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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2022**



October 15
1650 - 2022
*Happy
Founder's Day!*



One thousand six hundred fifty years
after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth,
in the midst of religious wars in France,
Jean Pierre Medaille and six women
were summoned by the God who made them ~
~ summoned by the God of Jesus
living in the lost eyes
of the children, homeless and hungry,
sobbing in the women
defenseless and impoverished,
uninstructed, groaning
in the sick and imprisoned.

And summoned, they quietly stepped
out of French social and religious convention
with a gentle boldness and holy freedom,
hearts set only on the great love of God,
and the good of the dear neighbor...
...for almost three hundred seventy-two years,
in splendid, varied ways,
sang a new Church into being...

Trusting the time of suffering,
of suppression, scattering,
imprisonment and death
during the fifteen years
of the French Revolution,
the former Sisters of St. Joseph
lived the life of the spirit,
hidden like seeds in the darkness
of political and religious turmoil.

Trusting again the invitation to refound
the Sisters of St. Joseph,
Jeanne Fontbonne and twelve women
dared to re-dream the vision promised.
Eight of them trusted the dream of rooting
the Little Design
in the heartland of the New World.

In 1836, they came to Carondelet,
serving the dear neighbor without distinction.
Eleven years later that small group stretched again
to bring the dream of union
to the City of Brotherly Love,
to sing a new Church into being.

Ready for any and every good work
and faithful to the truth that every person
is their dear neighbor and God's,
the Sisters of St. Joseph continued
to enliven the dream
of the Little Design in Philadelphia.
They ministered in orphanage,
hospital, widows' home, and school.

On August 16, 1858, three sisters
arrived at the Middleton mansion
in Chestnut Hill, purchased
at the suggestion
of our friend and advisor,
Bishop John Nepomucene Neumann,
who celebrated the first Mass here
at Mount Saint Joseph on August 21.

Two years later,
the Chestnut Hill Congregation
became independent of St. Louis,
receiving a Charter of Incorporation
from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
in 1871, papal approbation as a
Congregation of Pontifical Right in 1895.

And now,
one hundred twenty-seven years later,
daring to dream the vision promised,
reclaiming our prophetic voice as women
in a world at war, a world of rich and poor,
of haves and have nots,
a world of ecological disaster ~
here in that world,
over 500 Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia
stand today in heartfelt communion
with the daughters of Joseph of old,
gently daring, boldly begging the grace,
to sing a new church into being ~
one Church, one world ~
rich in unity, rich in diversity,
rich as the Trinity is rich,
rich in faith and love and praise ~
ready for any and every good work.

~ adapted SSJ Assembly Proclamation
by S. Rita Woehlcke, SSJ's



Morning Church!

Hopefully, this Year of Luke's gospel has revealed his writing perspective of a biblically rooted morality centered on Jesus Christ, one which always gives precedence to the voices from below. Luke nestles it in Christ's classic pattern of The Divine's Great Reversal, and inverts the pyramid. This means faith can be practiced only after listening to the voices of those under the bottom of the pyramid.

The gospel parable features a widow whose only power comes from within her. She is her own advocate in a society and religious culture that has ignored her. She publically proclaims her human dignity by demanding her rights and the rights of all the lowly. This is the stuff of the Reign of God. This Widow is Coach Jim Valvano's, *"Don't give up, don't ever give up."*

She goes toe-to-toe with a narcissistic, dishonest judge, "...who neither feared God nor respected...human beings." This is a parable echoing the Magnificat, "God puts down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly." The nameless Widow is Christ's visual aid for justice, as he confronts the unevenness of a top-down world and calls for a relationship-centered world. She will be remembered for her relentless tenacity, and tireless, steadfast courage. The Widow is a reminder that prayer is not a success-fail endeavor. It's about persistence, endurance, and will. The Widow is grace in plain sight, a person who pushes through the irksome, daily demands of life. She is no quitter. She keeps coming to the dishonest judge until he relents, does his job, and gives her the hoped-for, favorable verdict in her case.

Today's Word is a reflective entry point on *if you pray, why you pray, who and what you pray for and your heart's hopes* as you pray. Does your prayer resemble that of The Widow, who is steadfast and relentless? Or is your prayer more like Moses' ~ you lack the spiritual stamina, or perhaps, the will, to spend time in prayer each day. Perhaps you're worn out by the journey and you need others' supportive presence to give you strength; or perhaps, there's a little of The Widow and Moses in all of us.

Faithful, faith-filled prayer is one way for societal and ecclesial pyramids to flatten into a circles. It's your way to serve as advocates for the voiceless ones among us, the ones who have no one to pray with and for them.

Prayer nurtures your personal relationship with God and calls you to hold and uphold your local and global Dear Neighbors. So prayer mirrors the Golden Rule: love of God and love of the Dear neighbor, as we love ourselves. This kind of prayer is as inclusive as our loving. This is the prayerful doing of justice.

Pray like The Widow today, reflecting on Paul's words,
*"...remain faithful to what you have learned and believed...be persistent
 whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."*

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🌱 *Reflecting and Acting on The Word* 🌱

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Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

OCTOBER	
 16	29th Sun OT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass
17	SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Center, 1-6p 
 18	Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, physician, artist Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	RCIA; Choir, 7p
 20	Wise Ones Hosts: Barb & Bob DeJohn (336)737-4056 Benny's Italian & Latin Restaurant, Jonesville, 1p
23	30th Sun OT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass
24	SSJ Christian Growth Group 10-1:00p 
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
 26	RCIA; Choir, 7p
 30	31st Sun OT NO FFF
31	SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p

🌿 Mass Intentions	
10/16	Sisters of St. Joseph (372nd Anniv) All who work in the medical field
You are welcome to request 2023 Masses for Special Intentions, Birthdays and Anniversaries, as well as Masses for deceased loved ones. If you are new to St. S, there are Mass Intention envelopes in the lobby and in the pew pockets. The usual stipend is ten dollars and the check is made payable to Fr. John, instead of St. S Church.	

Parish Celebrations

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 18 Athena Spicer |  | 22 Ruben Ramirez |
| 19 James St. Cyr, Sr. | | 25 Beth Altemueller |
| 20 John Darcey | | 26 Ramona Doyle |
| 22 Hydee Go | | Walter Nelson |
| Ty Keller | | |
|  | 19 Katrina & Joshua Baskey | |
| | 25 Samantha & Andrew Ange, Rosa & Jose Islas | |

Liturgical Ministers:
please consult our website for your schedule.
If you are unable to serve,
please find your own substitute.
<https://www.ststephenc.org/liturgical-ministries-1>



...to Theresa & our wonderful choir for enhancing our Sunday liturgy...the faithful women who clean our church and prepare our Altar linens...
...our Proclaimers of the God's Word ~ God's Storytellers...
...to all of our Faith Formation families and our leaders, Peggy R, Samantha A, Lupe H, Natalie L.,
...special thanks to our parents for your weekly attendance...
...to all who serve as medical professionals; may your patron, St. Luke (10/18) give you strength...
...to those who prayerfully participated in the Sacrament of Anointing...Bless you all!

YOUR HELP/PRESENCE IS REQUESTED
Stewardship: Sharing YOUR Time, Talent, Treasure in Gratitude for God's Goodness to You!



- Altar Linen Team,
Choir
Church Cleaning Team
EM to Homebound
Faith Formation Team
Sm Church Upkeep Projects
Ladies Guild
Aileen (336) 874-2471
Men's Group
Jerry (336) 957-2250
Thank you!

Pope Francis Walking the Word

Faced with the judge's indifference, the widow had only one defense: to bother him incessantly with her request for justice.....because of her insistence, she achieves her end. At a certain point, the judge grants her request, **not because he is moved by mercy or because his conscience has been working on him**; he simply admits: "because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out..."

Our Latino Households



Rosalina Diaz
 Raquael & Eric Barrientos
 Anayeli & Victor Bustos
 Natasha & Gabriel Cancel
 Julia & Diego Carreon
 Ayda & Sheldon Chanes
 Epi & Julian Cortez
 Sarahi & Antonio Crispin
 Sonia & Sixto DeJesus
 Minnie & Julian Espino
 Alejandro Garcia
 Marbel Garcia

Jusselly & Sergio Loyola
 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
 Roxana Hernandez
 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez
 Rosa & Jose Islas
 Margarita & Guillermo Lara
 Maria & Jose Ledesma
 Emilio Lopez
 Hilda & Joel Lopez
 Marta & Jorge Lopez
 Julia Mantero

Cindy & Ozzie Martinez
 Elia & Luis Martinez
 Maria & Salomon Mata
 Natalie Lopez & Chris Ouellette
 Rosa & Gerardo Parral
 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
 Louisa & Juan Rodriguez
 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez
 Sonia Rodriguez
 Ines & Carlos Trejo
 Veronica & Marcelo Trinidad

Es una bendición **caminar contigo en la fe.**
¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!



**Our Lady,
 Queen of Peace,
 pray for us!**



~ **COMMUNITY NEED** ~
DIRECTOR:
MEALS for the ELDERLY
For more information:
see Sept 25 bulletin



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 IS BEST
 AS WELL AS
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 NON-BRAND NAMES.**



**St. Stephen
 Monthly Donation**

OCTOBER
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NOVEMBER
 Bar Soap

DECEMBER
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The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16th, 2022

Have you ever felt like giving
up on prayer because it seemed
like God isn't listening?
**NEVER
GIVE
UP!**

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said if a bad judge will do what the woman asked, God will certainly help us whenever we ask.

PRAYER is *God always hears our prayers.*
God hears and sees everything we say, do, think, and pray.
PRAYER is *Sometimes God gives us what we ask for right away. Other times, God lets us wait a while before answering our prayer.*
God talking with us
and listening to us.

Sometimes, God doesn't give us what we are asking for because God has a better plan. So pray every day.

Be as persistent as the woman in today's gospel. Pray with faith and believe God hears you and will do what's best for you.

Never give up!

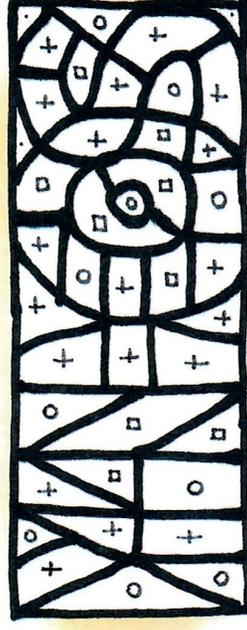
Crossword Answers: ACROSS: 3. said 5. unjust 6. away 8. to 9. God 12. slow 13. fear 14. pray 15. enemy 17. Jesus
DOWN: 1. unjust 2. judge 4. day 7. widow 10. disciples 11. parable 13. for 16. me



Luke 18:1-8

Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?

Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



Saint Gerard Majella

October 16

SAINT GERARD MAJELLA WAS BORN IN 1726 IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A TAILOR BUT HE DIED WHEN GERARD WAS ONLY 12. SOON GERARD WAS SENT TO LEARN TO SEW.



Soon you can earn money for us.

GERARD ALSO GOT A JOB WORKING AS A SERVANT FOR THE BISHOP.



Yes, your excellency!

Today I would like you to answer the door.

GERARD GAVE HIS MONEY TO HIS MOTHER AND TO THE POOR.



Here, Shh!

HE TRIED TWICE TO ENTER THE CAPUCHIN MONASTERY BUT WAS REFUSED.



You won't be strong enough!

FINALLY HE WAS ABLE TO JOIN THE REDEMPTRIST ORDER.



Please let me stay!

Ok. You can clean the floors.

GERARD WAS ALWAYS CAREFUL TO DO GOD'S WILL IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN.



My son fell off a cliff but he revived when Brother Gerard prayed for him!

MANY PREGNANT WOMEN WHOSE LIVES WERE IN DANGER WERE SAVED BY ST. GERARD'S PRAYERS. THE HOLY BROTHER DIED OF AN ILLNESS WHEN HE WAS 29.



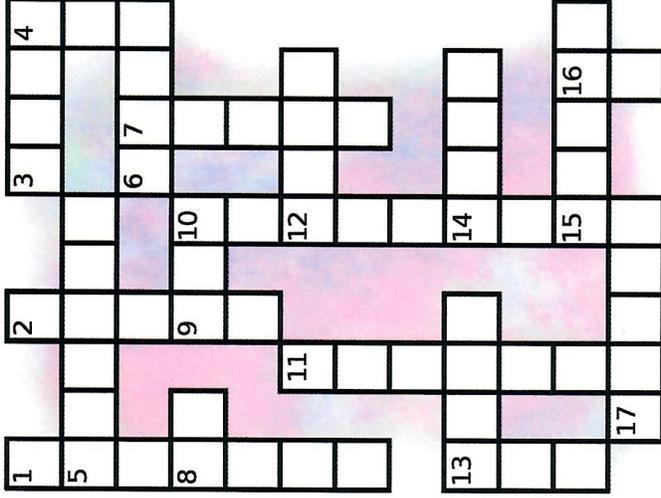
Brother Gerard, my wife and baby are going to die!

Don't worry. They will be fine! I will pray for them.

SAINT GERARD ALWAYS TRIED TO DO GOD'S WILL. WE CAN DO WHAT GOD WANTS BY FOLLOWING THE CHURCH'S LAWS AND OBEYING OUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS. THAT IS THE BEST WAY TO START BECOMING A SAINT. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT GERARD TO HELP YOU TO DO GOD'S WILL ALL THE TIME.

the parable of the unjust judge

Here's a puzzle about the story in today's Gospel reading.



Across:

- Jesus, "There was a judge..."
- The judge was _____ (not fair)
- The judge wanted the widow to go _____
- We should pray _____ God.
- Who will always listen when we pray?
- The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
- The unjust judge did not _____ God.
- What we do when we are talking to God.
- The widow needed help against her _____.
- Who told the story about the widow and judge?



Down:

- Fairness.
- What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
- We pray to God _____ and night.
- The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
- Who did Jesus tell the story to?
- Another name for the stories Jesus told.
- God will do what is good _____ us.
- The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."

