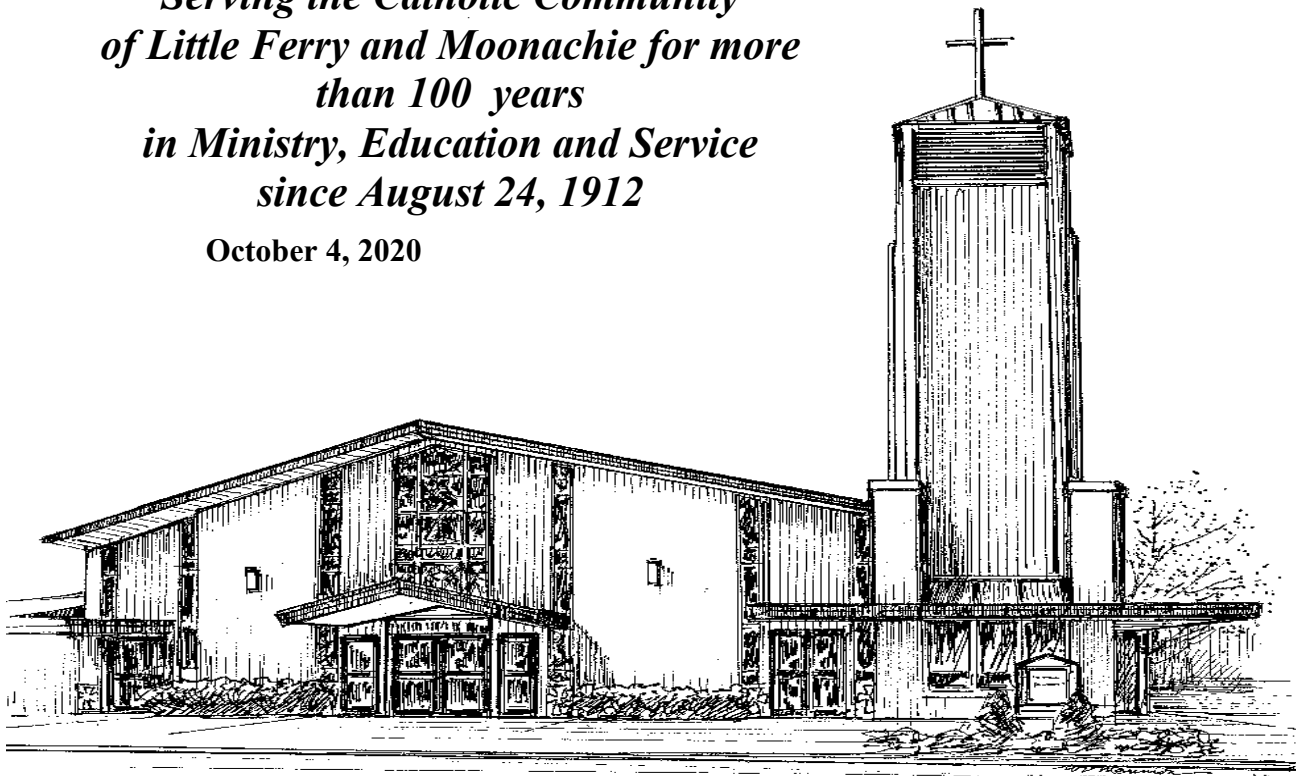


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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:05 PM

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Sunday to Thursday

The Holy Eucharist for this Week

SATURDAY, October 3

5:30 PM James Dileo

SUNDAY, October 4, 2020

27th Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Rose Ratynski [1A]

10:00 AM Ignazio & Innocenza
Gadaleta

12:00 PM James & Philomena
Del Duca

MONDAY, October 5

12:05 PM John Bussanich [10A]

TUESDAY, October 6

12:05 PM Jerry Mc Donald

WEDNESDAY, October 7

12:05 PM Anthony Symmanek



THURSDAY, October 8

12:05 PM Kurt Thoens

FRIDAY, October 9

12:05 PM Pietro Annunziato

SATURDAY, October 10

5:30 PM Luisa & Nicole Scardigno

SUNDAY, October 11, 2020

28th Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Antonia Bussanich

10:00 AM John Turiak

12:00 PM James & Rose Smith



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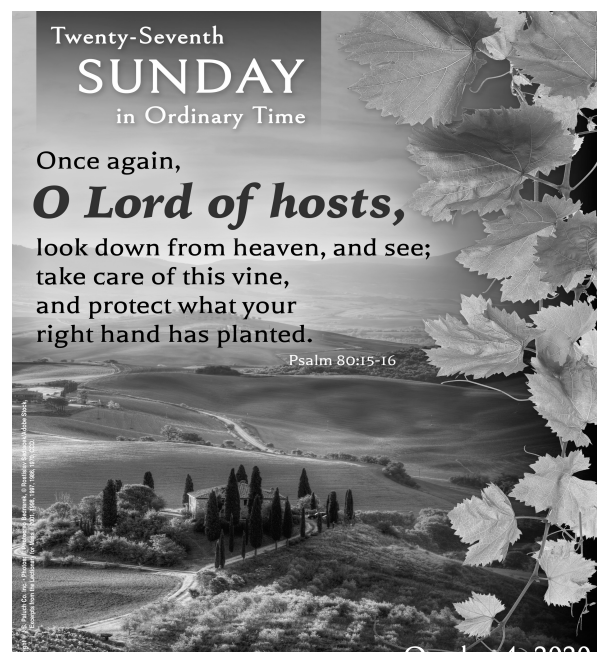
Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

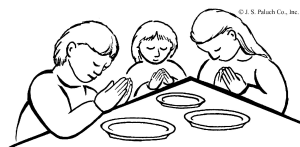
—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

MASTER AND SERVANT

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.

—P. T. Barnum





**Twenty-seventh Sunday
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THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about

you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

Blessing of Animals



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Tuesday: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis and Companions;

St. John Leonardi

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.



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**We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.**

Shirley Pizza
Catherine Mary Moncello
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro
Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa
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Barbara Demczyszyn
Caroline Ruppert Hubertz
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Sharon Aguilar

Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions especially for all those victims who suffered and lost so much, under the severity of hurricanes.



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*Please pray for our
Confirmation candidates
who will celebrate the
sacrament on next
Saturday, October 10, at
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*If you or any one you know is
interested in learning more about
the Catholic Church, please
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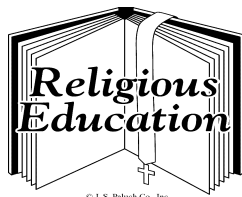
*Also, if you or someone you know
is interested in completing the
sacraments of initiation
(Baptism, Communion, and
Confirmation), contact
Father Kevin or
Sister Dorothy.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

During this time, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has continued to make Shawls for those looking for Prayers. If you or someone you know could use some Prayers, please reach out. Prayer Shawls can be for anytime you need a prayer, both positive and negative. Please reach out to Ellie & Sophie at 201-641-0883.

Help with Ministry at Church

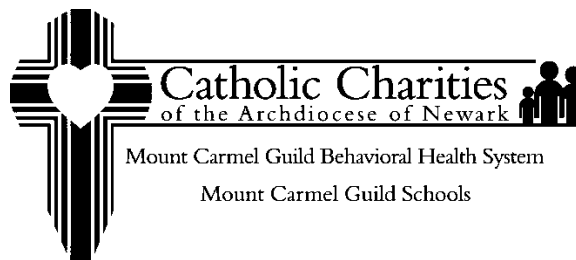
As we return to Church, we are in need of Readers, Altar Servers and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have even thought about serving your Church in one of these ministries, please reach out to Sophie at 201-641-0474 for more information.



*The schedule for
Religious Education
is presently on the website.
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Beautiful October!!



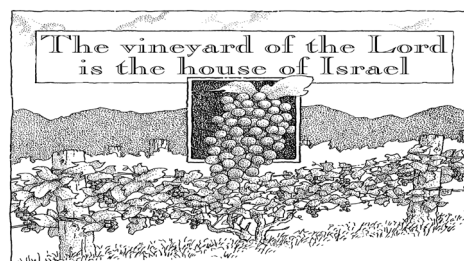
The beauty of fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage displays energizes most people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, toys, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities donation bin? Thank you.

Parish Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has resumed operations. It is open the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Please note that no one will be allowed in the pantry room due to the ongoing COVID-19 precautions.

Bags will be pre-packed, and paper goods and detergent will also be given.



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