

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1st, 2017

Today's Gospel describes two imperfect sets of people, represented by two imperfect brothers. In this gospel, Jesus indicates that righteous people profess and perform their belief in God by words and matching actions. We say, "Practice what you preach."

The first son defiantly and disrespectfully opposes his father's request, but later obeys. The second son gives the father what we call "lip service." "Yes, Sir!" His words indicate courtesy and respect. His actions prove a deliberate defiance and deceit.

Nobody in this parable is getting praised. Neither son brought joy to the father. Promises never take the place of performance. True courtesy is obedience. Living a good life is submission to the Father's will. Living a good life is obedience graciously and willingly given. In a good life words and actions match. Both are required: Promises and Performance.

As Jesus asked the chief priests and elders: "What is your opinion?"

FATHER RICARDO

FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the Bible readings from the Old Testament, the Psalm response, and the New Testament, we reach the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. We are about to hear the words of Jesus Christ, Himself, in the Gospel.

We all stand and sing an Alleluia or another chant as the Book of the Gospels is elevated and carried to the ambo, where the Gospel for the day will be read by the priest or deacon. This liturgical year, we have heard most of the "Good News" from the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's account of the life of Jesus emphasizes the eternal connection between Christians and Jews. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, who has come to fulfill the Law. Starting in Advent, we will begin to hear readings from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel has a more global focus. He was writing with the Romans in view. His proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven will stand in sharp contrast to the reality of life in an empire. He presents Jesus as a miracle worker, a person of action, an appealing image for the practical Romans. However, he emphasizes that Jesus is not a conqueror but a servant.

After the Gospel, we hear a homily, an explication of the Scriptures, meant to nurture and enhance the words we have just heard.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND ACTION

Our Holy Father and the Bishops of the United States have launched a, *Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor*, a global migration campaign. They have called for a **Week of Prayer and Action**, from October 7th through 13th. Please join Pope Francis in this important unity of compassion.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, October 8th, after the 11:00 Mass. Pets may be brought to the front lawn of the church at 12:10.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Take the opportunity for a short, but important, spiritual journey, Oct. 21st to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. \$49 per person. Seats still available.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls Day envelopes are available in the back of the church during the month of October. Names of the departed should be clearly printed and submitted for inclusion in the Book of Remembrance by October 28th.

POPE JOHN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students from Pope John will be available Sunday, October 8th, for questions regarding the school and admissions procedures for prospective students and parents grades 8 to 12. They will be at a table outside the church after Masses.

PRAYER AND TEA

"Spiritual TEA" is a prayer and refreshment program held on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00pm. Tickets \$35 per person at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. (973) 539-0740.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education; retired priests; and inner-city schools. Every single gift changes lives. For your convenience, if you are able to make an on-line gift to the appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, please participate. Every gift counts!'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Sarah Sledgeski and Andrew Moore who were married here in our parish on Friday, September 29th.

We wish to announce the upcoming marriage of James Caffery and Janina Corcoran on October 20th. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter a new journey.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 10/4 Open House DePaul High School (973) 694-3702.
- 10/8 Blessing of Animals, 12:10, Church Lawn
- 10/8 Pope John Students – Vestibule of Church
- 10/9 Open House for 9th grade -Pope John (973) 729-6126.
- 10/15 "Spiritual TEA" Loyola Jesuit Center (973)539-0740
- 10/21 Diocesan Pilgrimage (973) 764-4457.
- 10/21 Turkey Dinner, Harvest House, VTHS, Peg Behnke (973) 764-4576.
- 10/24 Open House for 8th grade – Pope John (973) 729-6126.
- 10/27 to 10/30 Adult Antioch Group Clothing Drive

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

8:00am +Matthew Taylor req. by Marion & Jerry Sheridan
9:30am +Joseph Hroncich Jr. req. by Eileen & Bill Aquino
11:00am +Tom Gilheany req. by Cathy & George Fink
1:00pm POLISH MASS

MONDAY OCTOBER 2

8:45am +Christine Costantino req. by Elaine & John Miranda

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

8:45am +Andrew Van Dyke req. by Donna and Tony Macerino

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

8:45am + Cathy Dignan req. by Family

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5

8:45am +Henry McAlary req. by Dot McAlary

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

8:45am +Terry Martin req. by Donna and Tony Macerino

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

8:45am +Nicholas Chciuk req. by Family
5:00pm +Les Caggiano req. by Family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

8:00am +Margaret & Richard Murphy & Cathy Dignan req. by Families
9:30am +Rita Morton req. by The Cordes Family
11:00am +Joseph Cannizzaro by Edie Cannizzaro

This Week's Events

Sun.	After all Masses - Coffee Sunday 6:00pm - Confirmation Two – hall
Mon	7:00 pm - 8th Grade CCD class - hall
Tue.	7:00pm - Rosary Society Meeting – 6:30 pm - Community Rosary 7:00pm - Holy Hour
Wed.	7:30pm - Choir Practice - Church
Thur.	10:00am - Legion of Mary - hall 6:30pm - Legion of Mary - chapel 6:30pm – Youth Group 7:30 pm - Antioch
Sat.	NO CCD Classes

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU!**

September 24, 2017

1 ST	Collection:	\$ 3584.00
2 ND	Collection: Maintenance	\$ 1000.00

**THE NEXT MAINTENANCE COLLECTION WILL BE
OCTOBER 28-29**

In order for us to maintain accurate records, unregistered parishioners are asked to register at either the parish office or by e mail at olfatima@warwick.net.

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE
FOLLOWING:**

*Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews
John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato,
Tina Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland,
Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Nathanael
Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney
Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Bonnie Dubovich,
Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Eva
Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, John Gonzalez,
Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Christopher Hoehl,
Jean Jones, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Emily Lewis,
Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and
Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Pat McDermott, Kathy
Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Theresa and John
Orso, Joan Quest, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda
Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick Sullivan,
Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van
Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright,
Nick Zayatz*