

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, September 24th Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6:30—7:30 pm Sublette

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th Sublette 2:00—3:30 pm

Sunday, September 27th Sublette 9:15—10:00 am

Collection Amounts for the Month of August 2020

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$988	\$29	\$197
Envelopes	\$5,725	\$4,250	\$1,790
Total	\$6,713	\$4,279	\$1,987
Monthly Expenses	\$8,354	\$4,683	\$3,532
Diocesan Appeal	\$6,187/9,948	\$3,793/5,407	\$5,244/2,890

Familiarity Breeds Contempt

It is the occupational hazard of being Catholic—to get used to sacred things. The Roman philosopher Apuleius, wrote: “Familiarity breeds contempt, while rarity wins admiration.” The same occupational hazard confronts emergency room doctors and health care professionals, from what they tell me—they sometimes forget that they are treating human persons who are endowed with sacred dignity. So it is with the Catholic, we can become so use to the Eucharist –that we can fail to see God. Let us pray that we would never take Jesus for granted: that we would genuflect when we see the tabernacle and that our “Amen” would be proclaimed with conviction that our God truly gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

CCD Program for the 2020-2021 School Year

The worst thing that could happen to a child’s catechesis in the Faith – would be if, because of the pandemic, they failed to make any progress in the learning of their catechism. That because of a fear of the virus, a child would not attend in-classroom CCD, and fell a year behind their classmates in their quest for holiness. Though the Rockford Diocese and our Parishes are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of our children, if a parent is worried about in-classroom learning, we will provide e-learning opportunities through our Website and YouTube videos. Please access our website and register your child, and if you opt for e-learning this year – contact Fr. Randy.

Our RCIA classes will be starting up in October, as well! Remember, it is just as important for Adults to continue to learn and grow in their Faith as it is for our young people. This year besides the book: The Bible is a Catholic Book, our program will be designed around the 5 questions of our CCD e-learning program. This promises to be great fun both for Adults wanting to become Catholic and for life-long Catholics as you grow in your Faith despite the pandemic.



From the Gusset



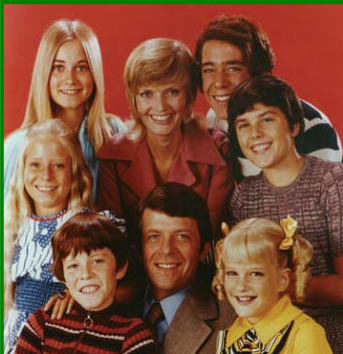
Now don't get me wrong – **Naples, Italy** is a fantastic city, but there was only one seminarian, out of the almost 200 living at **the North American College**, who ever wanted to visit Naples – and this was only because he had **relatives that lived there**. Naples is a beautiful city. Situated on **the Gulf of Naples**, on the western coast of southern Italy – from its harbor, Naples has the picturesque, silhouette of **Mount Vesuvius**. And yet, nearby towns like Sorrento and Positano are **easily more beautiful**. No one visits Naples for her beauty. Being the 3rd largest city in Italy and the 7th-most populous urban area in the European Union, there are **many, many stores** to shop in – and being a port town, they say, “**if you can't find it in Naples; you don't need it.**” But with so many people, Naples is a **cacophonous clamor** that assaults one's ears, and its traffic jammed streets means it has plenty of **pollution**. Want to view art? Visit the Chapel di San Servo on the via del Sanctis – a Church converted to **a sculpture museum** - it houses **the Veiled Christ** of Giuseppe Sanmartino (a veil sculpted out of rock that is **translucent** to the battered body of Jesus taken down from **the Cross**). But why go all the way to Naples for beautiful sculpture when Rome's **Borghese Museum** has so many more and so much

great sculpting. I'm only saying, that when we had **a free-weekend**, as seminarians in Rome – no one ever bragged about spending a Saturday and **Sunday morning** in Naples. But there is **one reason** to visit Naples, which no other city in the world **can boast** – and that is: yesterday's Feast Day Saint, **St. Januarius!** Januarius was a Bishop in the late 3rd and early 4th century, who was **martyred** for his **Catholic Faith**. The Cathedral of Naples houses **two ampules** of the Saint's blood, which liquify three times a year! It has to be one of **the coolest relics** in the world. And there is not a zealot around, who wouldn't go to see this **miraculous sight**. Now, many people have heard of **Sublette**. “**Oh, that is where the Toy Show is held,**” or “**that is where Woodhaven Lakes is located.**” With its **lush** farm fields of corn or **soybeans undergoing senescence** and dotted with wind towers – there is a beauty here that cannot be seen anywhere else. Let us face facts though. Nobody is going to come to **Sublette**, Illinois – just like nobody goes to Naples. But what if you were to become a Saint?! If you became a Saint – you would put **Sublette 'on the Map'** to stay (as they like to say). Tens of thousands of visitors flock to Naples every year just to see **the miracle** of **St. Januarius' blood**. If you became a Saint, how many Faithful Catholics would make **a pilgrimage** to tiny Sublette, just to see where you were born, where you grew up, where you **fostered an intimate relationship** with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Yes, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** is beautiful **on Her own** (please substitute **St. Mary of the Assumption Church** or **St. Patrick Church** here, if this is your Church, and substitute West Brooklyn or Maytown for Sublette, if that is your home town), but people would come from all over to see Her, because this is where you, **received the Eucharist** every Sunday! Don't let **the pandemic** get you down. Please come to Mass this Sunday and every Sunday of your life and allow Jesus Christ **to transform you** into a holy person. **Cities are made famous by the Saint, who lived there.** **St. Januarius** made Naples famous, **Padre Pio** made Pietrelcina famous, **St. Catherine** made Florence famous, and Rome would be nothing had not **St. Peter** been her Bishop. Make **Sublette** famous – become a Saint! **Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**



Questions on Your Catholic Faith

Why do Catholics ask for the intercession of the Saints instead of just going directly to Jesus Christ?



I have the impression, that sometimes **Protestants** think that we, **Catholics**, are trying to get into **Heaven** by the back door; instead of just using the front door. That by praying to **the Saints**, we are somehow deceiving God. Be assured that, we do **'all'** in full view of our Heavenly

Father. In the **Third Eucharistic Prayer** of the Mass, we pray: **May (Jesus) make of us an eternal offering to You (Father), so that we may obtain an inheritance with Your elect (the Saints), especially with the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with St. Joseph, her spouse, with Your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in Your presence we rely for unfailing help (emphasis added). The Saints**, the best friends of Jesus Christ, are now in God's presence. To have the Saints **clamor** around God for our intentions, like children would gather around their Dad and beg him for **a father's blessing**—that is the image we should have when it comes to **the intercession of the Saints**. Remember that episode of **the Brady Bunch** (TV show), where **Peter** broke his Mom's favorite vase? Well Peter would **not confess** to having broken the vase, because he wanted to go on **a big camping trip** with his friends? In their **great love** for Peter, all of Peter's **brothers** and **sisters** went (individually) and told their parents that **they** had broken the vase. Parents are never as dumb as their children think they are. Mike and Carol Brady figured out that **Peter** had broken the vase. Parents are **always proud** when they see that their children **love** each other, because every parent knows that they will likely die before their children; and that their children will look out for each other (**love each other with familial love**) when they are gone. Yes, by Jesus' death and resurrection, God's Son has **reconciled us to Himself**, and when we eat His body and drink His blood, we are filled with His Holy Spirit and become **one body, one spirit in Christ** (wording again taken from the **Third Eucharistic Prayer**). My Mom use to cook **multiple main entrees** for a meal when company was coming over. For what if, someone did not like what was being served? God runs things differently in Heaven. The Father only **serves one Food** in Heaven – It is the **Eucharist** of His Son. God knows that all His children **love**

this Heavenly Food, and when **the Saints** (those who already have the Beatific Vision – they see God) pray that we would join them in **the banquet Hall of Heaven** – God smiles on this. God knows He taught His children well: that we **love** each other, that we **help** each other, that we all wish for our brother and for our sister to go on a **camping trip (entrance into Heaven)** even though we do not deserve to go, because we broke the vase (**sinned**)!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19th

(+) John & Marian Judd & (+) Arden & Louise Johnson/ Fr. Randy
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Elaine Flessner/ Mr. & Mrs. Roger Truckenbrod
5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, September 20th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Henry Robinson/ St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society
10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Joseph & Marion McNally/ McNally Family

Monday, September 21st St. Matthew

(+) Eileen Full/ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vivian & Church Ushers/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Betty Jane Wilhelm/ Rita Haefner

Wednesday, September 23rd St. Padre Pio

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Pat Pierce & Don Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Louie Vaessen

Thursday, September 24th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Martin N. Mayrath/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Florence Kuebel/ Charles Kuebel &
(+) Robert Kellen/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Myers

Friday, September 25th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Martin Quest/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Lovgren

Saturday, September 26th

(+) Mildred, Charles, Franklin, & Robert Fronck/ James Fronck

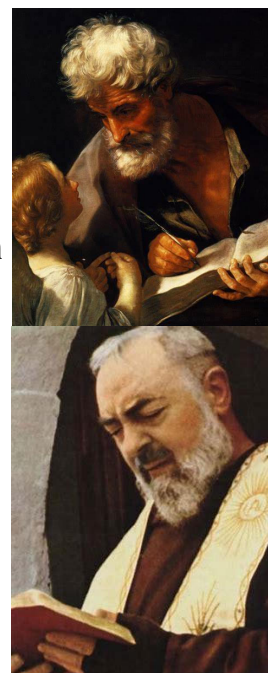
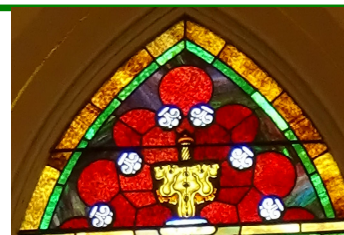
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Fassler/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Betty Jane Wilhelm/ Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Simmons

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8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ Velma Quest

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



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