

*20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/6/24*Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) Blessings for Helen Bauman on her 105th birthday (October 7)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Andy Simkovitch (req. by Andrew Simkovitch & Christine Skidmore)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Anna Marie Shufran (req. by Debra Shufran)

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)

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

09/29/24

\$1206.00**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD OCTOBER COLLECTION – Boxed/Packaged Instant Mashed Potatoes***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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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.

FUNERAL/ESTATE PRE-PLANNING PRESENTATION

Edder Funeral Home and Steadman Law Office will give a talk on funeral/estate pre-planning at Girard Alliance Church on Thursday, October 10, at 1:00 PM. This will include time for questions and answers. For more information call 814-774-4306.

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

As we go through life, we experience pains, hurts, sorrows and grief. We can accept them or resent them. If we accept them, we bear them with courage and patience and we can even profit by them. If, however, we resent them we can easily become bitter and cynical about everything.

We can become envious and hate others for the happiness they have. Resentment will not heal us of our pain; instead, it will destroy our relationship with God our loving Father. In this light, we can even grow to see God as unjust and cruel. Our questions will be, “Why should this happen to me?” The resentful person rebels against God. Our Risen Savior said that the kingdom of God is within us, but we must remember that the kingdom can be lost, too.

Circumstances alone do not make us happy or unhappy. The way we react to these circumstances determines our happiness. In all the suffering experience throughout life, we can react in one of two ways: either we can accept or we can resent.

God’s Silent Power

A quiet spirit is of priceless value when performing outward activities. Nothing so greatly hinders the work of God’s unseen spiritual forces, upon which our success in everything truly depends, as the spirit of unrest and anxiety.

There is tremendous power in stillness. A great believer once said, “All things come to him who knows how to trust and to be silent.” This fact is rich with meaning, and a true understanding of it would greatly change our ways of working. Instead of continuing our restless striving, we would “sit down” inwardly before the Lord, allowing the divine forces of His Spirit to silently work out the means to accomplish our goals and aspirations.

You may not see or feel the inner workings of His silent power, but rest assured it is always mightily at work. It will work for you, if you will only quiet your spirit enough to be carried along by the current of its power.

ALONE WITH GOD

There is no shortcut to a life of faith, which is an absolute necessity for a holy and victorious life. We must have periods of lonely meditation and fellowship with God. Our souls must have times of fellowship with Him on the mountain and experience valleys of quiet rest in the shadow of a great rock. We must spend some nights beneath the stars, when darkness has covered the things of earth, silenced the noise of human life, and expanded our view, revealing the infinite and the eternal. All these are as absolutely essential as food is for our bodies.

In this way alone can the sense of God’s presence become the unwavering possession of our souls, enabling us to continually say, as the psalmist once wrote, “You are near, Lord” (Psalm 119:151).

FOR PONDERING.....

Your prayer must have four essential parts, says St. Basil the Great: adoration, thanksgiving, admission of sin and petition for mercy and salvation.