



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 20, 2020 | 25th Week in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, September 27

Sacramental Minister :

Father Michael Chowning, OFM

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.
Amen.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



Becoming Catholic

Our RCIA program will officially begin meeting this Tuesday September 22. We will meet via zoom from 7 to 9 pm. Please email Lori for the zoom link.

Religious Education

Please register your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting virtually on September 27. Confirmation preparation will take place this year for those in 7th-12th grade who have not been confirmed.

Religious Education Sundays from 2 -3 pm
Teen Disciples from 6 pm - 7:30
Confirmation Class - beginning in October TBD

Adult Faith Formation

This Wednesday September 23, the small faith sharing group will meet via zoom at 7:30 pm to discuss Chapter 10 and 15 of the book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin. Please register for the event via email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Drive By Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for a lunchtime fish fry on October 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. People will be able to preorder for to go or delivery in Hazard. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. We are looking for people to make some desserts (cookies, bars, cupcakes that can be individually packaged)

Mission Appeal

Next Sunday, our parish will be participating in a mission appeal for the Franciscan Friars of the St. John the Baptist province. We will have a separate collection basket available for the Mission appeal and Fr. Mike Chowning will be presiding at Mass. Please discern how you are able to support this Mission appeal.

Grateful Bread

You may have heard that Mother of Good Counsel has been selling bread at the Perry County Farmers Market. If you would like to order a loaf of bread during the week, orders can be requested on Mondays by noon for pickup the following Wednesday at the church. Contact the church via email, phone or messenger with your order. A limited number orders will be taken each week All proceeds benefit Mother of Good Counsel and our outreach ministries.

White Bread \$5 or Cinnamon Swirl \$7



Season of Creation 2020 September 1 - October 4

The Laudato Si Commission will host a virtual conversation with Bishop John on Energy Effectiveness and Justice on September 30. This program is being presented in support of Pope Francis' call to celebrate the Season of Creation with the theme of Jubilee time for the Earth. You are invited to attend to engage in discussion and activities. For more information, or to register contact Lori.

Resources

Season of Creation 2020 Jubilee Time for the Earth: A Catholic Liturgical Guide
<https://www.dominicancenter.org/season-of-creation-jubilee-time-for-earth/>

Meditative Reflection Guide for a Pilgrimage Walk:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ReMmStNOFPwmLpCbVJnsEbrCwCor7u/view?usp=sharing>

Living Rosary

A living rosary will be held on Wednesday, October 7, before the Word & Communion Service at 6 pm at Mother of Good Counsel outdoors in the grotto area (grassy area in front of the church). Oct. 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Come by to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for our country. This beautiful ceremony with candles will be held rain or shine! We invite you to bring your rosary, a chair and a face mask. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, please contact Lori. Please be assured that COVID 19 requirements will be observed.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The yearly annual appeal for the Diocese of Lexington begins next week. The goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$6000. Please discern how you are able to support this appeal.

Our Weekly Offering for 09/13/20

Loose: \$121

Envelopes : \$540

Weekly Online Donations: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$801



Readings for the Week

Monday

SEPTEMBER 21

*St. Matthew,
Apostle and
Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 23

*St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest*

Prv 30:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ecl 1:2-11

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ecl 3:1-11

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Ecl 11:9-12:8

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

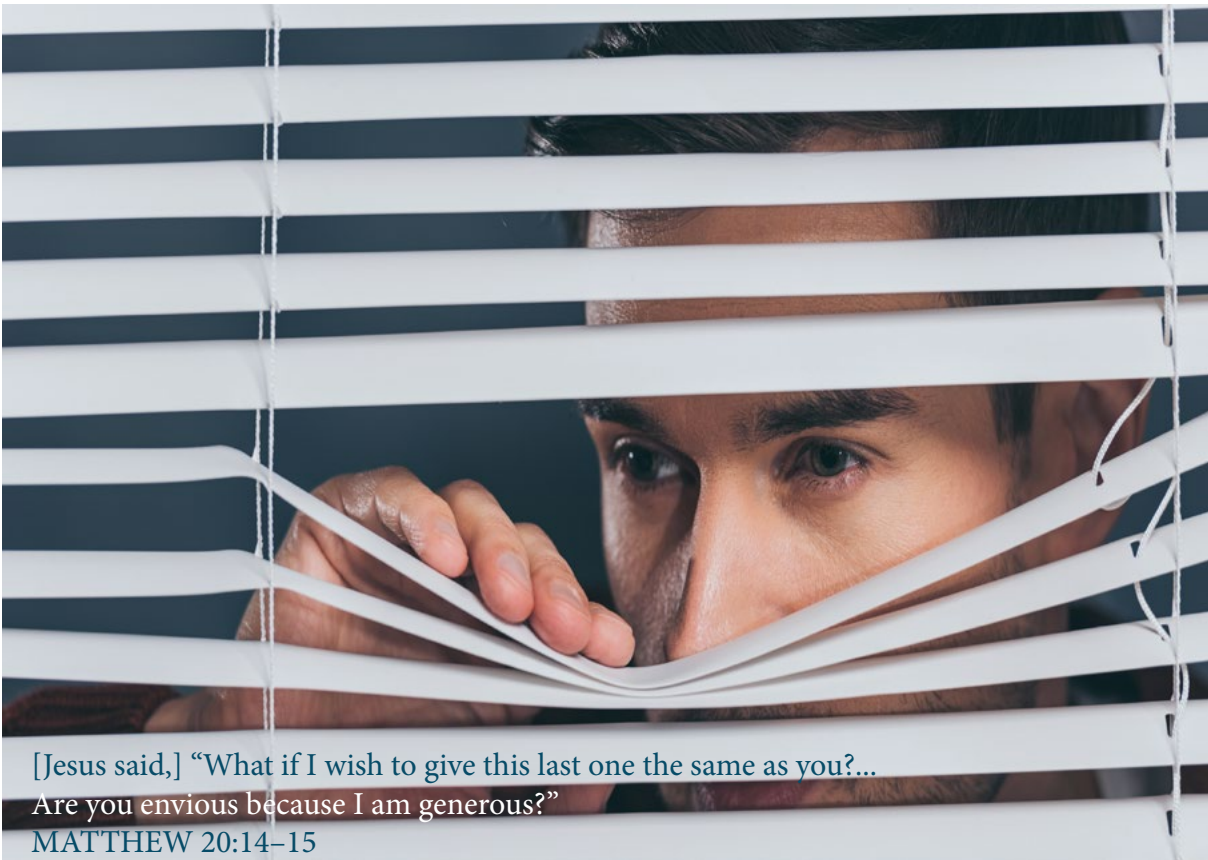
SEPTEMBER 27

*Twenty-sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or
2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32



[Jesus said,] “What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?...
Are you envious because I am generous?”
MATTHEW 20:14-15

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers “after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage”(Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: “The Lord is gracious and merciful”(Psalm 145:8).
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA”

For Reflection

Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice?

Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.



From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

We are called to take time for rest and Sabbath, even one of our commandments is to honor the Sabbath and keep it holy. Yet often times, we are so busy in life that we do not take time to rest, to listen, to hear what God is speaking to us in the still small voice. We must remember that to take Sabbath is not a luxury but a necessity. It is important to recharge and be able to continue building the kingdom of God in our corner of the world, with our family, friends, and local community. It is a good reminder to us all, that we must rest, just as God calls for a jubilee year where the fields rest and find nourishment we too must have time to rest. How are you able to find rest and truly take a day of Sabbath? Do you need to have someone to help keep you accountable to resting and just being?

Prayer Opportunity - Visio Divina

Join this online VISIO DIVINA with six of artist Janet McKenzie's paintings at St. Paul's Ivy Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, VA Mondays at 10 am on Zoom, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19

Visio Divina is a practice of "divine seeing," in which we ask God to make us aware of the Presence of Love through meditation of an image. Visio Divina invites us to be present with a piece of art, without any agenda, and explore its divine properties.

Each week Visio Divina presenters Debbie Scott and Liz Wright will offer a different work to be viewed on Zoom, with a time of prayer to follow. To attend, please email Debbie Scott at Debbie@stpaulsivy.org to receive the Zoom invitation. Prepare for this time of contemplation by arranging your own prayer space, taking care that your time will be free from interruptions, and perhaps including a comfortable chair, candle, and journal.



Birthdays This Week:

9/20: Chase Gonzaga & Escher Buquing 9/21 : Carol Logan

9/23: Joseph Elsoueidi 9/27 : Myla Atienza



"Elijah Hears the Still Small Voice of God" by Janet McKenzie



Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Dolly & Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Donnie Combs, Christina Askew, and Renee Messer

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family:

All families of the parish

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