

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024*



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

THIS IS

REVIVAL



From the Gusset



The 10 **Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** who represented our **three churches** already had a great devotion to our Lord in **the Blessed Sacrament**. To quote **Sister Mary Paul DDL**, “what was all this about having a greater understanding of our Lord's true presence in the Eucharist? I (myself) already believed that Jesus was present body and blood, soul and divinity in the Sacrament.” **The Holy Spirit** did not call these ten

zealous Pilgrims down to Indianapolis to gain a greater understanding of God's true presence in every **Tabernacle** on **earth**. No, God was calling His closest friends “*to come away by yourselves and rest with Me,*” that I, the God of the Universe, might strengthen you to go your brothers and sisters, who for whatever reason, do not believe how close I am to them nor how much I **love** them.” In my case, **the Holy Spirit** spoke to me through **Bishop Flores** when this **BTB Bishop** said, “God knows nothing else, but to pour Himself out; and God is merely looking for a worthy receptacle to pour Himself into!” **The Holy Spirit** was wanting to **inspire** in each of our ten **Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** a great desire to pray for those, who do not believe as strongly as the Pilgrims themselves do – that Jesus is present in our lives most definitively in **the Eucharist** of **the Catholic Mass**. The Pilgrims came back to **Sublette**, **West Brooklyn**, and **Maytown** seeking souls to pray for – that God might find other people to pour Himself into! God is not **content** to continually pour Himself into the same number of **Sunday Mass** goers that He poured Himself into last Sunday. No, God made every **human person** in the image and likeness of His Son. God desires to pour His **divine Love** into every soul – to make all of us “*one in the Body of Christ!*” You see, ‘all’ of us are called to eat His Body and ‘all’ of us are called to drink His Blood! We had an extraordinary **Holy Hour** last Wednesday, and our Pilgrims each gave a **witness talk** about their experience at **the Eucharistic Congress**, and then they went **campaigning** for the names of people from your family to **pray** for. If you were unable to come to the **Holy Hour** and entrust the name of one of your beloved to one of the Pilgrims, I would ask you to watch **the video** of the **Holy Hour** on our **website**, and then fill out the form (printed elsewhere in this **bulletin**) and present it to one of the Pilgrims. In this way, we double our **prayer efforts** to bring ever more **Catholics** to celebrate **the Mass** with us and open their **hearts** to the outpouring of God's **love** for them.

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



CEMETERY MASS AT MAYTOWN



Our **three Parishes** are responsible for the **upkeep** of **five cemeteries**, and this **upkeep** is more than just **cutting the grass**. We are responsible for praying **the Mass** for all of **the souls** buried in our **cemeteries**. Part of this obligation is fulfilled with our weekly **Pro Populo Mass**, but we even go above and beyond this by praying at least **one Mass** at the **cemeteries' altar** each year. We will fulfill our final **cemetary altar Mass** by praying at **St. Patrick's cemetery altar** at **8:00am Sunday, September 29th**.

That same day, **St. Patrick's** will also hold a fundraiser by selling **pumpkins, squash, gourds**, and other **fall decorations**.



At **the Eucharistic Congress** both **Bishop Barron** and **Bishop Cozzens** told us that there are roughly **70 million Catholics** in our country. What could be better than **70 million Catholics**? The answer: **140 million Catholics!** **Bishop Barron** challenged us to bring just one person into **the Church**. This is what **RCIA** is designed for—to bring one person into **the Church** who has not been **baptized** (Catechumen) or a person who has been **baptized**, but has yet to receive **the Eucharist** or **Confirmation** (Candidate). **Bishop Cozzens** told us that the **70 million** number is weighted with many **'lukewarm Catholics.'** Our **RCIA** classes are also designed to help **lifelong Catholics** have a greater appreciation of their **Catholic Faith**. Our first class of the 2024-2025 year will be Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm come and enrich your **Catholic Faith**—maybe even to the point of **evangelizing another!**

ANGELS TO THE RESCUE

Want to **learn** something about **Angels** that you didn't know before? Come to any one of our **Novena Masses to the Guardian Angels**, and you will surely come to a greater **realization** of how much God **loves** you—that He has assigned one of these **Magnificent Creatures** to guide and protect you.

September 24th—October 2nd



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS



When looking at **the ancient Churches** that had survived down to the present day, **St. Robert Bellarmine** (1542-1621) found two things to be **noteworthy**. One is that almost all **Churches** possess three parts (in the likeness of **Solomon's temple**). They have a **vestibule** before the entrance, a **nave**, and **the sanctuary**, where none are allowed to go but the priests and the clergy who minister there. The second noteworthy item about ancient **Churches** is that normally the **Churches** are directed to **the east**. **St. Gregory of Nyssa** commented that, although God may be seen everywhere – He is not limited to any particular

place, but because our first home was in **the east** – the dwelling place of **Paradise** – that **Churches** ought to be constructed with **the main altar** toward **the east**. As **Bishop St. Robert Bellarmine** pointed out, when our Lord died on **the Cross** He was looking toward **the west**; and so, we ought to pray facing **the east**, as if to look at the Face of the Crucified One as He dies for us. Now since **Vatican II** switched the whole kit and caboodle around, **Pope Benedict XVI** stepped in to say, “wherever the priest places the altar Crucifix – he declares that is “*the liturgical east*.”

Thus the priest always looks toward **the east**—he looks into the Face of Christ on **the Cross**. The **congregation** – in looking into the face of the priest – sees the Christ reflected back to them. Remember, **the people** could tell **Moses** had spoken to God, because **his face** was bleached white! **Pope Benedict** was able to say this, because it has always been the **Churches'** teaching that the priest stands in the person of Christ in **the Mass** – uttering the words, which change **bread** and **wine** into **the Body** and **Blood** of Jesus Christ. The **St. Thomas Aquinas** (1225-1274) was quick to point out that it is fitting to pray toward **the east**, because the Christ is the light of the world and the sun rises in **the eastern sky** – just as the Christ rises in our **hearts**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21st

(+) Greg Leurck/ Fr. Randy & living intention of Mark Stewart/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Carol Bonnell/ Carlene Schuhler &

(+) Carol Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Don Dinges

Sunday, September 22nd, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel &

(+) Mary Ann Cardot/ May Township

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

Monday, September 23rd Feast of St. Padre Pio

(+) Thomas Berry/ Neal Vaessen

Tuesday, September 24th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

11:30 am, **St. Paul Hospital** (+) Roland Schuhler & (+) Jerry Lopez/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, September 25th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Celeste Schmitt/ Janet Widolff

Thursday, September 26th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Felicia Ezeofor/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Ella Schuhler/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, September 27th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Myron Leffelman Family

Saturday, September 28th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

(+) Susan Ennenbach/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Fassler/ Sue Fassler

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) June Jones/ Peggy Jones

Sunday, September 29th, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Florence Kuebel/ Family

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Steve & Catherine Klein, Mary Jo Zimmerlein, Harold Bonnell, Anita Vaessen

SMA: Karen Bonnell, Wanda Deacon, Celia Haub

St. Patrick: Jim & Lisa Burke, Chris & Kim Leffelman

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