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Baptism: Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Any time by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

Marriage Preparation: Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

Visitation of Sick and Homebound: If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

October 18, 2020: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

* * * COLLECTIONS & SECOND COLLECTIONS * * *

The second collection on **Nov. 8** is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Water Leak: Due to an outside water leak, there is still no water in the Church (thus, the bathrooms are out of order). We continue to explore options to solve the problem, but whatever is decided upon, the cost will be in the \$9,000-\$10,000 range. If you can help, please mail a check to the Church office or put it in the basket by the Church door when you come to Mass. **MANY THANKS to those who have generously donated already.**

* * * ANNOUNCEMENTS * * *

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese of Lexington's Annual Appeal, a visible expression of our unity as the Body of Christ, is underway. Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal fund are distributed via a grant process, and provide vital support for parishes, missions of parishes, Catholic schools, outreach ministries and diocesan-wide programming. The areas receiving funding are transforming lives of Catholics and other members in our community through acts of service and we need your help. The Appeal runs through October 31. If you have not received information through the mail, there are envelopes available in the narthex for donations.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETREAT

Please pray for the priests of the Diocese of Lexington on Oct. 19-23, as they attend their annual retreat.

RCIA-ENQUIRERS

St. Clare, St. Paul, Our Lady of Mt. Vernon, and Berea College will be resuming our RCIA/Enquirers sessions soon. If you know of anyone interested in the Catholic faith, this is for them. If you are already Catholic but want to learn more, please join in. We will be on Zoom, so social distancing is not a problem! Anyone interested should contact the Parish office or Father Simpson.

PARISH CENSUS

In the next few weeks, St. Clare will be conducting a Parish census. As the pandemic shows no signs of abating, we need updated contact information so that we can all hang together through these difficult times. When you receive the Parish census mailing, please edit, update, and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your help on this.

Holy Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat. Oct. 17- 6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo
Sun. Oct. 18- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Elza Gabbard
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Int. for vocations
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. for an end to abortions *Misa en español*.
Wed. Oct. 21- No Mass
Thur. Oct. 22- No Mass
Sat. Oct. 24- 6:00 p.m. (OLMV) Int. for conversions
Sun. Oct. 25- 9:00 a.m. (St. Clare) Grace Melioris
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Pro Populo
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) Int. for the poor souls *Misa en español*.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Oct. 18: Lynn Feltner Oct. 25: Bruce Fraley Nov. 1: Bob Rucker
Nov. 8: Mike Berheide Nov. 15: Pat Calie Nov. 22: Lynn Feltner

PRAYER NEEDS

Parishioners: Rita Ballinger, Norma Coyle, Beatriz Del Rosario, Alice Duprey, Pat Eutsler, Marci Griffin, Bonnie Kehoe, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Mari Rucker, Gary Scarlett, Gene Startzman

Family and Friends: Marlene Arcuri; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Dustin Davidson; Henry Estrada; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Daniel Kessler (brother of Kris Hammons); Guy Patrick; Nancy Scarlett. Names remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory collected YTD: \$ 26,449.31
Offertory needed weekly: \$ 2,692.31
Offertory collected 10/11/20: \$ 568.00

The Diocesan Pandemic Response may be viewed here:
<https://www.cdlex.org/diocese-of-Lexington-epidemic-response>

St. Clare Office

As we continue to suffer under Covid19, the safest route is to keep the office closed most of the time. We are working from home and will do our best to respond to voice messages, emails and texts as soon as we can. Thank you for bearing with us through all this.