

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2011

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

— *Philippians 4:6*

Liturgy Intentions for the Week

October 3rd - October 9th

Monday

7:00 PM Walter Ormsbee by Ed & Thora Keating

Tuesday

9:00 AM David Gorska by his family

Wednesday

9:00 AM

Thursday

No Liturgy

Friday

9:00 AM

Saturday

5:30 PM Bill McGavisk by Ceal & Pat Voyce

Sunday

9:00 AM Rita Fifer by Honey & Chuck Norlander



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Today's Readings

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

Readings for the Week

Monday	Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life Sunday
Tuesday	St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday	St. Bruno Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Friday	Our Lady of the Rosary First Friday
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary



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Catholic Perspective, the weekly Diocesan TV program airs on the Time-Warner Find It on Demand Channel, 1083 in Craven, New Hano-

ver, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. The program is also available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

The Catholic Poland - 12 day Tour (May 10-21, 2012)

will be directed by our Pastoral Associate, Wojciech. Join us for a wonderful experience of the Catholic culture of Poland and visit places of great religious and historical significance. Please contact Wojciech at: 910-340-2300 for more information.

Happenings for the Week

Monday—October 3

- 6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus business meeting

Tuesday—October 4

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Life
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—October 5

- 8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
- 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes
- 7:00 PM Scripture Study

Thursday—October 6

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

First Friday—October 7

- 8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary
- 11:00 AM Herb Houghtaling Memorial Mass
- 7:00 PM Living Rosary for all Military

Saturday—October 8

- 5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—October 9

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls
- 10:00 AM Faith Formation K-5th Grade
- 11:15 AM Faith Formation 6th Grade-Confirmation


Stewardship

The Stewardship Report is unavailable at this time and will be published at a later date.

We wish to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for your continued tremendous weekly generosity.

Are you in need of direction, support or solutions regarding personal or family issues? Please remember that Catholic Charities provides counseling services by a licensed clinical social worker. If no insurance is available to cover costs, the agency has a very reasonable subsidized fee scale. Call (252) 638-2188 to schedule an appointment or if you have any further questions. Pregnancy counseling is available at no charge. Thank you.



 If you would like to have flowers put on the altar for a loved one or special occasion, please contact our Sacristan, Rosemary Boutwell at 910-326-4788 or at the church before and after Masses for complete details.

Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on October 3rd at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be October 10th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!



The next meeting for the **Women's Guild's** will be October 12th after the 10:00 AM Mass followed by the monthly meeting and an Octoberfest Luncheon. Bring a friend along to share in the fun of this wonderful women's group!



The next 4th Degree Assembly meeting will be held October 17th at 7:30 PM.

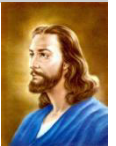
The next **Homeschool** Mass will be September 21st at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We happily welcome all who enjoy praising through music.

Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



In the 1680's Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "I promise in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moment."



Living Rosary for all the Military

There will be a **LIVING ROSARY** to our Lady in honor of all our Military on October 7th at 7 PM, in our Parish Center, with a social to follow sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcomed to attend and bring a friend along. Let's see a nice turn out to our Blessed Mother and to show our support for all our military.



Respect Life Mass The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 2nd, at 10:30 AM, at St. Peter Church at 2700 East Fourth Street in Greenville, NC. All are invited to celebrate the Mass for life with Bishop Burbidge.

A Memorial Mass celebrating the life of Herb Houghtaling, who passed away on June 4th, will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 7th, at St. Mildred Church.



Benefit For Life Gala

A Pro-Life fundraiser to support the ministries of: Birthchoice, Family Honor and Project Rachel will be held on October 7th at the North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh, NC. Bishop Burbidge will be the Guest of Honor. For more information please visit <http://www.bflgala.com/> or call 919.280.5228.

Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Jacob" in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25.

Fetal Development of "Jacob" - Week 27

Jacob's taste buds continue to form. *I can taste sweet things now. My mom likes chocolate, and so do I. A bright light can be seen through my mommy's tummy. I have eyelashes and eyebrows now. My fingerprints are fully formed. My toenails and fingernails are growing and may need to be clipped when I'm born.*

Mom may be feeling like a "Soccer Mom" now that her uterus is the size of a soccer ball.

"How sweet to my tongue is your promise, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103)

Life Chain October 2nd in Greenville 3:00-4:00 PM, Greenville Blvd near Hwy 11 at the Convention Center.



Respect Life Month

October has been designated as Respect Life month by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

"Although it seems a paradox, the greater the sacrifices made out of love, the greater is our joy and peace. Whether it is the brave decision of a pregnant woman to reject abortion and allow a loving family to parent her child when she cannot, or the daily sacrifices of parents raising young children, or the hard work of caring for an elderly relative with dementia, when we step up to these challenges, God can stretch our hearts and fill them to overflowing with his love, joy and peace. With hearts so transformed, we can become living witnesses to the meaning of Jesus' mission: *I came that all might have life, and have it to the full!*" ~Flyer, Respect Life Program (2011) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Council of Catholic Bishops



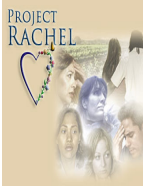
The Women's Guild is sponsoring their annual Card and Game Party on Wednesday, October 26, 11:30-3:00 in the Parish Center. We will have a luncheon and a raffle. The donation is \$10.00. For tickets, please call Anne at 252-764-2351 or Mary at 252-354-5336. Please plan on joining us for an enjoyable afternoon.



If you would like to be notified by email as to any Mass changes, cancellations or updates, please email Francine at stmildrededu@embarqmail.com and she will add you to the email distribution list.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL and would like to be notified, please call her at 910-326-5589 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and which Mass you attend. A phone tree is being created and your name will be added to it. If you would like to be part of the team that helps call people, please be sure to let her know on your message.





Project Rachel Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you have been suffering from an abortion; you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat on Oct. 21-23, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at **(919) 852-1021** or projectrachel@nc.rr.com. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. Registration deadline is October 14.

TRUE WEALTH

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.—Anonymous

Parish Social Ministry

What can St. Mildred do for its Parishioners? Info is available in the pamphlet rack located next to the Religious Education bulletin board. If you need more info please call the church office at 326-5589.

The Mission of St. Mildred Parish Social Ministry is to assist the parish community in exercising charity to others. The Church acts in the parish community to heighten awareness of our parishioners to the issues of the needy & provides services to fulfill unmet needs. The parish social outreach ministry services people through advocating for social & economic justice as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources or direct services.



Helping Hands, which is part of the Parish Social Ministry,

has a dedicated group of volunteers who are ready, willing & able to assist in numerous ways. Perhaps you need a ride to the doctor's, or maybe you know of someone who would benefit from a friendly chat. If you have recently had a setback in your health or been hospitalized please call & let us see if we can help make things a little easier.



All boys and girls ages 10 through 14 (as of September 1, 2011) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2011 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The event will be held on Sunday, October 16th at St. Mildred's on Hammock Beach Rd. Registration begins at 1:00 PM and the competition will be from 1:30 to 3:00. Each participant gets 15 penalty kicks. The goal is divided into zones and points are awarded depending upon the area of the scoring zones through which the ball passes. The winner of each boys and girls age group will receive a soccer ball and will be eligible to participate in the district competition. Please **contact Harold Yingling at 910 326-1010** for more details.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE You are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 28th through November 6th. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of A Woman's Choice of Raleigh, Inc. 3305 Drake Circle Raleigh, NC 27607 for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To receive more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Mary Smith at prayforlife247@gmail.com or visit the website at www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh All are welcome!

Know someone who is interested in The Catholic Church? Is there a friend or loved one you would like to introduce to the Catholic Church? Invite them to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This is a process of prayer, reflection, and sharing spread over several months. The purpose is to provide information and experiences needed to decide whether God is calling to the Catholic way of life. There is no promise, commitment, or expectation involved. An exposition and examination of Catholic beliefs is presented and openly discussed. Questions are answered in an uncomplicated straight forward manner.

All those seeking to become Catholic, please contact our Pastoral Associate Wojciech at stmildred@embarqmail.com or 910-340-2300, or by visiting our Parish website at stmildred.info

PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS New Words in the Communion & Concluding Rites

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, Catholic parishes in the United States will begin praying the texts of the Mass using a new English translation of *The Roman Missal*. This week, we conclude our survey of some of the changes in the words and phrases that we will pray.

The priest invites us to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord by calling us to the “supper of the Lamb” and we will respond: “Lord, I am not worthy / that you should enter under my roof, / but only say the word / and my soul shall be healed.” This calls to mind the Gospel story of Jesus healing the centurion’s servant (Matthew 8:8).

When we are blessed and dismissed from the Mass to continue living our Christian mission, we recall the presence of the Spirit one more time in the dialogue “The Lord be with you.” “And with your spirit.” The priest or deacon will have two new options for the dismissal: “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord” or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” Our response—at Mass and each day—is “Thanks be to God!”

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THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew’s Gospel today expands on Isaiah’s ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark’s Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: “This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders.”

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

“And this,” says Matthew’s Gospel, “is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel.” The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of Peace

“Greet one another with a holy kiss,” wrote Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:20), and he said the same thing to other communities as well. The holy kiss, the sign of peace, has been a hallmark of Christians from the very beginning. In giving and receiving the sign of peace, we are not giving something of our own, but something that Christ has given to us. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you,” Jesus told his disciples (John 14:27). Jesus comes to us when we gather together in community. We celebrate the Eucharist not just to receive spiritual nourishment to help us on our solitary way to salvation, but to be transformed into one body, the Body of Christ in the world. As we receive the Eucharist, we are not only united to Christ; we are united to each other. It is never easy to live in community, and we hurt each other on the way. So we need to turn to each other in a sign of reconciliation and forgiveness, to look into each other’s eyes, and give and receive the peace that is not ours, but Christ’s.

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After a 9-year effort, the NC Choose Life license plate is a reality! The NC Choose Life license plates are now available

to pre-order!

The Choose Life message on our roadways is so important . . . and so is our support of the 80 life-affirming pregnancy centers across the state. Every day they are giving information and compassionate help to women so they can embrace the choice of LIFE. Funds generated from the license plate will help them to serve those struggling to decide.

<http://www.nchoose-life.org/index.php> for further information and to download an application.

At the close of the 2010-11 legislative session HR 854 became law. We are very excited that the long-awaited Choose Life license plate is now a reality! We are in the process of distributing the initial applications through people like you. Please open the attached application and print out as many copies as you need. . . for personal use and handing out to others. This email is designed to send out to your email contacts as a promotion.

Be part of the first 300 to order a plate!

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