

*23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/27/24*

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ John and ✦ Anna Kostrubanic (req. by John &amp; Jean Kostrubanic)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Pete and ✦ Mary Gulick (req. by their children)

*24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/3/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Thomas Kearney (req. by Debbie Keefe)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ St. Alphonsa Danovich, OSBM (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

10/202/4

**\$1291.00***Prayer for Our Nation*

*God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will, O God. Grant us the courage and wisdom we need in making decisions affecting the destiny of our country. For all glory and honor are due to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.*

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

God with Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States. The website address is: [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org) This website now makes available radio podcasts, online lectures, a monthly newsletter, books and other education materials which serve to promote a better understanding of Eastern Catholics and their expression of the Catholic faith in the United States. The resource material on this website is constantly updated or changed to better meet the needs of its users.

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

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

**MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Mercy Center for Women serves women & children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, rehabilitative, or life-skills assistance. They house women and children at their facility while women are going through the various programs to get on their feet. This collection will help their Christmas celebration. We will be collecting \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target, Walmart, or Chick-Fila as well as nicer quality bath & body items, new socks for women and children and postage stamps. Additionally, they are in great need of liquid laundry soap, baby formula, baby food and bathrobes for women. The gift collection will end on November 24.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

Many of us who travel the roads every day deal with traffic lights. When we are in a hurry, they frustrate us, but we realize that they are there for our own good. Sometimes we wish they weren't there, but then we realize that they are there for our own protection.

God gave the Commandments to His chosen people, not as a way of placing restrictions on them, but as a means of placing order in a world that was overcome by chaos. Those ten laws that might seem so restrictive are actually helping us to live lives that are more orderly and ultimately better for everyone.

We often resist following the Lord's commandments, and see them as hindering our behavior. Some make the conscious decision to pick and choose which commandments we will follow and which we will ignore. This cannot be the case for us, if we claim to be true followers of the Lord. Anything less than total compliance accounts for sin.

Unfortunately the way we are often taught the Commandments was as a set of "Thou shalt nots." This gives a negative spin to laws that are freeing, not restrictive! Instead of looking at what we aren't allowed to do, we might view the Commandments as a way of freeing us from the captivity of this world.

*God Is In Control*

Why do you worry? What possible use does your worrying serve? You are aboard such a large ship that you would be unable to steer even if your Captain placed you at the helm. You would not even be able to adjust the sails, yet you worry as if you were the captain or the helmsman of the vessel. Be quiet, dear soul - God is the Master!

Do you think all the commotion and the uproar of this life is evidence that God has left His throne? He has not! His mighty steeds rush furiously ahead, and His chariots are the storms themselves. But the horses have bridles, and it is God who holds the reins, guiding the chariots as he wills!

Our God Almighty is still the Master! Believe this and you will have peace. "Don't be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

*—Streams in the Desert***TROUBLES CAN SERVE A PURPOSE**

Just as the weights of a grandfather clock, or the stabilizers in a ship, are necessary for them to work properly, so are troubles to the soul. The sweetest perfumes are obtained only through tremendous pressure, the fairest flowers grown on the most isolated and snowy peaks, the most beautiful gems are those that have suffered the longest at the jeweler's wheel, and the most magnificent statues have endured the most blows from the chisel. All of these, however, are subject to God's law. Nothing happens that has not been appointed with absolute care and foresight.

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