

# Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

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**PRESIDER:** Father Ron Prechtl  
**Today's Mass Intention:** Parishioners and Families  
**Last Week's Offerings** Regular: \$222.00  
Second: \$ 59.00 — Parish Maintenance

**Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.**

- **Second Collection:** WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This year, we are reminded by Pope Francis that Mission is at the Heart of Christian Faith. Your prayers and generous gift today help the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday 2017 can be found at the following website in several languages. [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170604\\_giornata-missionaria2017.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20170604_giornata-missionaria2017.html).

Next week's collection will be for parish maintenance.

- **Friday Mass:** There will be Mass at Christ Our Hope on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

- **Christ Our Hope Parish to Mission:** As we prepare to become parishioners of St. John Church, effective November 26, 2017, please pray for a smooth transition. St. John Church will expect us on holy days of obligation, including Christmas. We will have Easter Sunday Mass at COH, and other services, such as weddings and funerals, as needed.

- **Father Thomas Karachira:** Father Thomas will be leaving the area October 22<sup>nd</sup>. It has been a blessing to have him visit and celebrate Mass with us for the past few weeks. He has enjoyed the many visits, phone calls, and letters/cards. He wants everyone to know that you are always in his prayers and on his mind. A covered dish dinner will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> following the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John Church.

- **Bible Study:** Bible study group meets Mondays 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Christ Our Hope.

- **Great Adventure Bible Study:** Next session with Jeff Cavins will be on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John Parish from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

- **Prayer List:** Michael Velemirovich, Kelly Yeager, Flynn and Pennell families, Ruth (Janie) Snyder, Robert Wheeler, Richard Stroomer, Mary Ann Schoeny, all men and women in the military, Mark D'Anna, Margaret Hunter and her sister Rosie, Georgie's sisters, Mary Kiedaisch, the late Sarah Garrett's family, Sister Maureen, and Pat Bail. Please remember shut-ins with cards and visits. Pat Bail, Clarksburg Nursing & Rehab, Rm. A10, 801 Davisson Run Rd., Clarksburg, 26301. Sister Maureen Mylott, Sisters of Charity, PO Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476, where she is awaiting back surgery on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **October Celebrations: Birthdays:** Susan Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, Orlando Burgy 5<sup>th</sup>, Jessie Pennell 9<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Hilvers 12<sup>th</sup>, Margaret Hunter 24<sup>th</sup>, Eliza Mueller 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Please continue to pray for our catechumen Kristy Hunter and encourage her on this journey to full initiation through the sacraments.

- **Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking: October Alert** - According to Covenant House, "each year in the U.S. as many as 2 million youth experience a period of homelessness, and every year more than 5,000 of these young people live their lives on the streets." MAKE A DIFFERENCE by learning about, and advocating for, youth in your area. See [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

- **Family Perspective:** Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; he was firm, honest, and direct. —Bud Ozar

- **Pray the Rosary:** October is the Month of the Rosary. Please stay and join in praying the rosary after Mass today and during this month.

- **Small Faith Community:** The next Small Faith Community Gathering will be Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at noon in the social area at St. John Church. Newcomers and "experienced" Gatherers are welcome; no pre-requisites. We have been sharing resources for further study, prayer, contemplation—about how the Holy Spirit calls to us in our relationships, with each other and with God. Topics may include forgiveness, meditation, finding our True Selves, and Rebuilding Christianity "From the Bottom Up"—it will depend on what the Spirit's messages are. Feel free to bring your lunch, and eat while we meet. For more information, or to suggest areas of inquiry, contact Kristi Venderlic (304-684-9367) or Cynthia Alkire (304-684-9367).

## *God's Kingdom Is Among You*

*What attracts your heart? May I say that it is God's love? But what is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus, the gift of the Father among us. It is a love that gives value and beauty to everything else; a love that gives strength to the family, to work, to study, to friendship, to art, to all human activity. It even gives meaning to negative experiences, because this love allows us to move beyond these experiences, to go beyond them, not to remain prisoners of evil, always opening us to hope. In this way all our labors and even our failures find meaning.*

—Pope Francis: *Words of Grace*