us
that it is not too late
to participate.

If you wish to contribute
to the charitable works
of the Holy Father
around the world,
please do so
in the weeks ahead
by using a plain envelope
simply labeled:
"Peter's Pence Collection."

PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS

By way of reminder, I will mention again that those wishing to attend Mass on Tuesday morning and Thursday morning do not need reservations. Those planning to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, however, will need reservations. Very simply stated, Weekend Mass Reservations can be made, beginning after 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning, by accessing our on-line Mass Reservations site at <https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch> or our telephone site at 815-932-6716, Ext. 999. Reservations for Saturday and Sunday Masses officially close at noon time on the previous Friday.

Our Greeters have discovered that practically no one has been arriving thirty minutes before the published Mass times.

Therefore,
in the weeks to come,
the church doors will be opened
twenty minutes before Mass begins.

For Saturday's 4:00 Mass, doors will open at 3:40 P.M.
For Sunday's 7:00 Mass, doors will open at 6:40 A.M.
For Sunday's 10:00 Mass, doors will open at 9:40 A.M.

For Weekday 7:15 Mass, doors will open at 6:55 A.M.

**The Parish Re-Opening Team
is always ready to welcome
additional parishioners
who wish to serve as
Greeters / Ushers
Sanitizers.**

**To volunteer your services,
please get in touch with
the Parish Office.
Thank you.**

Father John

ONLINE CLASS FOR SENIORS IN KANKAKEE COUNTY

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet presents a free class available to individuals ages 60 and older who live in Kankakee County:

Join Catholic Charities for the October 2020 Crafting Connections FREE event for seniors in Kankakee County! This live on-line class will be held on Friday, October 9th, from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Participants will create a beautiful painting using Q-tips! All supplies will be provided by Catholic Charities.

Pre-registration was officially required by Friday, October 2nd. To try to register late, please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 (ext. 9910) or e-mail kcoy@cc-doj.org.

DO YOU CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?
AN ILL SPOUSE, AGING PARENT OR CHILD WITH DISABILITIES?



We invite you to connect with other caregivers.
Nourish for Caregivers supports the practical emotional and spiritual needs of all who offer care for others during this time of uncertainty and anxiety.

This online caregiver support ministry
is sponsored by the
Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

After the kickoff Zoom Workshop on
Monday, September the 14th,
which will be repeated on
Sunday, November 8th,
Monthly Meetings will be held via Zoom
on the third Monday of each month
at 1:00 P.M. and again at 7:00 P.M.

Oct. 19, 2020 – The Spirituality of Asking for and Receiving Help
Nov. 16, 2020 – Staying Organized and Preparing for What's Next
Dec. 21, 2020 – A Season for Everything – The Ebbs and the Flows

For more information and to register, call:
Susan Amann at 815-348-9871 - or - Ruth Barber at 815-405-4553

**Back from Emmaus into New Life
A Men's Virtual One-Day Retreat**

Saturday, October the 3rd

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(1-hour lunch break)

presented by

Father Vern Arseneau

Deacon Mark Duffey

Further information about the preceding program
and a complete listing of all online programming
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Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Next Monthly Mass
Friday, Oct. 30
6:00 P.M.

Mass Reservations are required.

Please call 815-573-5455
and leave your name,
number in your party,
and phone number.

Attached to this Sunday's bulletin
you will find one "flyer" about:

Free Flu Shots for Senior Citizens
provided through the local branch
of Catholic Charities of Joliet.



Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics

Kankakee County Seniors: Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and Jewel-Osco at an upcoming drive-thru flu shot clinic!



The Flu Shot Clinics are for individuals who are 60+ years old and the shots are FREE with Medicare Part B. Shots will be administered by a Jewel-Osco pharmacist. At the event, you are required to remain in your vehicle and wear a face covering/mask. Be sure to bring your insurance card.

Pneumonia and shingles vaccines will also be available if you request one when you pre-register.

When you arrive, look for the purple signs!

Please register for one of the following (times for each are 1:00 - 4:00PM):

- October 1, Kankakee Area YMCA, 1075 N Kennedy Dr., Kankakee IL 60901
- October 8, Oak Ridge Club House, 1000 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno IL 60950
- October 15, Pembroke Senior Center, 4019 S Wheeler Rd., Pembroke Township IL 60958
- October 22, St Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 207 E 5th St, Herscher IL 60941
- October 29, Perry Farm Park, 459 N Kennedy Dr., Bourbonnais IL 60914



Please pre-register by calling 815-933-7791

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:15 a.m.
Saturday..... 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Appointments..... Please call to schedule appointments.
Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
and by appointment.
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