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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM, 9:30 AM., 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM, 12:00 PM

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY- 5:30 PM

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Held in or across the office

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM

or any time by appointment.

For Clergy and Religious: any time

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: by appointment

“H & B” Indicates: Health & Blessings

“L & D” Indicates: Living & Deceased

SI Indicates Special Intention

“+”, “++” Indicates: One or more deceased

Suggested offering for Mass intentions is \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Vigil Mass 5:30 ++ Rosemary & Howard O'Malley
rb Tom & Lisa Cook

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

7:00 + Anthony Bruno rb Tom & Lisa Cook
9:30 + Mary Ann Itts rb Mark & Karen Curtis
12:00 + Theresa Jukich rb Daughter Terry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

7:00 + Joseph L. Cook Jr. rb Tom & Lisa Cook

12:00 Miriam Salib rb Friend

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 + Daniel R. McCarthy rb Tom & Lisa Cook

12:00 ++ Denise & Smokey rb Mom/Wife

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 ++ M/M Steve Wiegend rb Family

12:00 SI Carole McDonough rb Carole & Roger Elias

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:00 ++ Francis, Joe & Jim Firment rb Wife/Mom

11:00 *HOLY HOUR ADORATION*

12:00 + David McKelvey rb Tom & Lisa Cook

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

7:00 + Patricia McCarthy rb Tom & Lisa Cook

12:00 + John Meade rb Julie Elkinton

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

7:00 L&D Angelo & Bifolco Families

M/M Jerry Angelo

11:00 *HOLY HOUR ADORATION*

12:00 + Stanislaw Kukielka rb Labeledz Family

5:30 Vigil Mass ++ Rosemary & Howard O'Malley
rb Tom & Lisa Cook

A BRIEF CATECHISM FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

From—Fr. Stephen F. Torracco, Ph.D., EWTN—Part I
Isn't conscience the same as my own opinions and feelings? And doesn't everyone have the right to his or her own conscience?

Conscience is NOT the same as your opinions or feelings. Conscience cannot be identical with your feelings because conscience is the activity of your intellect in judging the rightness or wrongness of your actions or omissions, past, present, or future, while your feelings come from another part of your soul and should be governed by your intellect and will. Conscience is not identical with your opinions because your intellect bases its judgment upon the natural moral law, which is inherent in your human nature and is identical with the Ten Commandments. Unlike the civil laws, made by legislators, or the opinions that you hold, the natural moral law is not anything that you invent, but rather discover within yourself and is the governing norm of your conscience. In short, conscience is the voice of truth within you, and your opinions need to be in harmony with that truth. As a Catholic, you have the benefit of the Church's teaching authority or Magisterium endowed upon her by Christ. The Magisterium assists you and all people of good will in understanding the natural moral law as it relates to specific issues. As a Catholic, you have the obligation to be correctly informed and normed by the teaching of the Church's Magisterium. As for your feelings, they need to be educated by virtue so as to be in harmony with conscience's voice of truth. In this way, you will have a sound conscience, according to which you will feel guilty when you are guilty, and feel morally upright when you are morally upright. We should strive to avoid the two opposite extremes of a lax conscience and a scrupulous conscience. Meeting the obligation of continually attending to this formation of conscience will increase the likelihood that, in the actual operation or activity of conscience, you will act with a certain conscience, which clearly perceives that a given concrete action is a good action that was rightly done or should be done. Being correctly informed and certain in the actual operation of conscience is the goal of the continuing formation of conscience. Otherwise put, you should strive to avoid being incorrectly informed and doubtful in the actual judgment of conscience about a particular action or omission. You should never act on a doubtful conscience.

Is it morally permissible to vote for all candidates of a single party?

This would depend on the positions held by the candidates of a single party. If any one or more of them held positions that were opposed to the natural moral law, then it would not be morally permissible to vote for all candidates of this one party. Your correctly informed conscience transcends the bounds of any one political party. *(To be continued...)*

SAVE THE DATE

On Monday evening, October 21st at 6:00 PM, the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis, will be hosting an informative session on what it means to be a Third Order Franciscan (TOF), and the workings of the Order, and how you may become part of it.

The Third Order is open to all lay people age 18 and over. If this interests you and you desire to grow in your faith, please join us at the Shrine Hall located in the basement of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted—please use rear entry. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Shrine office at 330-799-1888 and leave a message if you plan to attend.

~ PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE ~

(Approved for the Laity)

My Lord, You are all powerful, You are God, You are Father. We beg You through the intercession and help of the Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel for the deliverance of our brothers and sisters who are enslaved by the Evil One. All saints of heaven, come to our aid.

From anxiety, sadness, and obsessions, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From hatred, fornication, envy, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From thoughts of jealousy, rage, and death, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From every thought of suicide and abortion, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From every form of sinful sexuality, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From every division in our family, and every harmful friendship, we beg You, free us, O Lord. From every sort of evil spell, malefice, witchcraft, and every form of occult, we beg You, free us, O Lord.

Lord, You who said, "I leave you peace, my peace I give you," grant that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, we may be liberated from every evil spell and enjoy Your peace always. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"By invoking the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, Satan is driven out of men." -St. Irenaeus

**September 21st—Feast of St. Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist**

Reminder: All checks to the Shrine and Gift Shop must be made to Franciscan Friars. Thank you.

PRAYERS DURING MORNING HOURS

Monday to Friday:

5:00 – 6:45 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 – 9:00 AM All Decades of the Rosary

Tuesdays – 9:15 – 10:15 AM Prayers for Peace

Wednesdays – 11:00 – 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group.

Thursday and Saturday 11:00 – 11:45 AM Adoration
(See weekly schedule above for Novena days and times.)