

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2020

OPENING HYMN: 1) All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come we before Him, and rejoice. 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He does us feed, And for His sheep He does us take. 3) O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly to do so.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, the house of Israel.*

SECOND READING: *Philippians 4:6-9*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN: 1) O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. 2) Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure. 3) Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same. 4) A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Refrain ~ One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessings which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.* 1) Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. 2) Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. 3) Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the word; From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. 2) Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!" One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With every grace endued. 3) 'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore, Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Even in our largely non-agrarian society, the images of planting, tending, and reaping the benefits of what we've grown is something we understand. All God wants is to reap from us, the vineyard of the Lord.

THE OCTOBER ROSARY RALLY: THIS YEAR due to the limitations of the coronavirus and for our own safety, we ask that you PRAY THE ROSARY with family members or pray on your own on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. In these crucial times, more than ever, let us ask Our Blessed Mother's Intercession for that much needed peace and healing in the United States and the world. (As we know, The Holy Rosary is a "POWERFUL" prayer and is heard by Our Lady of Fatima.)

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 11

Monday, October 5	PRIVATE MASS – For the People Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Tuesday, October 6	PRIVATE MASS – For the People St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
Wednesday, October 7	9AM MASS (Grades 5-8) – Special Intentions Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday, October 8	NO MASS – Father Gene's Day Off
Friday, October 9	PRIVATE MASS – For the People St. Denis and St. John Leonardi
Saturday, October 10	5PM MASS – For the Parish
Sunday, October 11	9AM MASS – Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Fiscal Week: 13

Mary Help of Christians: \$4071.00; Ret. Priests \$100.00; Cemetery \$345.00; Improvement \$691.00

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00

YTD Budget Need: \$91,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6023.94

YTD Budget Difference: (\$12,688.80)

YTD Actual Giving: \$78,311.20

YTD Weekly: (\$976.06)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: On this day of honor for St. Francis of Assisi, the prophet Isaiah describes how much God the gardener cherishes the vineyard – such care, such choice vines the divine hand has planted! That image naturally turns my thoughts to my relationship with my garden. I too get attached to my plants. But my attachment is only a semblance of the devotion that God has for the human vineyard. When you deeply care about something, you are more deeply hurt when it is not cared for. The "Great-I-Am" is looking for fruit. But there is no fruit. God's distress is with caregivers who do not give care. Leadership means to cherish and tend the vineyard, to do everything necessary to bring it to fruition. God is merciful. God is kind. God also wants justice. God intends for this vineyard to be treated right. Woe to those who do not.

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BAGS: The Chester Area Christian Food Pantry is requesting monetary donations that can be used to purchase supplies which the Pantry staff will assemble into their traditional Thanksgiving Bags. Please place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving" and drop it into the collection box. We will deliver the envelopes to the Pantry. Thank you for your generous response!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th and Sunday October 25th for those students whose sacrament was postponed in the spring. There are 40 reserved seats at each mass for the families of our First Communion children, therefore, additional seating will be at a limit. *Parishioners please plan your church attendance and reserve your pew space early by calling the rectory.*

LIVING GOD'S WORD: St. Paul calls us to set aside anxiety and to make known to God any requests we have for more fruitful lives. In prayer we will find that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. "