

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024*



From the Gusset



The Catholic Tradition teaches us that Jesus is just like us in every way except **sin**. This means that our Lord had a **Guardian Angel** just as I do. If I read **Sacred Scripture** with this notion – that Jesus is being followed around by His **Guardian Angel** in every instance, then I wind up seeing **a different picture**. Such as, when I read **the agony in the garden**. Remember Jesus wanted His three closest friends: Peter, James, and John – to come away from the larger group, of His 12 best friends, and just **pray** with Him. The three greatest disciples were to help Jesus talk to His Dad. (Because that is what **prayer** is: talking to God.) But the three became drowsy and **fell asleep**; and so, who is our Lord left with? Only His **Guardian Angel** is there to help Him **pray** to His Heavenly Father. Remember the big question on our Lord's mind: **Father, do You really wish Me to drink this cup?** Our Lord's personal will is to let the cup pass Him by? Yet, Jesus wants to do His Father's will. The Savior's **mantra** has been and ever shall be: *'Thy will be done, Father – not Mine.'* Our Lord was given help by **the Angel** that God had assigned to Him. That is probably our **Guardian Angel's** biggest job – to help us to clearly see what is God's will for our life, and perhaps more specifically – our **Angel** is to keep reminding us of our **vocation** – and remember what **vocation** is? **Vocation** is **the work** God has given us to do. **Vocation** is the way of life we are to live to **glorify** God. **Vocation** is knowing who are the people that we are to help **grow in holiness** and to go out and do it (make them **holy**). I experience our Lord's **agony in the garden** every night before I go to bed. There is no one else around. I'm in my **bedroom** by myself. I open my **breviary** to pray **Night Prayer** (to talk to God one last time for the day). I ask my **Guardian Angel** to make **his presence** known to me. I ask my **Angel** to help me examine my **conscience**. My **Guardian Angel** reminds me of my **vocation** to the priesthood, and so I thank God for allowing me to **celebrate the Mass** and hold His Son in my hands! My **Guardian Angel** helps me to see the times I have not lived the vows I promised God on my **Ordination day**. My **Angel** helps me to see how some of the people are **holier tonight** because of what I did (my actions), or what I said (my words), or what I thought (my **prayers** for them). My **Guardian Angel** also points out how some people made no progress in **holiness** that day, because I was **derelict in my duties** as a priest. In short, my **Angel** (just like our Lord's **Angel** in **Gethsemane**) always reminds me of God's will for my life, so that I can say like our Lord did: **Father, all things are possible for You. Help me to take up the Chalice of Salvation that Your will may be done and not mine."**



Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



ROSARY FOR FARMERS & SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

The first three Saturday's of **October** will find us at a different **grotto praying the Rosary** for **a safe and successful harvest for our farmers**, and **for the success of small entrepreneurs**.

St. Patrick's Church, Maytown, Saturday, October 5th at 1:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette, October 12th at 1:00pm

St. Mary of the Assumption Church, West Brooklyn, October 19th at 1:00pm

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PARISH: OLPH ___ SMA ___ ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER _____

NAME OF PERSON WHOM I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PRAY FOR:

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT: OLPH ___ SMA ___
ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER PARISH ___ NOT CATHOLIC ___

PRAY THAT THEY WOULD: Go to Mass every Sunday ___, Go to Confession more often ___, have a greater understanding of the Eucharist ___, become Catholic ___, trust Jesus more ___, get help with an addiction ___, other _____

The Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims want to help you bring a **loved one** back to the practice of their **Catholic Faith** or a greater understanding of our Lord's **true presence** in **the Eucharist**. If the Holy Spirit **inspires** you to **entrust** a family member to one of **the Pilgrims**, they have agreed to **pray** a decade of **the Rosary** for them daily! Our **Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** will **pray** their '**special**' **John 15** (Jesus is **the vine**, we are **the branches**) **Rosary** every day. The first decade for parishioners from **Sublette**, the 2nd from **West Brooklyn**, the 3rd decade for a parishioner from **Maytown**, the 4th decade for a member of **their own family**, and the final decade for **an elected government official** at the local, state, or national level. Simply fill out the form, clip it out of your **bulletin**, and drop it in **the collection basket** at Church. We will then have at least **two people praying** for your **loved one**: you and one of **the Pilgrims**!



The Names of **the 10 Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** are: **Sister Mary Paul, DDL**; **Sister Cornelia, DDL**; **Mark Lauer, Deacon Steve Jolly and his wife, Flo**; **Brad Zentmyer and his wife, Michelle**; **Pat O'Connor and his wife, Char**; and **Fr. Randy**. Simply write the name of the **Congress Pilgrim** you are **entrusting** your **loved one's** salvation to, and let God do the rest.

THE MASS AND THE SAINTS



“Time looks different after the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.” —Bishop Daniel Flores

St. Clement of Rome (1st century) reminded his **parishioners** that God had planned long ago how and when His Son would die on **the Cross** and be raised from the dead. That since, God knew the hour and the day that we

also should not be **haphazard** or **irregular** as to when **the offering of gifts** and the public conduct of **worship** and service of **the Mass** should take place. This is why **Fr. Randy** publishes in **the bulletin**, the time and the Church where he will celebrate **the Mass**. God told us all, when His Son died and rose from the dead for us, and so we **obediently** tell God, when we will **offer up the gifts** of our life (**the bread** and **the wine**) and ask that they be united to **the sacrifice** of Jesus Christ! But, specifically, what time of the day ought **the Mass** to be celebrated? **St. Cyprian** (died 258) pointed out that **the Israelites** in captivity in Egypt **killed** the lamb in the evening hours and sprinkled its **blood** on their door posts before retiring for **the night**. **Bishop Cyprian** also quoted **the Psalm**: *let the lifting of my hands be an evening sacrifice.* (Psalm 141:2) **St. Thomas Aquinas** said that normally **the Mass** must be celebrated in the day, and not **at night**, because Christ, Himself, is present in **the Sacrament**, who said, *I must work the works of Him that sent Me, whilst it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.* (John 9:4-5) (See, the **passion**, death, **ascension**, and Resurrection was ‘**the work**’ Jesus came to accomplish. I.e. **the Mass** is **the work** of the Christ!) Since **the Passion** took place from 9:00am till 3:00 pm, **St. Thomas** thought that this should be the norm for the praying of **the Mass** – adding that on a **Feast Day**, the celebration should take place at 9:00am, since this was when Christ was **crucified** by **the tongues** of the Judaeans! **The Angelic Doctor** thought that **the Mass** should be celebrated at noon on lesser days, for this is when Jesus was **crucified** by **the hands** of **the soldiers**. On fast days and during **Lent**, **the Mass** ought to be celebrated at 3:00pm – when the Lord **cried out in a loud voice and gave up His spirit**. **Dom Gueranger** (1805-1875) said that it was at the 9 o’clock hour that **the Holy Spirit** descended upon **the Church**, and so **the great Sacrifice** that becomes Her (Holy Mother Church) ought to be offered at this time. **Amalarius** (780-851) was a Bishop, who applauded all **priests**, who out of **love**, would not allow the day to pass without offering **the Sacrifice** to God, and he thought it **laudable** that priests celebrated **the Mass** after 3:00pm out of **respect** for our Lord, whose Will they are only following. **Fr. Kramer** likes to celebrate **the Mass at night**, because he is a night owl; and because he is retired and not bound to celebrate **the Mass** with **a congregation** – he may celebrate **the Mass** whenever the Spirit moves him. On my day off, I have celebrated **the Mass** just after **brushing my teeth** when I first got up and also, I have celebrated **the Mass** just before I put my **pajamas** on to go to bed. As **the BTB Bishop from Brownsville, Texas** says, no matter when **the Mass** is **celebrated**, It always changes the complexion of **the world**!



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Saturday, September 28th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

(+) Susan Ennenbach & (+) Dr. Anne Sherren/ 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

Monday, September 30th

(+) Betty Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brady

Tuesday, October 1st Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Callista Ekwe & (+) St. Petra Chukwudike/ DDL

Wednesday, October 2nd Feast of the Guardian Angels

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

Thursday, October 3rd

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Elam

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

Friday, October 4th Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Yolanda Quartucci/ Marilyn Weeks

Saturday, October 5th

Ryne Fronck & (+) Catherine Schauer/ Roger & Rick Fronck

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Berry/ Neal Vaessen &

(+) William O'Hare/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

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

Sunday, October 6th 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Clara Walgrave

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



Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Sister Margaret Anne, OSF, Judy Henkel, Zach & Emilee Henkel, Janet Widolff

SMA: Doug Pettenger, Mike & Julie Burkardt, Mark & Judy Bresson

St. Patrick: Candy Robinson, Mark & Susan Schuemann

In **honor** of St. Francis of Assisi, we will **ble**ss all **pets** on
Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm in the parking lot of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the

