

Saturday, October 24, Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Kathy "Pisone" Vetere & Louis Pisone

Sunday, October 25, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Adeline Trozzi (An.) & Salvatore Trozzi

10:30 a.m. For the Parish

Monday, October 26, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Guiseppe, Antonetta & Busty Giotto

Tuesday, October 27, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Gennaro "Jim" Curcio

Wednesday, October 28, Simon & Jude, apostles

9:00 a.m. St. Gertrude Rosary Society

Thursday, October 29, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Margaret Dilick

Friday, October 30, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Richard Fontana (An.)

9:00- -12 N Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 31, Weekday

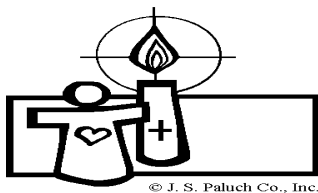
8:30 a.m. †Lena Trisoline (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Marino Manganello (An.)

Sunday, November 1, All Saints

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Albert Adamik (An.)



Servers Schedule

October 31 & November 1

4:00 p.m. -Marissa Molnar & Emma Lloyd

8:00 a.m. -A. J. & Deanna Callipare

10:30 a.m. -J. Reynolds & L. Emmerson

GOOD NEWS

October 25, 2009

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-62

“Take courage: get up, he is calling you.”

Bartimaeus is blind, poor, loud, and in the way of those trying to hear Jesus teach. Bartimaeus is a nuisance. The Scriptures use careful wording to describe the reactions of those around him; “Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.” If we’d been there, we’d have more likely heard people yelling, “Hey-shut that guy up!”

The Gospels draw us into the scene with Jesus. When we hear this story, we’re invited to visualize what’s going on. We’re in Jericho. A large crowd surrounds Jesus. Here’s a preacher who has come out of Galilee claiming that a new sort of kingdom—the “reign of God”—is at hand. Where are we when we hear him? What’s drawing us to him? What distracts us?

To back up the message, Jesus moves through Mark’s Gospel casting out demons and healing. Where have we pictured ourselves in this story? Are we somewhere in the crowd? Are we near that loud, blind, nuisance guy?

Jesus stopped. He stood still to pay attention to Bartimaeus. Does that change the crowd’s attitude toward the beggar? They tell him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.” What is their tone? Are they pulling for Bartimaeus now? Are they fascinated by the new development? Maybe we’ll get to see a healing! Are they now curious to see what will happen to this guy?

We can imagine Bartimaeus moving toward Jesus. Here’s the fellow who made a scene and irritated those around him. The crowd lets him through. They’ve moved from “Shut that guy up, “ to “Take courage...”

Whose heart was already open when Jesus started trying to teach?

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE FOR ~

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. “As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,” notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

POOR BOX ~ our parish has always been very generous with Poor Box donations. As winter approaches, the St. Vincent de Paul Society would appreciate your continued support as our list of those in need has grown and will continue to grow as winter utilities come due.

St. James Church, Apollo, is baking nut rolls, November 9 and 10. Price: \$8.00 each. Call to order: 724-478-2404.

Peddler and Crafter Fair, Saturday, November 14, 9—3 p.m., St. Mary of Czestochowa Friendship Hall, 857 Kenneth Ave., New Kensington. Vendors needed! \$15/table, \$25/two. Sponsored by St. Mary Holy Name Society. For more info call St. Mary parish office at 724-335-8212.

Religious Tours ~ “In the Footsteps of Jesus” Holy Land Tours ~ February 1-12. In May and July 2010 there will be a tour to the world famous “Passion Play” at Oberammergau, Germany. For a packet of detailed info call 724-722-3141. **also** 600 Recipes Cookbook: prepared for the 100th anniversary of the church. \$13 each (\$3. SH). Call the Church of the Seven Dolors, 724-722-3141.

Tithing: God’s Plan for Giving: October 17 & 18

Sunday Offertory.....	\$5,510.25
Loose Collection.....	257.00
Children.....	3.00
World Mission Sunday.....	977.25

God bless and

Thank you for your generous support!

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Thomas Ferrante by his wife Mary & family Tom & Diane

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Mario Fassio by his wife Mary
In memory of Adeline & brother Salvatore Trozzi
by Richard & family

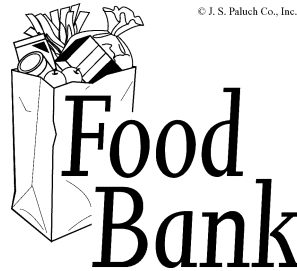
PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Fred Carricato and all the sick who need our prayers.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: on Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m. in the church hall catered by Starr Catering at a cost of \$15. per person. Dinner is prepaid by check only by November 23 by calling Ellen Odasso at 845-3051 or Josephine Moliterno 567-7359 or if anyone wishes to pay at the meeting on Tuesday, November 3. Reservations can also be mailed to Ida Lucas, 400 Finnin Rd., Lower Burrell Pa 15068, or drop it in the collection basket, mark CDA Christmas dinner and your phone number on the outside of the envelope. Entertainment: "On With The Show."

TO ALL PARISHIONERS ~ please call the rectory and inform us of anyone you know who is in the hospital. The hospitals do not inform the church and we can no longer request the names of our parishioners from them. Visiting the sick is one mission of our church. Please help insure we are doing this to the best of our abilities.

ALTER SERVERS NEEDED: any young persons interested in serving Mass are asked to call the rectory with your name and phone number. Fr. James will begin processing into the Mass in November.

YOUTH GROUP will meet November 1 and 15 at CMA lower level from 5:30 to 7 p.m.. All students in 6th through 12th grades are welcome. We had great fun at our Halloween Movie night. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a successfully scary good time!



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The **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy in our community, but we need your help! Please place any nonperishable food and/or paper products in the boxes at the entrances to the church. We will be making the baskets Thanksgiving week. And as always, monetary donations will also be accepted for turkey vouchers. Thank you for your continued support.

In the CHARITY of your PRAYERS, please remember the soul of Joseph Polito, a former parishioner. May God grant him eternal rest.

HOOP TIME !!! During the month of October, there will be an open gym time Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the C.M.A. school gymnasium. Any boys in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade who are interested in playing basketball for St. Gertrude are invited. If you have any questions, please call Joel Hansen 724-568-1927 or 724-889-6020.

Catholic School Leadership at Notre Dame ~ The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, is currently accepting applications for its program in educational administration designed especially for preparing Catholic school principals. The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree is part of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. All certified teachers interested in the principal ship are encouraged to apply. For info call 574-631-4449.

Knights of Columbus, Council #3174 will be holding their monthly meeting on October 27 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All the officers and members are requested to please attend.



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SUNDAY

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.

Jackpot 56 no's

Bring a friend or two along and enjoy an evening out!