



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ OCTOBER 20, 2024



- Sat. Oct. 19 4:00pm **VIGIL-TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Rita Ferrara by Ron and Marie Natoli
- Sun. Oct. 20 9:00am **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Helen Smoyak by Lisa Smoyak
10:30am Joseph and Susan Jerry by Ruth, Gail and Sue
- Tues. Oct. 22 9:00am **SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE**
Frank Gubbiotti by Joseph and Carol Sabatini
- Thur. Oct. 24 9:00am **SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET**
Michael Fells by Sandra Czyzyk
- Sat. Oct. 26 4:00pm **VIGIL-THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Rita Ferrara by Pat and Sal Manago
- Sun. Oct. 27 9:00am **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Richard Perricone by Tom and Carol Volpe
10:30am Susan Rose Wisniewski by Jeannie and Butch Bidwell



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First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.


Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.

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*The Sanctuary Candles
burn this week in
memory of Marie Stoia
by Ron & Marie Natoli.*



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, Tony Cannella, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Marilyn Croak, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Scott Demarest, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Marge Imperatrice, Jaime Jantz, Mary Knowles, Sue Kraveski, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Tim Lenihan, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Stephanie Martino, Roland Matthews, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, Joan McQuone Donald Migliorato, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Judith Neelans, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, James Pilosi, Ruth Pilosi, Frank Quattro, Jennifer Quinn, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Joanne S., Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Mary Schaub, Beth Schuil, Larry Shock, Ellen Soloman, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Pat Topar, Linda Wahlers, Marivita Williams, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish.

Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.



Sunday
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday
Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday
Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

God's Plan for Giving 10/06/2024

Sunday Offering:	\$1753.00
Loose:	\$ 400.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 10.00
Utilities:	\$ 120.00
Insurance	\$ 3.00
Painting	\$ 460.00
TOTAL:	\$2746.00
Diocesan:	
Priest Care & Ed:	\$ 10.00
TOTAL:	\$2756.00
Online (10/6)	\$ 548.00
Online (10/14)	\$ 203.00
	\$3407.00

Mass Attendance

4:00pm	57
9:00am	52
10:30am	48



Another Beautiful painting by Joseph Palmerio! "Saint Rita's Fall" will be available to see every weekend. Tickets will be available after each of the Masses. Tickets can be purchased for \$20. Joe has donated this beautifully framed painting to help us cover our increased costs.



Father Rawel's Corner

EMBRACING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

In every heart, there lies a desire to be significant within society, often driving us to pursue ambitions by any means necessary. On this World Mission Sunday, the Gospel reveals a similar longing in the sons of Zebedee. They struggle to differentiate between the Kingdom of God that Jesus speaks of and earthly Kingdom they know. It's crucial to recognize that this conversation about seeking positions of honor occurs just after Jesus predicts his passion, death and resurrection for the third time.

Jesus offers his disciples a path that is often unappreciated by the world- the path to his Kingdom is through service and self- giving, to the extent of complete sacrifice. To share in the master's glory, a disciple must also share in his sufferings. Jesus doesn't oppose greatness, rather, he opposes the worldly means of attaining it. He teaches the right way to true greatness. As a servant leader, Jesus knows and loves his followers deeply. The values he promotes are truth, honesty, authenticity, and justice. To follow Christ, one must embody these qualities. A disciple is called to walk in the footsteps of servant leadership. Indeed every baptized Christian is invited to embrace the servant leadership exemplified by Jesus. A life of simplicity and humility, not seeking power and prestige, but doing everything for the greater glory of God.

May God grant us, a mind and heart to know you and a pure Spirit that always thirsts for you. Help us to be like you- a servant leader who humbled himself to greatness.

Have a blessed weekend!

Living Water Trail

Spend a beautiful Fall weekend voyaging along the Stroudsburg Deanery Parishes of the Scranton Diocese. Drink in a variety of worship, informational and entertaining experiences as each location shares their most precious gifts of the Holy Spirit. Begin this mini pilgrimage at any Parish in the Stroudsburg Deanery and travel from site to site at your own pace. You are welcome to visit as few or as many churches as you- come and go as you please. You are invited to worship, observe, learn, eat, share, chat, etc. according to the Parish Schedules. Additionally, for this "Year of Prayer," the Welcome Station at each location will help you to create and complete your unique LWT2024 Passport & Prayer Journal.

SEE THE LIST ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Join St. Rita on Sunday from following the 10:30 mass until 3:00pm in the lower level of the Church.



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Cycle B
Sunday, October 20, 2024**

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5,18-19,20,22

A prayer of praise for God's mercy

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45)

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the [25th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#), Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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“Rather whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many... ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’”

Our society constantly urges us to get ahead. We are not satisfied and want more education, a better job as a mark of success. How different. Remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He humbly washed the feet of the apostles as a sign of service and as a lesson for His followers.

The mark of greatness or success is not found in the prestigious role one has, or the power he or she can display. It is found in the service rendered to others as an expression of our love of God.

May we speak as the apostles did, asking Him to assist us in learning how to serve and put it into practice. Think of a person you know who exemplifies this gift.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

*LIVES
of
Service,
LIVES
of
Joy...*