

25 August 2024

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

XIV Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4 PM/Sun. 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM

Sat 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 26 Aug. St. Zephyrinus, Pope & Martyr (Traditional Calendar)

Our Lady of Czestochowa, Patroness of Poland

8 AM For: Special Intention

11 AM Funeral Mass: Edward Cossette+

Tue. 27 Aug. St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine, Patroness of Mothers

8 AM For: Gary Michael Dunne+ (Ann.)

Req: Susanne Dunne

Wed. 28 Aug. St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7 PM For: Jeremiah Anderson (L.)

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

Thu. 29 Aug. The Passion (Beheading) of St. John the Baptist

8 AM For: Special Intention

Fri. 30 Aug. St. Fiacre, Hermit, Patron of Gardeners/St. Margaret Ward

8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+

Req: Frances McCauley

2 PM Nuptial Mass: Joseph Rodio and Rebecca Vanderhoof  
(at St Joseph's Church, Oneida)

Sat. 31 Aug. Sts. Joseph of Arimathaea & Nicodemus

8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Helen Buehner's Intentions

Req: Helen Buehner

Sun. 1 Sep. XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

XV Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+

Req: The Johnson Family

9:30 AM For: Monica Martin (L.)

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11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**

Fifty of our parishioners went with us to New York City to visit the tomb of the remarkable Mother of Immigrants. We arrived at 11 AM, had a very informative presentation on the life and work of the Saint, and then venerated her relic. Holy Mass was then offered, and we ate our lunches at the Shrine. We then walked through Fr. Tryon Park to the Cloisters. Imagine my embarrassment to find that they are closed on Wednesdays! I blame my never-to-be-trusted memory for this faux pas. Well, at least we had a stroll through the park! We boarded the bus and returned to Verona at 7 PM.

### **PARISH "COUNSEL" MEETING: MON. 26 AUG. 7 PM RECTORY**

All parishioners are welcome to attend and help us plan the events for the coming year at OLGCC. It is also an opportunity for you to offer your comments, suggestions or ask questions about our parish. We meet in the social hall of the Rectory (downstairs).

### **PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE**

On the table in the vestibule you will find copies of the Financial Report for the 2023-24 (ending 30 June 2024) fiscal year.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER MEETING: THU. 12 SEP. 6 PM**

To kick off the new program year, the women of the Rosary Society hold a dinner meeting. This year's dinner will be catered, rather than "bring a dish". All women of the parish and Sodality members are invited. There is a sign-up sheet for the dinner on the bulletin board, along with a volunteer sheet to help with the dinner.

### **OUR LADY'S SODALITY MEETING: THU. 12 SEP. 6 PM**

Any girl in the parish in grades 4-12 are welcome to join the Sodality of Our Lady, which tries to foster in them the love for and desire to imitate the virtues of Our Lady. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Rosary Society dinner, and Mothers of the girls are welcome to come with their daughters to the dinner. The Sodality members will be providing the desserts!

### **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

For the past couple of years, the Diocese has held the HOPE Appeal in the fall, rather than the spring. This past week, we received our bill for the unrealized difference between the "goal" (i.e. assessment) of the 2023 campaign: \$6,362.00. We were also given the assessment for this year's drive: \$15,537.00, which represents a slight reduction from last year's. Buy stock in Bourbon, as I will be consuming a lot of it in the coming weeks! Soon enough you will be hearing from the Diocese about this year's HOPE Appeal. I bet you can't wait!!!

Interestingly, I noticed that in the Annual Financial Report we received this week from Catholic Charities of the Diocese, in the total "Operating Support" category, which amounted to \$28.1 million dollars, there was no amount listed from the HOPE Appeal. (\$22.1 million was reported as "government support"). Just saying.

## NEW FINDINGS ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Researchers have newly traced the Shroud of Turin—long believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ—to Israel during the time of Jesus, discrediting previous theories that the Shroud is only a medieval forgery.

Italian scientists used a wide-angle X-ray scattering (WAXS) method to examine the shroud's cellulose fibers, yielding data that is “compatible with the hypothesis that the Turin Shroud is a 2,000 year-old relic,” the study concluded.

The research team, led by Dr. Liberato DeCaro, found that the cellulose in the shroud had a breakdown pattern consistent with other linens from Israel that date back to the first century. “The data profiles were fully compatible with analogous measurements obtained a linen sample whose dating, according to historical records, is 55-74 A.D., found at Masada, Israel (Herod's famous fortress built on a limestone bedrock overlooking the Dead Sea), reads the study, published in the journal *Heritage*.

According to the researchers, the nature of the cellulose breakdown suggested that the Shroud of Turin was likely kept at a temperature of about 72.5 degrees F. and a relative humidity of 55% for about 13 centuries before it was brought to Europe.

Preserved in the royal chapel of the Cathedral of San Giovanni Battista in Turin, Italy, since 1578, the shroud was thought by some to have been manufactured between 1260 and 1390 AD after researchers examined the cloth in 1988 using radiocarbon dating.

However, when the team compared the shroud with linens made between 1260 and 1390 AD, their X-ray determined aging did not match up.

In addition, particles of pollen that come from the Middle East were lodged in the linen fibers, appearing to exclude the possibility that the Shroud originated in Europe, according to Dr. DeCaro.

He said that the error of the 1988 dating is likely due to the contamination of the fabric, which he said is a normal occurrence. “Fabric samples are usually subject to all kinds of contamination, which cannot be completely removed from the dated specimen,” he said according to the *Daily Mail*. “If the cleaning procedure of the sample is not thoroughly performed, carbon-14 dating is not reliable,” he said. The research team dated the Shroud's fabric at Italy's Institute of Christology of the National Research Council, where another group of experts said in 2007 they found evidence that the Shroud bore evidence of a man who suffered intensely. They had identified the substances creatinine and ferritin, found in the blood of victims who suffer severe traumas, such as torture. It is noteworthy that the Shroud's bloodstains show a man that was scourged on his back, crowned with thorns, and stabbed in the side, all consistent with Scripture's account of Jesus Christ's Passion and Death. (*LifeSiteNews* 23 August 2024)