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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

THIS WEEKEND, WE WELCOME: Mr. Lukas Časta. (pronounced “Chasta”)As part of his pastoral formation for the priesthood, Lukas will spend a year of internship with us. He is currently 24 years old and the third oldest of nine children. Lukas grew up in Barry’s Bay at St. Hedwig’s Parish, and served there as an altar boy ever since he was eight. In the fall of 2017, he entered St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto, completing his 4th year of formation and studies there this spring.

When I was pastor of St. Hedwig’s, I came to know Lukas and his family, even baptized some of his younger siblings, but he was only 5 years old at that time! ~ Fr. John

PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: This year, we are making a special appeal and inviting you to show your support by using the Harvest Festival envelope that is supplied in our Sunday box of envelopes, or the ones that are at the entrance of the church. We are hoping that with this extraordinary appeal to your generosity, we might be able to offset the loss of \$25,000 that would have normally been raised with the dinner and raffle draw. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we make this appeal to all registered parishioners.



~ Cheryl Peters, *Harvest Festival Convener*

What Are You Arguing About?

From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; September 23, 2018

Today’s first reading, from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the persecution of the righteous, those whose “mere presence” annoys the ungodly. The ungodly are described as those who oppress the poor, who have no compassion for the widow and show no respect to the elderly (cf. 2:17-20). The ungodly claim to believe that “power is the norm of justice”. They dominate the weak, use their power to impose a way of thinking, an ideology, a prevailing mindset. They use violence or repression to subject those who simply by their honest, straightforward, hardworking and companionable everyday life show that a different kind of world, a different kind of society, is possible. The ungodly are not content with doing anything they like, giving into their every whim; they do not want others, by doing good, to show them up for who they are. In the ungodly, evil is always trying to destroy good.

Jesus in the Gospel tells us of a temptation of which we have to be very careful: the desire for primacy and domination over others, which can dwell in every human heart. How often has it happened that one people considers itself superior, with greater acquired rights, with more privileges needing to be preserved or gained. What is the antidote that Jesus proposes when this impulse appears in our heart or in the heart of any society or country? To be the last of all and the servant of all; to go to the place where no one else wants to go, where no one travels, the furthest peripheries; to serve and come to know the lowly and the rejected.

If power had to do with this, if we could allow the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach the depths of our lives, then the “globalization of solidarity” would be a reality. “In our world, especially in some countries, different forms of war and conflict are re-emerging, yet we Christians remain steadfast in our intention to respect others, to heal wounds, to build bridges, to strengthen relationships and to “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal 6:2)” (Evangelii Gaudium, 67).

I ask you, as we now pray the Angelus, to beg Mary to help us all to plant our own cross, the cross of our service and commitment to the needs of others, on that hill where the poor dwell, where care and concern are needed for the outcast and for minorities. In this way, we can keep far from our lives and our cultures the possibility of destroying one another, of marginalizing, of continuing to discard whatever we find troublesome or uncomfortable.

Jesus puts a little child in our midst, at the same distance from each of us, so that all of us can feel challenged to respond. As we remember the “yes” spoken by Mary, let us ask her to make our “yes” as generous and fruitful as hers.

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

September 22 - 24

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** +Rev. R. A. Glofcheski by *Michael & Gladys Glofcheski*
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.** **St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest**
+Gerald Hogan by *Family*
- Friday 9:00 a.m.** +Peggy Sbrozzi by *Father Burchat & Parishioners*

✠ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 26, 2021

- Saturday 3:45 p.m.** *Confessions*
4:30 p.m. +Roland Schnob by *Frank & Helene Schnob*
- Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that as our election approaches, that all Catholics would exercise our freedom for democratic voting and do so with a fully formed Christian conscience;
- the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners: that they would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide, abortion and for those who have died.
- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: *Sylvia Desarmia & Jackie Heath.*

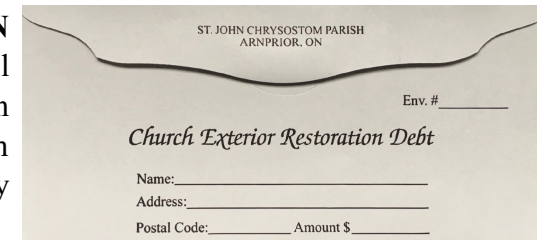
CHURCH ACCESS: remains open for personal prayer Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. At this time, for security reasons, access is now only by the side door.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL FOR MASSES AT SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: Even as we return to some “normalcy” for our Masses (i.e., limited singing, processions, etc), face masks and social distancing are still mandatory in our church at this time. When necessary for easier breathing, masks can be lowered below the nose but only when you are socially distanced from others and in your own pew. We ask everyone to show charity by complying and when instructing visitors.

SUNDAY OFFERING: September 12 - \$4006.60. Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times of pandemic and testing of faith. **Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.**

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 55 parishioners who have chosen this option.

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: This monthly appeal uses a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. The amount of \$2,400 from the month of August was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you!



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SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH: Consider a bequest to St. John Chrysostom Exterior Restoration Project through your will and leave an extraordinary legacy gift for the glory of God and to ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith.



Catholic Women's League Nancy Black, *Madame President*

Next Meeting: *Wednesday, October 6 @ 7 p.m.*



Knights of Columbus Bob Lee, *Grand Knight*

Business Meeting: *Monday October 4 @ 6 p.m.*

Executive Meeting: *Monday September 27 @ 7 p.m.*

GALILEE COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE - GALILEE CENTRE: on Sunday September 19, from 3pm to 6pm. For tickets call 613-623-4242 ext:21 or on site. Tickets are \$20 each and children 12 and under are free. Bring your own lawn chair. For more info visit www.galileecentre.com. Refreshments will be available for sale.