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September 2017 Parish Bulletin

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

September 3, 2017: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +Fr. Bob

September 10, 2017: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Bill

September 17, 2017: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Tom

September 24, 2017: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Due to a scheduling conflict, there is no mass this date.

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: +Fr. Bob Catlett, 314.800.3456, pastor@sspp-eccusa.org

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests. If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

September 3, 2017 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus predicts his future passion and instructs his disciples, and us, on the meaning of discipleship as the way of the cross. They are so closely connected that there cannot be one without the other. (*Matthew 16: 21-27*)

September 10, 2017 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus sets forth a method for dealing with conflicts between community members. Families can sometimes be a messy business. As Christians, we are given to grace to forgive and be forgiven. (*Matthew 18: 15-20*)

September 17, 2017 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus teaches us that there are no limits on forgiveness and God's mercy. We have a tendency to look at God through our eyes, yet we know that his ways are not our ways. (*Matthew 18: 21-35*)

September 24, 2017 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus teaches us through a parable about a generous landowner who symbolizes the generosity of God that will take place at the last judgment. (*Matthew 20: 1-16A*)

From the Presiding Bishop's Desk

+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D.
Presiding Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Those of us old enough to remember (>50) may recall that the Sacrament which is now called "The Anointing of the Sick" used to be called "Extreme Unction" and was generally administered by the priest with the ritual called "The Last Rites." Some people still get nervous when I ask them, "Would you like to be anointed?"

But the sacramental emphasis has changed from just anointing a person in dangerous or proximate to death situations to being a sacrament to help us with our every illness

as we go through life. Of course, it still does have a special significance for our final getting ready to meet the Lord at the end of our earthly life.

Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, who will pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them. (James 5:14-15)

The compassion of Jesus for the sick and His readiness to cure those having faith is found throughout the three years of his public ministry as recorded in the Gospels. His Apostles continued his compassion by healing the sick in His name. Jesus' love and concern for the sick continues in our lives through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

The *Anointing of the Sick* is a prayer of healing, not only for our physical healing, but also for spiritual health, and for the strength, peace, and courage to bear the burden of illness.

As Christians, we are asked to see our sufferings as a way of being united with the sufferings of Christ.

While anointing the head of the sick person with Oil of the Sick, the priest or bishop prays:

*Through this holy anointing
may the Lord in his love and mercy
help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, +
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



The priest may also anoint the person's hands with the Oil of the Sick while praying:
May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. Amen.

The *Anointing of the Sick* also imparts the forgiveness of sins, and therefore can only be administered by a priest or bishop.

At Saints Peter and Paul Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered at Sunday Mass on the first month of each calendar quarter, to all who come with faith needing Jesus' curing grace for physical or spiritual health as well as the strength, peace, and courage to bear the burden of illness of every type.

Blessings,

+Fr. Carl

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: None this month!

Anniversaries: None this month!

Parish Council Meeting: We will have our Annual Parish Council Meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017, in the Parish Library at 3:00 PM. The Agenda will consist of Council Elections and for the adoption of amended ByLaws as adopted and promulgated by the Council of Bishops earlier this year.

Synod Details: This year's Synod/Retreat will be held at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center, Frontenac, Missouri, from Friday afternoon, October 20, 2017, through noon on Sunday, October 22, 2017. This year's Synod will, once again, be full of prayer, learning and reflection. The topic is entitled, "Beginning the Conversation" and deals with the theology and practicalities for end of life issues that are often not dealt with until people find themselves in a crisis situation. So, this topic will be practical for each of us, as well as an important training session for clergy, but also a training session for any of us if (when) we are asked for help and advice by friend or family.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me. The parish will pay the registration fee (commuter fee) for any parishioner wishing to attend, which includes lunches, dinners and materials.

Please let me know if you plan to attend no later than September 1, 2017.

No Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2017: Due to a scheduling conflict, we will not celebrate Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2017.