

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saints Charitina and Methodia -- October 5th*

<b>October 3, 2021: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31 - 12:9		Gospel: Lk. 6: 31-36
<b>Mon., Oct. 4</b>	9:00	+ Jerry Gawron (Michaelene Davis)
<b>Tues., Oct. 5</b>	9:00	+ Nicholas Zinsky (Wife, Dorothy)
<b>Wed., Oct. 6</b>	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Msgr. Robert Wargo (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
<b>Thurs., Oct. 7</b>	9:00	+ Fr. John Wysochansky (Robert Sembrat)
<b>Fri., Oct. 8</b>	9:00	+ Diann Yuhnick (Michaelene Davis)
<b>Sat., Oct. 9</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Robert & Alexandra Westington (Wife & Grandma, Ilona)	
<b>Sun., Oct. 10</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

## **COLORADO PARISH CHURCH VANDALIZED WITH PRO-ABORTION GRAFFITI**

A Catholic parish in Boulder, Colorado, with a memorial to aborted babies on its front lawn was desecrated with pro-abortion graffiti in the early hours of Sept. 29.

Sacred Heart of Mary Parish was tagged with numerous spray-painted slogans including "Jesus [Loves] Abortion," "Bans off our bodies," "No Wire Hangers Ever," and a symbol combining an "A" signifying "anarchy" and the traditional symbol for "female."

Mark Evevard, Youth Director and Social Communications Director for the parish, told CNA that the police believe it was a group of unidentified assailants who hit the church, and that police are currently investigating.

The parish had a display of 4,000 small white crosses in its front lawn, each one representing a baby aborted each day in the United States. The vandals trampled and desecrated at least half of the crosses.

They also painted over signs

facing the roadway advertising the memorial, and covered the lenses of the lights that shine on the church building with red paint.

“My Body My Choice” was scrawled in bright red spray paint on a white pickup truck outside the church, and at least one of the truck’s tires appears to have been deflated.

The vandals also used a rock or hammer to attempt to break the church’s stained glass windows, but only managed to break the safety glass on the outside. They also threw eggs at several doors.

Although the church had a functioning security camera system, the images captured of the assailants are little more than “shadows,” Evevard said, and have not proven helpful. The assailants purposely avoided being captured on video in an identifiable way, he said.

Evevard said the pastor, Fr. Jonathan Dellinger, has been encouraging parishioners to “put those folks at the

top of your prayer list, and pray for their conversion.” Evevard said several passersby, including a few people not affiliated with the parish, have stopped to express condolences and help to clean up some of the mess.

St. Louis Parish in nearby Louisville was vandalized with similar pro-abortion graffiti recently, Evevard noted.

Boulder is home to one of the country’s most prolific late-term abortionists, Warren Hern, who runs the Boulder Abortion Clinic, one of a handful of clinics in the U.S. that publicly accept patients seeking late-term abortions from anywhere in the world. Colorado remains one of only a handful of states that does not have some legislation on late-term abortion. As a result, abortions can take place in the state up until birth.

-- by *Jonah McKeown, Catholic News Agency*

## STAY FOCUSED

A lady went to the Pastor and said ... “I won’t be attending Church anymore.”

He said, “May I ask why?”

She said, “I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain’t living right,

they are all just hypocrites.”

The Pastor got silent and he said, “Ok... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?”

She said, “What’s that?”

He said, “Take a glass of water and

walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."

She said, "Yes I can do that."

She came back and said "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?

2. Did you see anybody gossiping?

3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass,

so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God.

## HOLY HUMOR

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and the substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make

the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up!"

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

## KEEPING OUR CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

In order to keep beautifying our Church, we ask that the following guidelines be followed in respect to posting announcement, flyers, posters,

pictures, etc.

1. All postings must be approved by Fr. Nestor.
2. All posting must be dated.

3. All postings which pertain to “upcoming” events must be removed when the advertised event has ended.
  4. Photos and “news-clippings may remain posted for no more than 30 days (1 month) from the posted date.
  5. The use of tape to affix any postings or pictures to any surface(s) is prohibited.
- For more information, or if you would like to have something posted, please see Patrick Marcinko.

## **DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS**

The 2022 Divine Liturgy Intention Book has arrived. Divine Liturgy Intentions may be offered for those who are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I noticed that many people in our parish often “order” the Divine Liturgy for their loved ones on Saturday or Sunday but NEVER come to church for the requested Liturgy, while there are people who are asking for Liturgies on a weekend and want to come but those

days are already taken by someone who called at the beginning of the year and “preordered” Divine Liturgies for the entire year.

In order to be fair to everyone, no more than 4 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Divine Liturgies per year. You are always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Divine Liturgy. There are plenty of openings during the week.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 UPDATE**

Religious education for children attending grades one through eight will begin on Saturday, October 9, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am and will dismiss at 11:00 am.

Classes for grade one will take place in the rectory basement. Parents can enter through the gates in the back of the church and accompany their

child to class.

Classes for children in grades three through eight will take place in the church by entering through the front door.

Please follow the wearing of face masks as required in your school districts.

If there are any questions please

call Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 and you.  
she will be more than happy to help

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to their 2021 Pilgrimage to the Mother of God. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage is: "Heart to Heart: the Love and Unity of the

Holy Family." It is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2021. For further information contact the Sisters at 215-379-3998 or [basilcenter@stbasils.com](mailto:basilcenter@stbasils.com).

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Route 438, Montdale, Sunday, October 3, from noon to 5:00pm. The Turkey Dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all of the "fixins". Dinners are \$13 adults, \$6

children. Outdoor booths will include a huge Bountiful Baskets Stand, wreath stand, and raffles including a \$5,000 raffle. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

## **PASTA DINNER**

The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual Pasta Dinner, Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Penne with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert will be available in the

hall for Takeout or Curbside. 4pm to 6 pm. Adults are \$9.00 and children age 5-11 are \$4.00. Tickets at the door or Call ahead/email to preorder for takeout or curbside 570-343-6092, [melkite.scranton@gmail.com](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com). See us on facebook or [melkitescranton.org](http://melkitescranton.org).

## **PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET DINNER**

Eureka Hose Company No. 4 will sponsor take-out only Pigs-in-the-Blanket Dinner on Saturday

October 23rd, 3 to 7 pm at the Fire Station 717 East Grant St. Olyphant. Limited \$10.00 tickets available

from members. Dinner includes two and butter.  
piggies, potatoes, green beans and roll

## **11TH ANNUAL FALL '21 RUMMAGE/FURNITURE SALE**

On October 2, 2021, Saturday, everyone is invited to stop by the Rummage Sale and save 50% off the ticketed price for specific items (Easter, Valentine's Day, and St. Patty's Day) Stop by and purchase a ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Come and support your Church Event!!! To date, over the past 10 1/2 years, the Rummage Sales have successfully made over \$ for the benefit of St. Cyril's Church.

### **THIS IS NOT YOUR BABA'S RUMMAGE SALE!!!**

This Rummage/Furniture Sale, FALL 2021 should be one of our best. As always, we have the merchandise, by category, ticketed, and priced to sell. We have had a "following" over the years as our customers are so supportive of the rummage sale. We are so very thankful to everyone.

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### **POST RUMMAGE SALE 2021:**

We thank everyone who donated their time and dedication to the Rummage Sales of 2021. On Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 will be the Post-rummage sale re-organization of the school gym and Father Nestor's garage. All dedicated volunteers will work together again to get everything back in order. Starting at 9:30 a.m. until noon. Updates regarding rummage and furniture sale fundraiser for 2021/2022 will be updated in future bulletins. Contact Lauren Telep, Cell 646-241-9443.

### **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for Jr., Leonard Mitchko and Michael the month of October 2021 is Team Shumek.  
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

**Sunday Collection for Sept. 25 & 26, 2021: \$**



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### ***Life's Choices***

Native Americans have a legend about the two paths one can take in life. One path is broad and easy and slopes down rolling hills. At the bottom of the hill, however, is a barren dessert where nothing lives. The other path is narrow and rocky. It winds around dangerous curves and is filled with unexpected difficulties. However, at the end of this path is the lush greenness of life and happiness.

The Native Americans told this story to their children in order to teach them that the easy way is not always the best way. Strong character is built by facing obstacles, not by avoiding them. In the same way, Christians grow in virtue and grace often through facing trials and struggles.

The life of the holy martyr Charitina

is witness to this lesson. She was a young orphan girl – of great beauty – who was raised by devout Christian parents. At an early age she made the decision to dedicate her life to Christ in perpetual virginity. Through her example, many others were converted to Christ. This infuriated the pagan emperor who ordered that the hair of this beautiful servant of God be cut off and that hot coals be placed upon her head. She endured this and other inhumane and degrading tortures until the Lord took her soul to abide with Him in Paradise.

Her path in life was not an easy one, but it was the right one. Upon which path do the decisions that we make in life place us? Do we choose merely the easy path or the path that leads to Life?