

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/3/24

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✧ Sr. Alphonsa Danovich, OSBM (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family*ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS 11/08/24*

Friday: 6:30 PM (E) ✧ Fr. Gary Powell, OFM Cap.

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/10/24

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

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✧ Mary Lenk (req. by David Pangratz)
11:00 AM (E) ✧ Rosalie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**10/27/24 **\$609.00****CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD OCTOBER COLLECTION – Boxed Instant Pudding & Jello***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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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.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & HEAVENLY ANGELS – November 8**

Angels are bodiless spiritual beings created by God with intelligence and free will. Their main functions are to worship God in heaven and to serve as messengers between God and people on earth. Satan and his demon followers are angels who have rebelled against God and try to lure people into following their evil ways. The Book of Revelation in the New Testament describes a battle in heaven between St. Michael and his angels against Satan and his fallen angels (chapter 12). Satan and his angels were defeated and expelled from heaven.

Being Corrected

Most human beings do not have a tendency to be gentle with others when they correct them. We almost get a certain amount of joy out of correcting others, pointing out their mistakes. The Lord says, “If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother” (Matthew 18:15). Gentleness goes a lot further than scolding.

While this is true for all of us, I think it is especially true for children. If we gently correct them, pointing out what they have done wrong and taking the time to explain to them how their actions have hurt another, it will go a lot further than just yelling at them. This latter action may cause resentment, and all of our just corrections will fall on deaf ears.

Still, we are called upon to know right from wrong, and to help others discern this, as well. God is the original loving Father, and He punished His children when they disregarded His ways. We read, “My son, do not scorn correction from the Lord, do not resent his training, for the Lord trains those He loves, and chastises every son he accepts” (Hebrews 12:9). Thus, we should not see our difficulties in life as a punishment as much as a way that the Lord corrects us to lead us back to following Him.

GOD’S GUIDANCE

God often guides us through circumstances. One moment, our way may seem totally blocked, but then suddenly some seemingly trivial incident occurs, appearing as nothing to others but speaking volumes to the keen eye of faith. Sometimes these events are repeated in various ways in response to our prayers. They certainly are not haphazard results of chances but are God opening up the way we should walk, by directing our circumstances. Moreover, they begin to multiply as we advance toward our goal, just as the lights of a city seem to increase as we speed toward it while traveling at night.

ANGEL GIVING TREE

The Angel Tree will be in the church narthex with envelopes labeled with different monetary amounts. During the Christmas season, this is a good way to share with those less fortunate. The funds collected will be sent to Second Harvest Food Bank which supplies food to soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries throughout Erie County. The last to donate will be Sunday, December 15.