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Fridays...... 11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

Friday......Noon

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

FROM THE RECTOR

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – In the Gospel from Saint Matthew, the Lord enjoins us to render to Caesar the things of Caesar and the things of God to God. St. Hilary of Poitiers offers this reflection: "How wonderful this answer, and how perfect the fulfilment of the prescribed Divine Law! So beautifully does He here indicate the middle way between not caring for the things of the world, on the one hand, and the offence of injuring Caesar, on the other, that He proves the perfect freedom of minds, however devoted to God, to discharge all human duties by commanding them to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." The Saint goes on to exhort us to remember that we are God's first and as such, if we remain with Him, there is no need to give anything over to Caesar. St. Augustine reflects that we are the coins of God and just as Caesar's coin was returned to him, so we should always be returned to the Father. Both of these great saints make clear that as we live in the world, we should never be of the world. Moreover, our detachment from the things of the world is not born of indifference or resignation but rather comes from the desire to allow God to be that which consumes all of us: body and soul. The task before us is to live only and always for God and never run the risk of divided loyalties or conflicted emotions. Be always God's servant and Christ's disciple and the things of this world will never cause you harm.

ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE PILGRIMAGE

Families, join fellow parishioners on a pilgrimage of the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles MO on November 16 10 AM -1PM. After a tour of the grounds and a reflection by Msgr. Morris, we will meet at Frontier Park for BYO picnic lunch and fun - weather permitting. Contact Cory Grizzle at tcgrizzle@charter.net to sign up and for more information.

HOLY HOUR FOR MEN

The Ss. Gregory and Augustine Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Holy Hour with Confessions for all men of the Oratory. On Thursday, 21 November the Holy Hour begins at 7 pm with Exposition followed by the recitation of the Rosary, an opportunity for confessions and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The evening will conclude at 8:15 with Benediction followed by fellowship in the St. Joseph Room. No reservations necessary; please join the Knights in spending time with our Eucharistic Lord.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Oratory will celebrate its normal 7:00 am Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 28 November 2019). Please come for Holy Mass and offer the most fitting act of thanksgiving, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, you are invited to the Oratory's First Annual Advent by Candlelight on **December 7 at 6:30 PM**. Gather together with women of the Oratory and friends of our community for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Msgr. Morris will be our speaker for the evening. This is wonderful way to enter into the season of Advent. If you would like to be placed at a table please contact Cory Grizzle at 636-675-3721 or tcgrizzle@charter.net. There are only 20 spots left!

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CHURCH CLEANING

In preparation for the beginning of the new Church year and the celebration of Christmas, the St. Luke's community will be cleaning the Church on **Saturday**, **7 December** @ **10:00 am**. We are in need of a great deal of assistance dusting the pews, washing the kneelers, cleaning the sanctuary and the statuary. As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work". Please make

every effort to come and spend whatever time you have assisting in the cleaning. This is also First Saturday. Come for Holy Mass and remain to help clean our beautiful Church!

THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

When: 14 December 2019 @ 6:30 am

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

CONFESSIONS – 14 DECEMBER 2018 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

The faithful of both the Oratory and St. Luke will have the opportunity for an extended period of confessions on Saturday morning, 14 December 2018 from 9 am until 11 am. Both Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake will be available for confession during that time. If you have had difficulty getting to confession, this may serve as the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the tribunal of mercy especially in preparation for Christmas.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INFORMATION

The regular meeting night will be the <u>3rd Thursday of each</u> month. Rosary at 7:10pm with meeting to follow at 7:30pm. St. Joseph Room.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day will be slightly different from years past. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, the Oratory will celebrate Holy Mass at 10:30 am. This will be Low Mass without the presence of the organ. Part of this schedule is determined by the Holy Mass being celebrated by Saint Luke at 9 am on Christmas morning.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

Our choir is in need of additional members. Please consider making the gift of your time and talents to glorify our Lord at Holy Mass. Rehearsals are held in the school building on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7:30 for the Men's Schola and 8 for the full choir. Please contact Mrs. Kenney at elisabethrkenney@gmail.com for further details, or leave your contact information on the sheet on the information table in the vestibule

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Oratory has a new telephone number -314/925-8989. This new number allows the community more direct access to both the Rector and the Administrative Assistant and this will provide clarity for those unfamiliar with our unique situation to reach the Oratory more readily. Please begin calling this new number now.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

10/27 - 11/3 Filla	11/3 - 11/10 Cook
11/10 - 11/17 Hayward	11/17 - 11/24 Fowler
11/24 - 12/1 Houlard	12/1 - 12/8 Catalano
12/8 - 12/22 Kenney	12/22 - 12/29 Raymond
12/29 - 1/5 Flannigan	1/5 - 1/12 Gelhot
1/12 - 1/19 Petrick	1/19 Schuette

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21 November: Men's Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 24 November: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Mass
- 28 November: Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass @ 7:00 am
- 1 December: First Sunday of Advent
- 6 December: First Friday
- 7 December: First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 12 November – *St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr* 7:00 am: Mary Bach

Wednesday, 13 November – *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini* 6:30 pm: Mary Bach

Thursday, 14 November – *St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr* 7:00 am: Marie & Dinko Papak 9:00 am: Maria Hobach & Family

Friday, 15 November – *St. Albert the Great* 12 Noon: Maria Hobach & Family

Sunday, 17 November – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am: Pro Populo 11:30 am: Maria Hobach & Family

SERVERS SCHEDULE

November 3rd – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Sebastian Filla, Phillip Petrick

November 10th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Lance Lavery, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Petrick, Damien Filla

November 17th – 23rdSunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Phillip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick

November 24th – 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, John Armstrong, Peter Armstrong, Ben Armstrong, Simon Wisniewski

~ 11/03/2019 ~			
	ACTUAL	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 2,330.07		
Online Giving	\$ 2,483.79		
Total	\$ 4,813.86	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,063.86
Year to Date Total	\$ 87,946.21	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 20,446.21

Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!