# **Blessed Savior Catholic Parish**



# September 24, 2017

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Mass Times: SATURDAY 4PM—SUNDAY 9AM WEEKDAYS: Mon. through Fri. 9am in the Chapel

Bulletin Deadline: Monday by NOON-Carol Spychalski, Bulletin Editor Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office. SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **Individual:** Any time by appointment Communal: Seasonal as announced

St. Margaret Mary Mass Schedule: 3970 N. 92 St 414-461-6073 Tues., 815am, Wed., 7pm., Thurs., 8:15am., Fri. 8:15am., Sat., 5pm, Sunday, 9 & 11am

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact the parish office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Communal) Monthly and also by appointment. Ministry to the Sick When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office to have someone bring them Communion or visit.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St. 414-464-3817—-Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8-10am Interfaith Older Adult Programs: 414-466-8858

Pastoral Council Officers — Parish Trustees Joe Ratke, Chair Paul Bina, Vice-Chair Denise Wesserle, Secretary

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Mission Statement Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

## Stewardship of Prayer

SATURDAY, 9/23 - VIGIL OF 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a 4:00pm † Jane Ziem Rosary at 3:15pm

SUNDAY, 9/24 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:6-9/-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a † John Schoofs 9:00am Rosary at 8:15am

MONDAY, 9/25 - WEEKDAY Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18 9:00am Parishioners

TUESDAY, 9/26 - STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21 9:00am † Al & Jean Siegel

WEDNESDAY, 9/27 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS

THURSDAY, SCHOOL MASS, 9/28 WEST CAMPUS Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9 9:00am Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, 9/30 - VIGIL OF 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

4:00pm † Elaine Ewe Rosary at 3:15pm Anointing of the Sick after Mass in the Chapel

SUNDAY, 10/1 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 9:00am Parishioners Rosary at 8:15am

This week's School Mass is Thursday, 9/28/17, 9am at the West Campus. Enter through the east side door of the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER THE 4PM MASS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — PRAYER SHAWLS, SCARVES, BRACELETS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE & AFTER MASS IN THE VILLARD HALLWAY.

#### Attention St. Margaret Mary and Blessed Savior

Parishioners...We are still in the process of identifying confirmed Catholics interested in assisting as Catechists this school year for our combined parish religious education program. Teaching our faith to the future of the Church, our youth, is a great form of Stewardship in donating a small amount of your time and unique talents to help our kids and families grow closer to Christ. At this early date, we have eight volunteers lined up and are looking for more. All classes will feature two Catechists, so no one will have to go solo! Meeting locations, dates, and times will be determined in the near future with announcements to follow. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Director of Faith Formation Dave Liccione at 573-9292 or email him at <u>dliccione@stmmp.org</u>. Thank you.



# Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Reflection: In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus likens the kingdom of God

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to a landowner who hired laborers at various times to work in his vineyard. Each group of laborers agreed to

the normal daily wage. Those hired first had great expectations as the late group who worked just an hour received a full day's wage. They expected an equivalent generous bonus. Imagine their shock when they received the same pay as those who worked just an hour. They expressed their displeasure with this perceived injustice, only to be reprimanded by the landowner. He also asked whether he was not free to use his money as he desired and to be generous if he wished.

To begin with, all those hired by this landowner ought to feel fortunate to have a day's job. It would be much better if they were offered a more permanent job as to not keep coming to the marketplace every day. Though the rate of unemployment in our nation has come down from the record highs, still the unemployed and underemployed could relate to this parable. Few years ago, high unemployment sidelined many people with good education and skills. Some even gave up looking for jobs. Like the unemployed in today's gospel, some hung around the house all day, bored stiff, with little else to do.

In some parts of the country, employers are dependent on migrant workers who like those in our gospel passage hang around street corners waiting to be hired for the day's work. Most depend on their day-to-day employment to put food on the table. Their chance of getting hired diminishes as the day winds down. Anything less than a full day's pay might mean starvation for their families. It was on account of this that the landowner decided to be generous with the late comers.

The parable illustrates God's compassion towards the less fortunate. At first glance, it might seem that those who worked a full day under the scorching sun have a legitimate complaint. After all, they 'bore the day's burden and the heat.' Justice demands that they be paid a lot more than those who worked only an hour. We wonder why this generous landowner could not extend that generosity evenly to all the workers. However, before one starts disparaging this landowner, let us not forget that there was an agreement that most likely factored in every hour they put in. They received what was in their contract.

One of the principles of Catholic social teaching is 'preferential option for the poor.' That principle provides an interpretive key for understanding this passage. The Catechism of the Catholic Church echoes this principle where it states, "Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a *preferential love* on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere" (CCC # 2448). The principle of 'preferential option for the poor' often trumps justice. Justice as fairness demands that every worker receive the same percentage of bonus. Preferential option is more concerned with those most in need.

The parable also applies to all who are literally working in God's vineyard here on earth. Some of us started working much earlier, even as "child laborers." Others started working at a much later time either on account of their radical conversion or delayed response. Irrespective of when one started working the wage is the same, that is, eternal life in heaven. Hence, one ought not begrudge others because they received the same reward or else prove oneself unworthy of the pay. Have a great week!



## **25**TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Heads Up ! Getting To Put our 8th annual "Getting To Know Us" event on your calendar. Presenters will be Fessahaye Mehbratu and Shanedra Johnson and Sr Callista.

See you October 14<sup>th</sup> after the 4 PM Mass.



Blessing of Animals—The blessing of animals is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, whose feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>. As the prayer is offered, your pet (dog, cat, rabbit,

etc.) is blessed, acknowledging God's gift to us. Won't you please join us and have your pet blessed on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:30pm in front of church. Hope to see you there!! Fr. Romanus

ALL COMMISSION DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

What does a Commission do? Come find out! All are welcome. Saturday October 7, 2017 Parish Hall -9:00 to 11:00amPlease RSVP to the Parish Office 464-5033



Dear Parents/Families/Friends of Blessed Savior Catholic School. We are thrilled to participate in the annual "Soles for Catholic **ducation** Education" walk and fundraiser. This year's One Step. One Soul at a time." fundraiser will be allocated towards field trips for the students at all four campuses.

Who: Parents/Families/Friends of Blessed Savior Catholic School What: The Walk and Fundraiser When: Saturday October 21st, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Where: Mount Mary University

Why: To raise money for Blessed Savior Catholic School How: Visit www.catholicschoolswalk.org OR Sign up after Mass on 10/7 & 8 or 10/14 15.



Attention Current Eucharistic Ministers and (those considering this ministery)—Following the Bucharistic 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 7th. and the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, October 8th, 2017, please immediately gather in the front pews so we can

discuss and practice a new procedure for distributing communion. If you have any suggestions to make this part of the Mass proceed more smoothly and efficiently, please email them to Carol Nickasch at carolnickasch@gmail.com by October 1st. so the agenda can be developed.



May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome Dominga Pena, a parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

To The Family:

May your family find comfort in knowing that your loved one is safe in God's care now, and that her friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK — Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns: Carmelo & Francisca Castro,

Joe Donahue, Lynne Floryance, Diane Henry, Evie Kaminski, Eleanor Mishak, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Carol Runningen, Jeff Spyhalski, Joe & Joan Trinkl, Gloria Weinhold,

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. May Your healing Hand restore them to health If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033.

SVDP Empty Shelf for the weekend of September 30, October 1: We are asking for rice.



## St. Vincent De Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

Join us September, 30—Check in: 8am-8:30am. Walk begins @9am, Where: St. Alphonsus Church & follows a path through Scout Lake Park, starts at 6060 W. Loomis Rd., registration 8:00/8:30. Cost: \$20/Children ages 5-17 \$10.

Pre-register @ http://svdpmilw.brownpapertickets.com/



The Scouts at Blessed Savior are taking orders for: Popcorn & Coffee containers of microwave popcorn, popping kernels, we also have bags

coffee. Popcorn order deadline Oct. 16. Christmas wreaths in many sizes, order deadline Nov. 6. Contact any Blessed Savior Scout or Mike Malloy @ 414-464-3733. Popcorn orders can be

taken in the Villard Hallway on weekends through Oct. 16.



Save the Date for "Beyond Career to Calling." Thursday, October 19, 2017, the Pallium Lecture is ning pleased to welcome Michael Naughton, Ph.D., The University of Saint Thomas, Minnesota, and William Bowman, MBA, Catholic University of America, as

they reflect on Christian business leadership in a conversation moderated by Daniel J. Scholz, Ph.D., Cardinal Stritch University. Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, 4257 N. 100th 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public | www.archmil.org/palliumlecture

Pancake Breakfast & Fall Festival Sunday, October 1 – 8:30 AM-2:00 PM St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. . Call 414-384-3334 for details.





Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.



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