



*September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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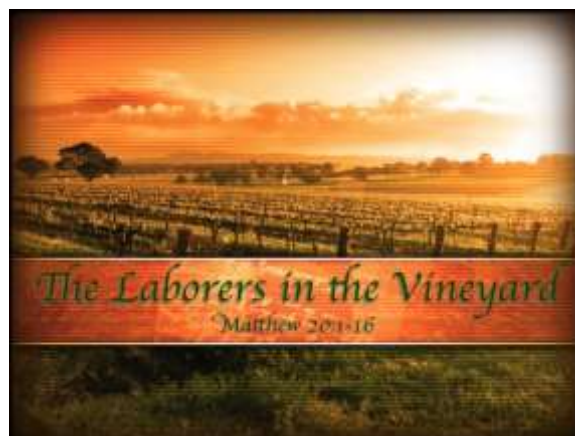
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LIVING OUR FAITH

I think that none of us likes being a supplicant. We all tend to work for a wage we consider just (if and when possible) and expect to be paid for our time and labor. When we see acts of generosity, it can be natural to expect that we might receive some of that generosity as well. It sounds strange to hear it said that someone is generous only with one group and not another. And such is the seeming riddle of today's parable.

God is a just and generous giver. When we receive what we have from God, there really is no room for complaint, jealousy or envy. The gifts of God are given to who he will. Let us die to our own sense of who is just and worthy in God's sight and leave to be surprised by his generosity. None of us can predict the actions of God.

Questions for the week: *How do you feel about God's justice as revealed in the parable of the laborers in the vineyard? In what ways do you try to live out Jesus' teaching, "The last will be first, and the first will be last"?*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

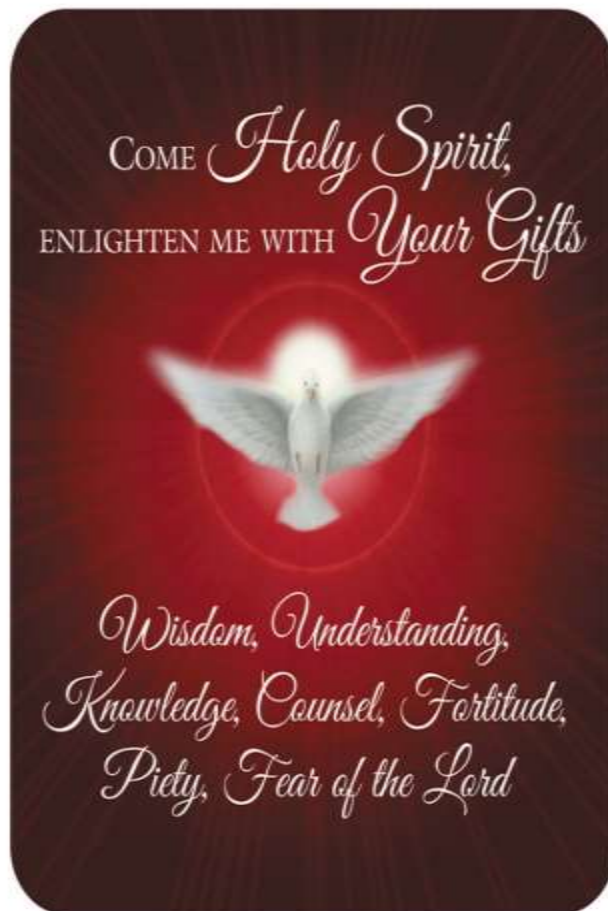
Matthew 21:28-32

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Sunday afternoon, September 20th,
twenty of our young people and four adults will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation, conferred by His Excellency Bishop Gerardo Colacicco at a special
Mass at 4PM.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we must limit the number of guests in attendance to
two (2) per Confirmation candidate. If you would like to participate virtually, the
Mass will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page.

***Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be
strengthened by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!***





HELPING TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM

The Rotary Club of Liberty will be holding a coat drive from September 15th through October 17th. The coats are being collected at various locations throughout Liberty, including here at St. Peter's Church. There will be a box available in the vestibule of the church for you to drop off your coat. (***We are ONLY able to accept coats at this time. We ask that you please hold off on donating other clothing items.***) The coats will be distributed to those in need on the afternoon of October 17th. Any coats that remain will be donated to our parish for use in our clothes closet ministry and to the United Way of Sullivan County.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education Program sessions will be presented virtually this year. We are scheduled to begin in early October. If your child was enrolled in our program last year, you should have received a letter with detailed information and a registration form in the mail. If you have a new student you would like to enroll, please contact the Rectory. We look forward to a wonderful year of growing together in faith and love of the Lord!

2020 SULLIVAN COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

You are invited to join in a Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th from 2PM until 3:30PM. This will be a peaceful protest against all issues against the dignity and sanctity of human life. Please join us in front of St. Peter's Church on Broadway in Monticello. You may want to bring a lawn chair. Please be sure to bring your mask and follow social distancing guidelines. For more information, please call Jane at 845-292-4647.

TANNERY VILLAGE APARTMENTS

Tannery Village offers one-bedroom apartments with wall to wall carpeting, kitchen appliances, and a laundry room and community room on the premises. Eligible persons are qualified seniors 62 years of age or older or disabled individuals regardless of age. For more information, please call 845-794-2975.

GREAT PINES APARTMENTS

Great Pines offers two-bedroom apartments with wall to wall carpeting and kitchen appliances. Eligible households are those with at least 2 occupants with a very low to low income. For more information, please call 845-436-0187.

PARISH CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY

Our clothes closet and food pantry ministries are OPEN every Saturday morning from 9am - 12noon. Simply come up the driveway next to the rectory and you will see us set up outside. All are most welcome!

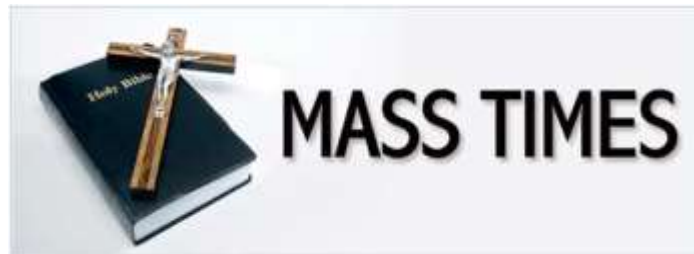
DAILY PRAYER

Father will continue to gather with us in daily prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live. We will pray morning prayers at 9AM and evening vespers at 6 PM. You may send your prayer petitions to Father and he will include them in daily prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

With the future uncertain, we anticipate maintaining the current mass schedule for the foreseeable future. As such, we will have a limited number of announced mass intentions available (2 per weekend). *Please call the rectory to request your mass intentions. In an effort to accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we ask that you limit your requests to 3 Sundays for the year.*





Saturday evenings at 7PM: Mass in Spanish
Sunday mornings at 10 AM: Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live. You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to www.facebook.com and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY. A recorded video of the Mass will also be published to our page at the conclusion of Mass.

If you plan to join us for Mass in person, please see the end of this bulletin for details on the protocols we have put in place to keep us all safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. While the church is open for Mass, all individuals who are 65 years of age or older, those with underlying health considerations and those who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in the Mass on Facebook Live.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed or Deacon Don will be waiting on the front steps of the church, weather permitting, each Sunday until 11:30 AM to distribute Holy Communion. They will only be able to offer the Eucharist in the hand. Please be sure to wear a face covering, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others, and most importantly, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers.

PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

BEFORE MASS

- ✓ We ask you to arrive at the church no later than 9:30 AM for 10 AM Mass. (Please arrive by 6:45PM for 7 PM Spanish Mass.)
- ✓ When approaching the church, please keep in mind that all individuals and groups must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals and groups.
- ✓ Everyone must wear a face covering at all times.
- ✓ There will be hand sanitizer available for those who would like to use some before entering the church.
- ✓ Before entering the church, everyone will have their temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked not to enter the church.
- ✓ Everyone will be escorted to a seat by an usher who has been designated and trained by Father Ed. Seating will be assigned from the front of the church to the back, and will be based on the next available seat, keeping social distancing in mind. Single individuals will be seated on one side of the church and families of 2 or more will be seated on the other side.
- ✓ There will be no holy water in the church.
- ✓ We will continue to send bulletins to parishioners electronically. There will be no paper bulletins in the church.

DURING MASS

- ✓ Please keep your mask on during the entire Mass, except for the brief moment when receiving Holy Communion.
- ✓ The collection will not be taken up in the traditional way. Instead, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the church.

- ✓ Missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews. You are invited to take a missalette from the table at the back of the church at the beginning Mass. That will be your missalette. Please take it home with you and should you wish, bring it back for use at future Masses. Hymnals will not be available for the time being.
- ✓ There will be no offertory procession.
- ✓ Please refrain from physical contact at the Sign of Peace. Please offer a gesture such as a wave, bow or nod. Of course, this does not apply to families who have come together.
- ✓ When it is time for Communion, Father Ed and Deacon Don will make their way through the church to offer the Eucharist. There will NOT be a Communion line. When either Father or Deacon approaches your pew, please stand if you would like to receive. You may remove your mask for the brief moment of receiving Communion. Please note the Eucharist can only be offered in the hand at this time.

DISMISSAL

- ✓ At the conclusion of Mass, please remain in your seat until an usher approaches your row and dismisses you. Rows will be dismissed from the back of the church to the front. Upon leaving the church, please make your way to your car as quickly as possible, so as to avoid groups of people gathering.

BATHROOMS

- ✓ We ask that the use of the bathroom be reserved for emergencies only. If you do need to use the bathroom, please use the handicapped bathroom located in the old Convent building. Ushers will direct you should you need assistance.

