

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 38) --- TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME --- OCTOBER 1, 2017**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED  
TO THE HOLY ROSARY**

**TODAY:** The October issue of *Western New York Catholic* is available in the vestibule. Article and pictures about the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our parish are **on page 8**. Take a copy home. Read the article and be proud of our parish.

**TODAY:** Altar Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

**TODAY:** Take a copy of our financial statement and review it at home. Expenses are high; income is low. Help support our parish by coming to Mass and using your envelopes every week.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2:** CCD classes 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAYS: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Tuesday starting at **6:00 p.m. only**, with Rosary recitation and Benediction.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 3:** Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners invited.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 5:** Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 6:** First Friday of the month. Rosary, Litany and Benediction at 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 7:** First Saturday of the month. Special prayer at 7:30 a.m. Mass: "*Act of Reparation for Blasphemies Against the Blessed Virgin Mary.*"

**SATURDAY, OCT. 7: CHOIR PRACTICE:** We will resume choir practice this **Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m.** to prepare for upcoming Holidays.

**DANAS: 26. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU:** Prispodobu o dva sina, koji nejednako reagoiraju na očevu riječ, nalazimo jedno kod Mateja. Isus je tom parabolom želio odgovoriti svojim neprijateljima, zašto je evanđelje od "pravednika" upravljeno "grešnicima". Što govori sama parabola? ... Jedan je od sinova na očevu molbu odmah, bez razmišljanja pozitivno odgovorio. Možda to radi da se riješi oca i njegova smetanja, da ima od njega mira. Imao je premalo ljubavi i oduševljenja za oca, da bi svoje obećanje potvrdio djelom. Drugi je na očevu zamolbu posve drugačije reagirao. U prvi se čas usprotivio i negativno odgovorio. Možda je iz nekih unutarnjih pobuda automatski, više nego promišljeno, reagirao. Nije želio da tko dira njegovu slobodu. Želi biti svoj gospodar. No kad je malo više promišlio, uvidio je da je postupio i izvršio je svoju dužnost. Lako su čak i Isusovi neprijatelji prosudili, koji je od te dvojice pravilno postupio. Možda su shvatili i pouku, koju im je tom pričom želio reći: mnogi se od tzv. pravednika (farizeji) zatvaraju njegovu Evanđelju. Upravo jer sebe smatraju pravednima pred Bogom, sami su sebi dostatni, ne mogu shvatiti kako bi se Bog mogao s ljubavlju i dobrotom više obračati grešnicima nego njima koji su mu ostali vjerni. Istina je da su se grešnici suprotstavili volji Božjoj. Možda je trebalo mnoga vremena, dok su sami uvidjeli da su zli i da zlo čine. No, kad su uvidjeli da nisu na pravom putu, obratili se, pokajali i započeli novi život. Bog im je sve spremno oprostio. Našli su milost kod Gospodina i opravdanje. U Božjem kraljevstvu nisu toliko važne riječi nego djela. Jednom je sam Isus rekao: "*Neće ući u kraljevstvo Božje onaj, koji mi govori: Gospodine, Gospodine, nego onaj, koji viši volju mog nebeskog Oca.*" (Mt. 7, 21)

**HAPPY FEAST DAY TO FATHER CHRIS**

**Wednesday, October 4** is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi who is the Patron Saint of Father Chris' Community. Co-incidentally, Fr. Chris came to our parish on October 4, 1977 (40 years ago) on the Feast Day of his Patron Saint. Happy Feast Day to you, Father Chris, and may we celebrate this Feast Day with you for many more years.

**TODAY, 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** In today's Gospel we see two sons who react differently to their father's request. Jesus, with His parable, wants to show His enemies why the Good News of the Gospel is directed toward sinners. One son, at his father's request, listened and did the job - - - he responded positively. Perhaps he did it to stop his father's annoyance. He had very little love for his father. The other son reacted differently when asked to do the job. At first he protested. But when he realized that he should have done his father's will, he repented and obeyed. Even Jesus' enemies figured out which of these two sons did the right thing. Many Pharisees considered themselves righteous, and they did not listen to Jesus' Good News. They could not understand how God would 'with love and goodness' turn more toward sinners than toward the Pharisees who had always been faithful. In God's wisdom, not deeds alone but attitude is what counts. Jesus once said: "*None of those who cry out 'LORD, LORD' will enter the Kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven.*" (Mt. 7, 21).

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

**THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: Respect Life Mass** at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. There will be a blessing of babies, expectant mothers and families immediately after Mass, followed by a light social.

**ALSO: THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: Life Chain** from 2 to 3 p.m. along Niagara Falls Blvd. Participants nationwide hold a sign with a life-affirming message while they stand quietly and pray. Signs are available in the vestibule of our church. Some of our parishioners pray in front of the Bob Evans Restaurant, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd. Please come and join us! Any questions call Jane Mead at

**MESSAGE FROM MEDJUGORJE SEPT. 25:** "*Dear children! I am calling you to be generous in renunciation, fasting and prayer for all those who are in temptation, and are your brothers and sisters. In a special way I am imploring you to pray for priests and for all the consecrated, that they may love Jesus still more fervently, that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with joy; that they may witness Heaven and Heavenly mysteries. Many souls are in sin, because there are not those who sacrifice themselves and pray for their conversion. I am with you and praying that your hearts may be filled with joy. Thank you for having responded to my call.*"  
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**LECTORS THIS WEEKEND**

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

**LECTORS OCT. 7 & 8:**

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017**

- Saturday, Sept.30: 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Living and deceased members of the Abram and Dengler families by Gregory Schenck.  
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) Geraldine Laszewski by Henry and Dorothy Widlak. Mark Henline by friends at Our Lady of Bistrica parish. (+ 2nd and 3rd Mass November 17 and January 26 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, Oct. 1: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Ed Krypel by Chris and Linda Duncan. Sister Clarissa by 'Mikey' and family. (+ 2nd Mass  
(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time) October 26 at 7:30 a.m.)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends.
- Monday, Oct. 2: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Rita Dudczak by husband.  
(The Holy Guardian Angels)
- Tuesday, Oct. 3: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.  
(Weekday)
- Wednes. Oct. 4: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Charles Barone by son Robert. Lillian Manka by daughter Linda, Karl, Christopher and Stac  
(St. Francis of Assisi) Kovacs. Marica Boljkovac, Katica Simunovic, Barka Zunic, Franca Jaksic and Eleanor Schmidt by Boljkovac family.
- Thursday, Oct. 5: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Leonard Manka by daughter Linda, Karl, Christopher and Stacy Kovacs. Josip Boljkovac, Lavern  
(Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest) Schmidt, Josip Zunic, Josip Jaksic and Josip Simunovic by Boljkovac family.
- Friday, Oct. 6: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Living ad deceased members of O'Brien and Kujawski families by Kujawski family.  
(St. Bruno, Priest,; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin)
- FIRST FRIDAY**
- Saturday, Oct. 7: 7:30 a.m. = :** Special intention by Kujawski family.  
(Our Lady of the Rosary)
- FIRST SATURDAY**
- (Vigil Mass for Sunday) 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Sister Clarissa by Charlotte Gentile.
- Sunday, Oct. 8: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Leonia Rinaldo by Peter Klemenich.  
**10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Posebna makana na čast Majke Božje by Lana Gavran.  
(+2nd Mass January 31 at 7:30 a.m.)