

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026



FROM THE GUSSET

“...(the master) will proceed to wait on that servant.” (Luke 12:37)

What if I wanted **healing** where I have been **wounded**? What if I wanted unity where division had occurred? What if I wanted **rest** where there had previously only been much **exertion**? What if I desired to be close to people who had distanced themselves from me? What if I wanted to sit down to a banquet feast with my brother instead of my friends!?! **The prayer** that Jesus taught His disciples when they asked Him, “Lord, teach us to pray;” starts off: “**our Father.**” **Our Father** in **Heaven** has given us so many things – perhaps the greatest of which is our **family**! I don't speak of our **family** as simply our Mom and Dad and our brothers and sisters, but our **Church Family** or our **Parish Community Family**! Remember, **the older son** in **the Parable of the Prodigal Son** – he does not particularly like the **family** God has given him. **The older son** views his dad as his boss – he simply obeys his commands much like an employee would obey his boss at work. The Dad asked **older son** to go work in the field, and so he does. **The older son** does not really give a ‘hoot’ about his younger brother. He even says in **the Parable**, “but when your son squanders the family fortune on prostitutes” – see, he does not call the younger son, ‘his brother;’ rather that this man is Dad’s son – not ‘my brother!’ **The older son** wants to pick who he would like to dine with. **The older son** does not want to share in a feast with his Dad and his brother; rather, to dine with people he chooses. **The older son** would rather dine on a goat and not on a calf (older son prefers chopped liver to veal!). You see our problem is that God has **generously** given us our **Church**, our **Faith**, and our **Family**, but we would rather have something else. ‘My will be done,’ we say, not ‘Thy will be done.’ But if we lose our life, if we **love** the **Family members** God has given us even when they hurt us – even if we **worship** God in our Church and others won't come to **Mass** – if we do these things something **extraordinary** will happen at the end. We will be shocked! We will say, ‘Master, what are you doing!?!’ For we will see God take off His royal garments and put on the clothes that we wore all our life – and God will vest us in His royal garments, and have us sit down right next to all the people we knew in this life. Then God will feed us the fattened calf, **the Eucharist**, His Son's **Flesh**; and we will each call God ‘our Father.’ But every time we say, ‘*Papa God*’ – God will fill our mouths with this **Heavenly Food**. When we have chewed and swallowed **It**, as we open our mouths to say again, ‘*Papa God*’ – again God will feed us **the Bread of Life**. The only words in **Heaven** ever spoken at the banquet table are: ‘our Father.’ Everyone says it and we are all at **peace** with our God, with ourselves, and with our brothers.

Yours on the Path
Fr. Randy



Collection Amounts for the Month of September

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$718	\$120	\$269
Envelopes	\$3,360	\$1,180	\$929
Total	\$4,078	\$1,300	\$1,198
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$8,990/\$9,376	\$3,205/\$2,590	\$6,785/\$1,953
Sandy Hill Cemetery Mass	\$2,400		
Woodhaven Labor Day Mass	\$444		
Theiss Cemetery Mass	\$285		



The **Catholic Church** earnestly **encourage** everyone to **participate** in the **Political system** to promote what is good and true. So, take advantage of the time to vote, and to think seriously about how you will vote; and keep in mind especially the teachings of the **Church** on many important aspects, most especially **human dignity** and justice. We are to promote what is good and **advance the teachings** of Jesus Christ even, if it does not seem to be having much effect. The world needs to be **redeemed** from the inside – that is why God put us in the world: **to advance the Kingdom** of God's presence amongst us. Don't get **discouraged** – **participate!** We have the responsible to remember those whom God does not forget even, if the world has already forgotten them. The **Scriptures** are full of examples of people that God does not forget: the poor, the vulnerable, those who have no voice.... The **Catholic Church** will never tell us who to vote for, but **She** trusts us **to think** and **to pray** and to allow our **conscience** to make a good decision – that is what it means to **participate** and be in obedience to God.



RCIA

The First Path in **Bishop Barron's** book: *The Strangest Way* is 'finding the center.' **Bishop** defines the center as "the **love** between the Father and the Son." That this 'center' is now offered to us seems so incredible – you and I and everyone, who has ever been created in the **image and likeness** of God, is **invited** by God to live in **God's center**! God's **heart** has been broken open, and all of His **love** is **poured** into our **souls**. Our first responsibility than is to **welcome** all of this **love** – to appreciate **the gift**! The **sin** of the bad angels is the same as the **sin** of Adam and Eve. We could almost define **sin** as stealing **the gift** that God wanted to give us! God promised **the Angels** to shine His **love** on them, but that they had to wait for God to bestow His **love** upon them. The **Seraphim Angels** would be the first to receive God's **love**, but they still had to wait to receive it. Our **Guardian Angels** (being of the lowest choir) were promised God's **love**, but they were to wait the longest before becoming beneficiaries of **the gift**. Isn't it **interesting** then, that **Satan** – a **Seraph Angel** – first in line to receive God's **love** is the one, who won't wait, and so he simply **grasps** at the **gift**; and in trying to take (steal) something rather than wait to be given God's **love** as a **gift** – **Satan** sins. Here is **Bishop Barron** poetically explaining Adam and Eve's thievery: God forbids the eating of the tree, not because He wants to keep something from them, but because the best and sublimest things can never be seized, only received! I tell couples in **Marriage Prep**: don't take **the gift** of **wedded love** before your **Marriage Day** – wait for your lover to give you **the gift** of themselves after and forever when they profess their **love** for you before God and **the Church**! Every **good gift** is worth waiting for. When we find God as our **center**, waiting becomes our **loving response** back to God – waiting is how we show our **appreciation** of **the gift** God wants to give us!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24th

(+) Sister Angelica Hraback/ Richard Fronek

4:00pm **OLPH** (+) Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, October 25th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) Ronald Leffelman/ Ronette Moore &

(+) Eileen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen

10:30am **SMA** (+) Stephen Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran &

(+) James Meznarich/ Betty Meznarich

Monday, October 26th

(+) Robert Bulfer/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff O'Sadnick

11:00am **SMA Funeral Mass** Thomas Gorman

Tuesday, October 27th

7:30am **SMA** (+) Ernie Wilhelm/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bresson

Wednesday, October 28th Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude

8:00am **OLPH** (+) Sylvia Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Hugh McCoy

Thursday, October 29th

(+) Howard McInnis/ Fr. Randy

Friday, October 30th

(+) Fr. Kramer/ Mr. & Mrs. Myron Leffelman

Saturday, October 31st

(+) Barbara Hraback/ Fr. Randy

4:00pm **OLPH** (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Diane Stewart &

(+) Deceased Knights of Columbus Council #8277/ Grand Knight Gary Schultz

Sunday, November 1st All Saints Day

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) LaVerne Klein/ Mr. & Mrs. Hugh McCoy

10:30am **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



MASS TIMES FOR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

SATURDAY VIGIL

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4:00pm Sublette

Sunday

St. Patrick Church 8:00am Maytown

St. Mary of the Assumption 10:30am West Brooklyn

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