TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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Mission Cooperation Mass

This Sunday September 26/27 is Mission Cooperation Mass here in the Cranberry organized by the Archdiocese of Boston Office for the Propagation of Faith. I (Fr. JT.) will be speaking at the weekend Masses about the work of the Church in my home Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria.

The Archdiocese has approved a second collection for my Diocese. The collection will support the building of the "Domus Clero" (Home for Priests) that my Diocese is currently undertaking which will house our sick, retired and senior priests, who will be better looked after in the home.

I appeal to you parishioners and friends to kindly support me by donating to my home Diocese in Nigeria. Your generous donations from this 2020 Mission Appeal Mass will help my Diocese to complete the retirement home for priests.

Orlu Diocese in Nigeria is grateful to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston and the Cranberry Catholic Collaborative for the opportunity to hold this special appeal.

Kindly address any checks to either Sacred Heart Parish or Saints Martha & Mary Parish, but with a note:

"Mission Appeal: Orlu Diocese". The same note applies if you are using the CCC Online giving platform.

CCC will send in all donations to the RCAB Office for the Propagation of Faith. This Office will make out a check to the Catholic Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria.

Thank you.

Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo (JT) For Orlu Diocese, Nigeria

ST. JOSEPH PRAY FOR US

St. Vincent de Paul September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish.

Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!

my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.

-ST. VINCEN DE PAUL

MERGER UPDATE 6

On Thursday September 10, 2020, an overwhelming affirmative vote taken by the Staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council sealed our resolution to merge by consolidating our two parishes into a new parish that will be known as ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, Lakeville-Middleboro-Rochester.

St. Joseph the Worker has been the Patron Saint of the Cranberry Catholic Collaborative. When we think of St. Joseph, three things stand out about him: Faith, Family and Hard Work. In the new St. Joseph the Worker Parish, we shall continue to grow the faith, sustain the family, and work hard to support the new parish.

Consolidating Saints Martha & Mary Parish in Lakeville and Sacred Heart Parish in Middleboro & Rochester into a new parish will help us to channel our limited financial resources toward sustaining the mission of Christ, ensuring the survival of our faith, and harmonizing productively the ministries that exist here in our three communities.

It was also voted that two churches of the proposed St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Saints Martha & Mary church and Sacred Heart church) will remain open as worship sites, with the possibility of deciding for only one church whenever it becomes necessary in the future.

We will re-evaluate our facilities. Best of our facilities that will serve the consolidation long into the future will be retained; others will be monetized to serve the consolidation financially.

Based on the above, I have decided to move with the process, and to request from the Archbishop for the approval of this consolidation.

Peace & Blessings!

Fr. JT., Administrator



Eucharistic Adoration with Mass& Divine Mercy Chaplet Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Intention for the week of October 2nd

For the First Eucharist Candidates and their families

Weekly Bible Study With Father JT



Thursday, October 1st at Saints Martha & Mary Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NO BIBLE STUDY

Did you know? Why is the Mass compared to the Passover?



The Catechism says, "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC 1324). Pasch means "Passover." An event that the Jewish people still celebrate today. When they were enslaved in Egypt, God told his people to kill a lamb that was without blemish or defect. Then the lamb must be consumed and its blood put on the doorpost. In doing this the angel of death that was sent to punish the Egyptians would "pass over" them.

We also have a lamb that sacrificed Himself so that spiritual death would "pass over" us. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. St. Paul tells us, "Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed." (1Cor. 5:7)

The Passover lamb in the Old Testament had to be a male, without blemish or defect, and his legs could not be broken. Christ, our Passover lamb, is male, without sin and during the Crucifixion his legs were not broken. To complete the Passover, the lamb had to be eaten. Of course, Jesus did not mean we should be cannibals. He gave us his body and blood to consume under the miraculous form of bread and wine. He said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

During the Passover at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us a new covenant by giving us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus then commanded His apostles to continue this by saying, "Do this in Memory of me."

If you have any questions that you would like to submit, send them to alanamaral@cranberrycatholic.org



CCC TIMELINE PLAN FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST (YoE)

Know that nothing in the plan is written on stone. Adjustments/tweaking may happen if real need arises, especially within the pandemic environment.

Sunday, September 26/27 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist: Real Presence

Evening 5-6pm: YoE 2nd Outdoor Eucharistic Adoration (M&M) - POSTPONED

Sunday, October 24/25 (4th Sun):

Saturday 10am: Formed - Real Presence Series & Witness Video

Sunday Homily topic: Eucharist as Sacrifice, Thanksgiving & Family Meal

Sunday, November 21/22 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist and Community Building

Sunday Evening 5-6pm: Teaching Holy Mass (Eucharistic Celebration) for Adults (SH)

Sunday, December 26/27 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist in Sacred Scripture & Life of Saints (no other activity for December)

Sunday, January 23/24 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist: Token & Symbol of Love (no other activity for January)

Sunday, February 27/28 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist: Our Catholic Identity

Sunday 11am-12pm: Eucharist - Real Presence, for Youth & Young Adults (M&M)

Sunday, March 27/28 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist: Renewal & Transformation

Sunday 12-1pm: Teaching Holy Mass, for Youth & Young Adults (SH)

Sunday, April 24/25 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic: Eucharistic Devotions

Sunday 11am-12pm: Teaching Adoration, for Youth & Young Adults (M&M)

Sunday, May 22/23 (4th Sun):

Homily Topic - Eucharist & Priesthood

Monday, May 31, 5-6pm: Outdoor Rosary Procession-Bible Rosary of Luminous Mysteries (RoL)

Sunday, June 19/20 (3rd Sun) - Corpus Christi:

Closing Mass of YoE 9.30am (M&M) or 11am (SH), Followed by Parish Luncheon & Socials.





This week in Symbolon we are on episode 7, The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us. We learn answers to questions like, who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in our lives and in the life of the Church? Why is it so important that we know and love him?

Kids I hope you are enjoying the Brother Francis series.

This week let's watch, The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer. Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life changing power of the Mass in this inspirational and instructive presentation!



Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

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Mass Intentions-Saints Martha & Mary Parish

Saturday, September 26th 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27th

9:30 a.m. Members of the Society of SVdP

Monday, September 28th

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 29th

8:00 a.m. Brown, Costa, Patla & Lomba Family, Memorial

Wednesday, September 30th

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 1st

8:00 a.m. Marianna Burns, Birthday Memorial

Friday, October 2nd

6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 26th

4:00 p.m. Sophie, Tony, Tim & Paul, Memorial

Sunday, September 27th

11:00 a.m. Robin MacDonald, Memorial

Mass Intentions-St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 a.m. Eileen Racine, Birthday Memorial

Financial Blessings 9-20-2020	
Saints Martha & Mary	\$4,501.00
Sacred Heart Total	\$3,307.33
Middleborough	\$2,618.33
Rochester	\$689.00

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your generous support of last week's special collection to benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT). The strength and vibrancy of our communities depend on the health and well-being of our priests. Truly, healthier priests build stronger communities.

If you have not made your gift to the collection yet, you can still donate by going online to clergytrust.org.

As a thank you for your support...
Please be our guest and learn more about the life-changing work of our priests at the 12th Annual Celebration of the Priesthood Virtual Gala on September 29th at 7:00 p.m.
Register for free at 2020cop.org

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Our Collaborative is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

Finding Solace

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Phil 2:1-2

We are currently living in very troubled times. The pandemic has hit each of us in many different ways— often changing our very way of living. I hear from my doctor that his diagnoses of patients with stress, depression, anxiety has risen sharply as people are finding it difficult to cope with losing jobs, homes, healthcare, loved ones, etc. Add to the fact that we cannot even console one another with a hug or even a hand on a shoulder. Patients in hospitals and nursing homes languish as visitors are restricted, and group activities are prohibited. Here, in the Archdiocese of Boston we cannot visit the homebound with Eucharist, in order to protect the homebound person and the pastoral visitor from the virus.

The quote above from St. Paul reminds me of a conversation I had with my mother a few weeks ago. St. Paul suggests we find solace in love and in the Spirit. My Mom had said to me, in our conversation, that no matter what the future brings we will always have our love for one another to keep us together as really that is something that can never be taken away. And we always have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to give us love and guidance and that cannot be taken away from us either. My Mom brings me a lot of wisdom as well as we roll with whatever life gives us. Whenever life gets us down seek solace in love, love of friend, family and God. The ways we express love for one another may change with the times but we can be creative in many other ways of showing love: kids can send virtual hugs by cutting out tracings of their hands and tying with a ribbon that grandma can wrap around her and feel the love of her grandchild— simple but loving! An adult son or daughter can call their nursing home parent and pray with them— or send in a pumpkin doughnut at a random time, we need to be creative in expressing love. The recipients of our love will find solace as will we... in our love and God's love.

Peace, and Love, be with you, Holly

Worship and Meditation



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

Lakeville Music News (for October)

October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Church extended this so that the whole month of October honors Our Lady of the Rosary. October 7, 1571, is the day on which the church in Europe defeated the Muslim Turks who were expanding into Europe. Pope Pius V had called on the Christian princes of Europe to rally troops to defeat the threat, and as well, had called for processions and public recitations of the Rosary to ask for the intercession of the Virgin Mary to defeat the enemy. The victory occurred in the Battle of Lepanto. We will honor Mary during the month of October with Marian prelude music and Marian recessional hymns at the Saints Martha & Mary Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Henry A. Rondelli, Lakeville Music Director

Remember In Your Prayers

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas, Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Bill Eaton, Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson, Kevin O'Hara, Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn, Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Janet Macedo, Joseph Drolette, Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver, Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Walter and Marilyn Campbell, Alan Douillette, Maryann Wilson, Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, William Hedlund, Jr., Kathaleen Arruda, Paul Brady, Marianne Cokely, Boaz Rene Asfar, and Sue Kinney

To be added to the prayer list please call the

parish office. Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

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Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous: At Sacred Heart Church on Saturdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. At United Church of Christ in Lakeville on Sundays. The beginners' meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m. Middleboro 5:30 p.m. Lakeville

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Rochester 9:30 a.m. Lakeville 11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine

Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Drive Thru Confessions

Mondays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick,

please contact the Parish Office



Readings for the Week of 9-27-20

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or

2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde

|-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk

10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11

[11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,

130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is

5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Observances for the week of September 27, 2020

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and

Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life

Sunday

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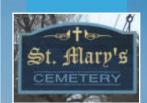


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