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MASS SCHEDULE

All In-Person Services at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

October 3, 2021: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff:

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

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.

Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

October 3, 2021 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings from Genesis and Mark speak of the solidarity of the human family, while the selection from Hebrews stresses the solidarity of Jesus with us, whom he has made his brothers and sisters. How can we better live in solidarity with our families and fellow Christians? (Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16)

October 10, 2021 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, a wealthy young man who has been living a good life is too attached to material things to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. The sword of God's word has penetrated his heart and found him lacking the wisdom extolled in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. How wholeheartedly is our own commitment to the Lord? (Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30)

October 17, 2021 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The theme of Jesus' passion runs through all three readings today. The church holds that the passage from Isaiah can be viewed as a prediction of the passion. In the Gospel, James and John declare themselves able to share in Jesus' sufferings. The author of Hebrews states that Jesus has gone through so much that he understands our weakness. Do we offer our own sufferings to the Father in union with those of Jesus? (Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

October 24, 2021 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's liturgy, Jesus' cure of the blind Bartimaeus echoes the joyful prophecy of Jeremiah. The letter to the Hebrews proclaims that Jesus is our high priest, able to deal with us patiently. Are we slow to recognize that Jesus is ready to help us in our needs? Or do we remember that he has all the time in the world for our concerns? (Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52)

October 31, 2021 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings from Deuteronomy and Mark remind us that God is our ALL. How can we love this God totally, as we ought? Our answer comes from the letter to the Hebrews: We relate to the Trinity through Jesus, who lives forever to make intercession for us. (Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-29, Mark 12:28b-34)

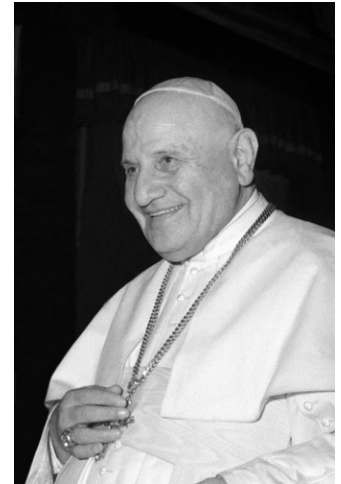
October 11 is the feast day of Saint John XXIII who was elected the Bishop of Rome (the pope) on October 28, 1958 and served until his death on June 3, 1963.

In 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in Sotto il Monte, Italy, the fourth of twelve children; his parents were sharecroppers. He was ordained a priest in 1904; in 1915, he was drafted in the Italian military, serving four years as a medical orderly in WW I. During World War II, he helped thousands of Jews obtain documents that would ensure them safe passage from areas under Nazi controls. Later as pope, he taught that peace on earth is grounded in human dignity and equality of peoples.

John XXIII, frequently referred to by the Italians as "good pope John," convened Vatican Council II, the first in 92 years, on October 11, 1962. When asked why he decided to have an ecumenical council, he is attributed as saying "to open the windows of the church and let some fresh air in."

In 16 documents, the council highlighted the Roman Catholic Church's willingness to operate in the contemporary realm. The theme of reconciliation runs through the documents allowing Catholics to pray with other Christian denominations; encourages friendships with other non-Christian faiths; allows the liturgy of the Mass in the language of the people; enhances the role of the laity in the church; and simplified the external trappings of the Roman Catholic Church.

*A few
quotations
worth
pondering
from "Good
Pope John"*



Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.

Men are like wine
- some turn to vinegar,
but the best improve with age.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

In this world of ours, every believer must be a spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying ferment for humanity; and it will be that all the more as, in the depths of his being, he lives in communion with God.

Authority is mainly a moral power; therefore, it must first call upon the conscience, that is, upon the duty that each person has to contribute willingly to the common good.

Prayer: *Good Pope John, pray for me. Help me open the windows of my life and always welcome in the fresh air of peace and love*

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our parishioners who have special reason to celebrate this month:

Birthdays:

Becky Kaley:	10/1
+Fr. Carl Swaringim:	10/28

Anniversaries:

+Fr. Bob Catlett:	10/23 (5 years – Episcopal Consecration)
Fr. Bill LaGrand:	10/23 (18 years - Ordination to Priesthood)

Synod Cancelled: Due to COVID-19, the Council of Bishops decided to cancel this year's Synod for everyone's health and safety.

Sympathies: The parish extends its sympathies to +Fr. Bob and his mother and parishioner, Marie Harbers, on the death of their cousin, David Greco, on Saturday, September 11, 2021. +Fr. Bob presided over the funeral service on Friday, September 17, 2021, at Kutis Funeral Home in South County and Sunset Cemetery.

Prayers needed: Please continue to pray for those who are sick and suffering:

Erlaine Eltomi – Our beloved parishioner who is recovering from a surgical procedure earlier this summer.

Bishop David Kocka – recovering in a rehabilitation facility from pneumonia and COVID-related pneumonia.

For all those who have been affected by COVID-19: patients, their families, healthcare workers, and first responders. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and a return to some form of normalcy in our lives.