

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2020**

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.  
— *Philippians 2:5*

**Readings**

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Sept. 26**

5:00PM (J) Wayne Klein

**Sunday, Sept. 27**

8:00AM (P) Clara & Ed Schilling Family

10:00AM (J) Michael Brand

**Monday, Sept 28**

12:00PM (J) Butch Bachelier

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**

12:00 PM (J) Marge Stivers

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**

12:00 PM (P) Steve Chunn Family

**Thursday, Oct. 1**

12:00PM (J) Michael Brand

**Friday, Oct. 2**

12:00PM (J) Ken Dauphin

**Saturday, Oct. 4**

5:00PM (J) For vocations to the priesthood & Religious life

**Sunday, Oct. 5**

8:00 AM (P) S. Mary Jane Schrage Family

10:00AM (J) Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy

**PRAYER REQUEST**

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Owen Gillison, Cheryl Parke, Nate, Molly & Eleanor Krebel, Margie Beelman, Cindy Wilhelm, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Trampus Mudd, Wanda Honer, Armin Depper, Steve Wallach, Regina, Harold Hooten, Jeanelle Dinan, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Joy Donius, Claudene Chunn, Pat Schwartz, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Michael Brand, Brenda Walter, Kathy Ghahkenshah



**CHURCH SUPPORT-September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's**  
Envelopes \$1,250 Loose \$108 Retired Priest \$70  
COVID \$1,600-  
Total COVID \$11,440 COVID GOAL \$30,000

**St. Joseph's**  
Envelopes: \$1,073, Loose: \$26, Retired priests:\$272

**The weekly goal: \$1,700.**  
Updated Picnic Donation total: \$26,497 Raffle \$3,515

**FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS**

The first reading of today (Ezekiel 18:25-28) uses a term that we are all familiar with: fairness and justice. How can God judge someone who has always been on the path of righteousness but makes one wrong turn? Or one who has always gotten it wrong but somehow gets it right at the very last moment of his/her life?

The second reading (Phil 2:1-11) reminds us that Christ took on a human nature, putting aside his divinity with the aim of raising us to the divine nature. Because of this humble step he took, God raised him up and made his name holy, worthy of adoration and glory. Humility is not only admired on earth, it is even exalted in heaven.

The Gospel (Matthew 21: 28-32) portrays a parable about a man and his two sons. The first said "yes" to his father, but disobeyed him. While the second said "no" to his father but after giving it a second thought, he decided to go and obey his father. This is striking as we can always identify ourselves as either the first or second son in our daily activities. By virtue of our Baptism, we said yes to God. However, the world and its lure of sin often makes us disobey afterwards. We pray to always say "Yes" to God in thought, word and deed. Amen . Do stay Blessed.  
Fr Sebastian Ukoh CM

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Jesus Wants Us Free) Jesus does not want selfish Christians who follow their own ego, who do not talk to God. Nor does he want weak Christians, Christians who have no will of their own, "remote-controlled" Christians incapable of creativity, who always seek to connect with the will of someone else and are not free. Jesus wants us free. And where is this freedom created? It is crated in dialogue with God in the person's own conscience. If a Christian is unable to speak with God, if he cannot hear God in his own conscience, he is not free.

**REST IN PEACE**

The parish community of Ruma and Rocher would like to offer their prayers of PEACE to the family and friends of Sr. Mary Jane Schrage, ASC, Sr. Clara Smith, ASC.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY**

**BLESSINGS**

Bill Sauer 9/26, Judy Scherle 9/27, Nate Gonzalez 9/27, Joshua Whelan 9/28, Terry Laurent 9/28, Cassie Roy 9/29, Eric Schaefer 9/29, Bill Wiegard 9/30, Nancy Proctor 10/1, Scarlett Pollard 10/2, Julie Carle 10/3, Rachel Steibel 10/3  
**Bill & Donna Deterding 9/27, Tom & Annette Steibel 10/1 Neal & Stephanie Wetzler 10/3**

St. Patrick's parish will be holding a BBQ on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Red Bud IGA from 10:30AM-? Serving pork steaks, brats, baked beans, mac & cheese, coleslaw and potato salad. We will need 8-10 volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer please contact Nancy Rahn at 282-6559.



**PARTNERSHIP CORNER  
REOPENING OF PARISHES**

Call and make a reservation to join us for Mass. We remind you that you must wear a mask and it must cover your mouth and nose at all times during the entire Mass that is held inside. Outside Masses, masks are optional, (except during communion). You must sanitize your hands when you enter church and before communion and follow social distancing rules...Please try to sit as far to the end of the pews as possible to keep the 6' social distancing requirement. You can attend the weekday Mass at St. Pat's. We need a few more volunteers. Not everyone on the team is able to make every weekend Mass...if interested please contact the parish offices. Mass schedule for the month of September will remain the same as it was in August. 5pm...Saturday and 10am Sunday at St. Joseph's 8am...Sunday at St. Patrick's...outside...weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs and social distance yourself in the front yard. **DON'T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED. 284-3314-St. Joseph's, 282-3176-St. Patrick's.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S PSR**-Welcome to all our returning and new students. Classes begin promptly at 7:15am

**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you know someone who is in need of emergency prayer, contact Fr. Sebastian at 284-2404, St. Joe's rectory at 284-3314, St. Pat's rectory at 282-3176 or Marie Henry at 618-559-6511. If you would like to be part of the chain, please call Marie to get set up.



**RECONCILIATION**

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Sebastian.

**CARE MINISTRY**

Do you know a fellow parishioner that's going through a rough time? Please contact Lynn Gonzalez at 284-7702, and she will reach out with a care package.

**INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**

Adult Education Initial Training Course: Protecting Children in the 21st Century. This initial training course provided through the **Safe & Sacred™ Environment Training Program** replaces the Diocesan in-person *Initial Child Protection Policy Training* course. All new volunteers, employees, religious and clergy should complete the initial course by following the instructions below. To access the website, go to: <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org> then follow the prompts.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*HOW REASSURING TO KNOW THAT WE DON'T NEED TO ASK GOD TO BE WITH US — HE IS ALREADY THERE.*

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. September's donation will go to the Molly & Nathan Krebel family to help with medical bills. Their 15 month old daughter Eleanor was diagnosed with AMKL (a form of leukemia). If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

**KUDOS**

- To who all helped mow and trim Fr. Sebastian's and the church yard.
- To Fr. Sebastian, Msgr. Dennis and Msgr. Dan for sharing Eucharist with the parish families at St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's, St. John's and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ on this Priesthood Sunday and throughout the year.
- To Printing Plus, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

**ST. PATRICK'S COVID IMPACT**

We are asking for your help. No amount is too large or too small. If everyone gives something, the load will be easier for all. You have all been so gracious to help the parish when we were in need...now is such a time. Please be as generous as you can. Contributions should be placed in an envelope and marked COVID and put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Thank you for all that you have done in the past and continue to do for St. Patrick's Parish!!

**APPLE BUTTER**



We will be making apple butter on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7AM at St. Patrick's parish hall. Lunch will be provided.

**DRIVE THRU WURSTMART**

St. Patrick's Parish will be holding a drive thru Wurstmart on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ST. JOSEPH PICNIC MAKE UP**

Donations are coming along nicely and thank you for all you done so far. Thank you to those of you who have donated. Any donation is always greatly appreciated, no amount goes unnoticed. At this pace we should hit our goal of \$40,000 in under two months. **THAT IS FANTASTIC!**

**ST. JOSEPH FACE COVERINGS:**



Kristin Craig of KC creations has designed a mask for us. They will be \$10 and come in adult medium & large and a kid's size version as well. If you are interested please see the flyer and sign-up sheet at both entrances.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**-October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and October is Pro-Life month. Bishop McGovern will pray the Rosary on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the Cathedral of St. Peter. It will be live-streamed. Please join and pray at: [www.cathedralbelle.org](http://www.cathedralbelle.org).