



“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” The widow in today’s parable didn’t give up. She kept “bothering” the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but “day and night.” This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to “pray always without becoming weary.” It’s interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable’s conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God “will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.” Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming “weary” when our requests don’t seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God’s ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let’s keep “bothering” this truly just Judge!

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In the Homily Today

The widow’s perseverance with the unjust judge in today’s Gospel is a sign of how we are called to persevere in prayer and never lose heart.



Readings for Next Weekend

October 22nd & 23rd, 2016

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 (150C)

Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Scripture readings are held each Tuesday 7-8pm, in the Parish Hall. These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel.

Please join us.



Father John, Sylvia Baranowski, Jessie Bartels, Don Bartz, Sandy Betker Janice(Kerber)Brown, Alice Folaron, Laura Howard, Kim Kegler, Gloria Marinaccio, Ron Michalski, Joyce Michalski, Jovina Pagano, Rose Painter, Daniel Petrie, Sue Van Remmen, Walt Waligora, Cheryl Wenke, George Weissenburger,

Deacon Mark will be offering a class, open to all adults of the parish. It will be held October 23 @ 9am in the church. It is entitled ‘The Domestic Church-Bringing Jesus Home’. Please join us and bring a friend.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES WILL BE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD @ 9AM IN THE PARISH HALL.

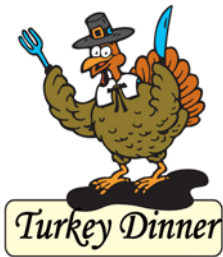
Did you know that you can honor your loved ones memory with a Mass Intention? Mass Intentions can be requested for any weekday or weekend Mass for a stipend of \$15. What a wonderful way to honor a close friend or relative!

Next week is World Mission Sunday. In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes, “Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.” Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

The Diocese of Buffalo wants your feedback. A survey has been created to understand perceptions about how deacons are currently ministering within our community, as well as direct future needs so that our ordained deacons are able to effectively minister to all people within the diocese. Please visit <http://bit.ly/dcnsurvey> to take this short survey.



Sunday October 16th
 @ St. John Baptist Church
 5381 Depot St., West Valley
 Starting @ 11am until gone.
 \$12 Adults.
 There will also be a theme basket raffle.



Turkey Dinner,
 Theme Basket Raffle
 & Craft Show
 By St. John Neumann Social Committee
 October 16th
 11:30am til sold out
 Weber Hall
 991 Centerline Rd., Sheldon

SS. Peter & Paul Men's Ministry

(66 East Main St, Hamburg)
 is having a Men's Night
October 21 @6pm

Father Art Mattulke will be giving a talk on the unique challenges of our masculine spiritual journey. Come spend an evening of comradery and brotherhood that is sure to be refreshing.

6pm Confession and Adoration
 7pm Father Art's talk
 8pm Mass

Followed by fellowship and refreshments
 A free-will offering will be taken to offset expenses.

Intro to Yoga Presented by

Joywheel Yoga & Wellness

Free Class, All Levels, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Bring a mat or towel
 In the Parish Hall

Sunday November 6th @ 2pm
 Come join us and bring a friend

Gifts to God:

Collection Week Of: 10/9/2016

\$3696 Regular Collection,
 \$48 Religious Education,

Counters for October 23rd - Team S & V
 September-August

YTD Collections \$154,030
 YTD Budget \$166,000
 YTD Variance (\$11,970)



Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 17th

8am All Souls

Tuesday, October 18th

8am Father's Day Intentions

Wednesday, October 19th

8am Audrey Kehl (Birthday Remembrance)
 (Deacon Mark & Theresa Kehl)

Thursday, October 20th

8am Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, October 21st

8am All Souls

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00pm Sam Pagano (Zack Family)

Sunday, October 23rd

8:00am Robert Butcher (Family)

10:30am Joanna Place

(Steve & Valerie Horvath)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00pm Rita VanRemmen

Sunday, October 23rd

8:00am Help Needed

10:30am Zehnder Children

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00pm D Ende, N Hack, C Roth

Sunday, October 23rd

8:00am J Montgomery, C Kramer

10:30am S Youngers, B Wagner

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00pm Mary Ruminski

Sunday, October 23rd

8:00am Ann Everts

10:30am Kathleen Gray

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun October 22nd – October 23rd

5:00pm M Roth • 8am A Bartz • 10:30am S Kidd