

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 10/13/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Hilda Mihalco (req. by Lucas Family)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Fred Kerecman (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/20/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Jean Ferko (req. by Terri, Kelli, & Kevin Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Margaret Stafford (req. by Petrus Family)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Ron Riel (req. by Sr. Sylvia and Sr. Margaret Ann)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

10/06/24

\$1727.00**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* George Smilo, David Kearney, Helen Law, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijew (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note time change)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12/25, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 (Palm Sunday), 5/11 (Mother's Day).

ERIE AND GIRARD BYZANTINE FELLOWSHIP DINNER -- Sunday, October 20, 12:30 PM

Location: SS Peter and Paul Social Center. September 29 was the last opportunity to sign up for the dinner.

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*JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner***THE BENEFITS OF SORROW**

Sorrow, under the power of divine grace, performs various ministries in our lives. Sorrow reveals unknown depths of the soul, and unknown capacities for suffering and service. Lighthearted, frivolous people are always shallow and are never aware of their own meagerness or lack of depth. Sorrow is God's tool to plow the depths of the soul, that it may yield richer harvests. If mankind were still in a glorified state, having never fallen, then the strong floods of divine joy would be the force God would use to reveal our souls' capacities. However, in a fallen world, sorrow, yet with despair removed, is the power chosen to reveal us to ourselves. Accordingly, it is sorrow that causes us to take the time to think deeply and seriously.

Sorrow makes us move more slowly and considerately and examine our motives and attitudes. It opens within us the capacities of the heavenly life, and it makes us willing to set our capacities afloat on a limitless sea of service for God and for others.

Learning From Difficulties

“Why didn't God help me sooner?” This is a question that is often asked, but it is not His will to act on your schedule. He desires to change you through the trouble and cause you to learn a lesson from it. He has promised, “I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him” (Psalm 91:15). He will be with you in trouble all day and through the night. Afterward he will take you out of it, but not until you have stopped being restless and worried over it and have become calm and quiet. Then He will say, “It is enough.”

God uses trouble to teach His children precious lessons. Difficulties are intended to educate us, and when their good work is done, a glorious reward will become ours through them. There is a sweet joy and a real value in difficulties, for God regards them not as difficulties but as opportunities.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

Scripture tells us that Abraham was hospitable and God was with him. Elijah sought quiet and God was with him. David learned humility and God was with him. Whatever attracts you to the service of God is good. Do it and let your heart be at peace. God is equally pleased by all good works.

SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

This meeting of the world's bishops was held in the year 787 in Nicea (now in Turkey). It was convened by the Byzantine emperor and Pope Adrian I to combat the heresy of Iconoclasm. This heresy called for the destruction of icons and other sacred images with the idea that having them in churches or homes was a form of idol worship. The council rejected that idea and allowed the use of icons and sacred images in the practice of the Christian faith.