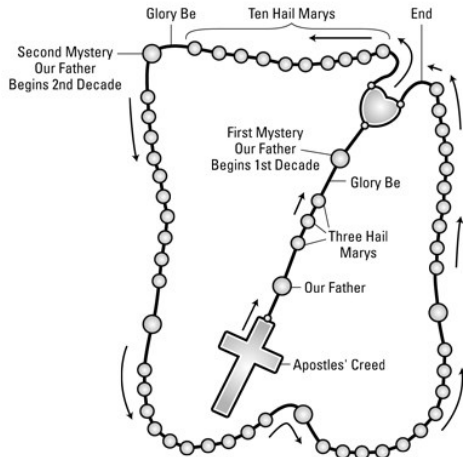


# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/17 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. After the Mass we pray one decade of the Holy Rosary outside at the Shrine of Mary if weather permits.
- 10/23 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 10/24 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass Intention so far! After the Mass we pray one decade of the Holy Rosary outside at the Shrine of Mary if weather permits.
- 10/25-27 (Monday-Wednesday) Fr. Adam at the National Clergy Conference in Lancaster, NY.
- 10/31 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass Intention so far! After the Mass we pray one decade of the Holy Rosary outside at the Shrine of Mary if weather permits.
- 11/01 (Monday) Solemn Holy Mass at 5pm. on the occasion of ALL SAINTS.
- 11/02 (Tuesday) Holy Mass at 5pm. on the occasion of ALL SOULS DAY.

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention! Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. **Have a blessed week!**



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# BEHOLD PARISH BULLETIN

## XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTION - 10am

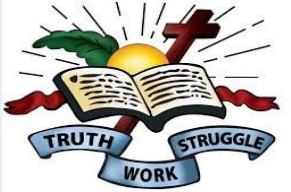
For + ANDREW C. LASEK (req. by Jean Lasek - mother)

### INTROIT

C: Therefore, holy "brothers," sharing in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.  
R: For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.  
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The LORD was pleased  
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life,  
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction  
he shall see the light in fullness  
of days;

IS 53:10-11

through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 33

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."*

READING 2

HEB 4:14-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,  
yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace  
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

MK 10:35-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**      *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel comes at pivotal point in Mark's Gospel and in the lives of the disciples. Jesus has just finished His third forecast of His impending suffering and death. He is journeying on to Jerusalem where He will freely and willingly embrace His passion. His disciples are still in a fog about what His Messiahship really means. They need their eyes opened (a reference to next Sunday's Gospel) to the truth. They still think that Jesus is going to establish an earthly realm in which they will share in the power and hold positions of honor. Thus, James and John (the "sons of thunder") approach Jesus asking for the number 1 and number 2 positions of honor in this coming reign. Jesus asks them if they can drink of the cup He will drink and be baptized ("plunged fully") into the same pool as He is about to be "plunged" – that is the pool of redemptive suffering. They, not fully realizing what it means to be suffering servants/leaders, say, "Yes." Jesus admits that they will have to suffer and even die as suffering servants, but the places of honor are reserved for those to whom His Abba-Father gives the positions. Jesus concludes this scene by bringing home the point that His Messiahship is not one of being honored and served as a great person, but one of serving and saving others through His ministry, suffering, and death.