

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer on the Edge of Maybe ~

O God of beginnings,
as your Spirit
moved over the face of the deep
on the first day of creation,
move with me now
in my time of beginnings,
when the air is rain-washed,
the bloom is on the bush,
and the world seems fresh
and full of possibilities,
and I feel ready and full.

I tremble
on the edge of a maybe,
a first time,
new thing,
a tentative start,
and the wonder of it
lays its fingers on my lips.

In silence, Lord,
I share now my eagerness
and my uneasiness
about this something different
I would be or do;
and I listen
for your leading
to help me separate
the light from the darkness
in the change
I seek to shape,
and which is shaping me.
Amen.

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Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

FAITH EDUCATION:

Faith Education will begin “in person” this Sunday, September 25th at 8:45 AM. With that in mind, it is very important that you register your child if you have not already done so. As has been our custom in the past, our Faith Education Classes are followed by our 10 AM Mass which is held in the chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the Chapel Office [[440-473-3560]. Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS — OCTOBER 2:**

On Sunday, October 2nd, our Chapel community will gather after Mass at 11:35 AM to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In the spirit of this celebration, we welcome your family to bring your pet to be blessed. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a photo to share. Weather permitting we will meet this year — because of COVID-19 — outside in the Red Brick part of Pender Circle [right outside the Chapel]. If it rains on this day, the event will be postponed until the following Sunday. We hope you can join us!

**BLANKET SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 8-9:**

The weekend of October 8-9 marks the annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, as in the past few, the collection will be a **cash only** collection. We will gratefully accept your cash donations and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter — and give yourself a warm feeling! Use the special **Blanket Sunday Envelope [on the table]** or **mark your envelope Blanket Sunday Collection** and we will take it from there. You may also donate on line at www.svdpcle.org. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

Tuesday, October 11th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several years since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. Father John will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**MEN'S DAY OF RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

Thursday, November 3rd from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. We will begin with Mass together in the Chapel, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom to continue our prayer and reflection together. Because of COVID, it has been several since we gathered together for this time of Spiritual Renewal. Father John will facilitate our evening of reflection. **There is no cost for the evening.** [If you can't make it for Mass, come anyway when you can. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel which in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie ['21] and Abbie ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Melanie Lowrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Madeleine Popp, mother of Gilmour CFO, Kathy Popp, who is ill.
- For Ursula Wyras, mother of Janet Heryak, and Grandmother of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is recovering from Knee Replacement surgery.
- For Joanna Bonner, aunt of Food Service Associate Director, Bonnie Bonner, who is seriously ill with bone cancer.
- For Cathy Locigno, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Phil Patrick, former Gilmour employee, and currently an employee of Archbishop Hoban HS, who is recovering from amputation surgery.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Jack Borkey, Gilmour trustee, father of Jeff ['80], Joseph ['82], Jerrod ['87] Borkey, and grandfather of Jerrod ['12], Christian ['16], and former Gilmour students, Joseph, Brendon, and Ian Borkey.
- For Jack Sheehan, grandfather of Audrey ['13], and Mary ['15] Sheehan
- For Richard Guardiola ['54], brother of Donald Guardiola ['57].
- For Brother Donald Allen, C.S.C.
- For Thomas Stockard, Sr., father-in-law of Gilmour Guidance Counselor, Tracy Stockard
- For Kellen Leach ['10], brother of Michaela Leach ['14]
- For JoAnn Santoiemmo, mother of Twanya S. Zucker ['87], Ginenne S. Rothlisberger ['89] and Frank Santoiemmo ['03], grandmother of Colin ['14], McKenzie ['16], and Gianna ['18] Zucker, mother-in-law of Thomas Zucker ['87]
- For Ra Vines Mingle ['82]
- For Richard Clark, husband of Magnificat HS President, Moira Clark, and former principal of St. Ignatius HS, and founding president of St. Martin de Porres HS.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For an end to violence and racial injustice in our society.
- For a young man who is struggling.
- For a growth in awareness of the blessing of family life.
- For all those struggling with various addictions.
- For an end to sexual abuse and lack of respect for human persons.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.
- For a greater awareness of our call to create a more humane and just society.

SIMPLICITY:

2 The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes.

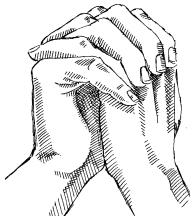
—St. Teresa of Avila

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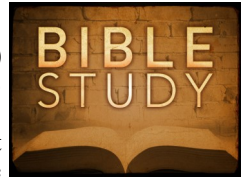
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- For Alan Basinger, who is hospitalized with heart complications.
- For Joseph Columbus, uncle of Jill Rogal, who is undergoing treatment for heart issues.
- For Sabrina Kumar, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron ['25] and Mason ['28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Joe Weber ['52], who is seriously ill.
- For Michael Bares, brother of James ['80] Bares and Religion Instructor, Eileen Pryatel, uncle of Michael ['08], Steven ['10], Meghan ['13], and Kevin ['15] Pryatel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish ['30], who is undergoing treatment for many medical issues.
- For Tricia Ashkettle, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Matthew Gebhart, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For John Roddy, brother of Tim Roddy ['87], son of Kathleen Roddy, former teacher's aide in the Montessori, and brother of Mary Roddy-Stretar, Marketing Associate at Gilmour, and cousin of Daniel ['83], Mike ['85], and Matt ['86] Roddy, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For David Mattis, husband of former Middle School Director, Paula Mattis, father of Kim ['89] and Bill ['91] Mattis, who is under the care of hospice.
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Frank Nannicola, grandfather of Cassie ['17], Frank ['18], and Mia ['19] Nannicola, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michael Nestor ['98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Mary Goers who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane ['36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Karuna Singla, Sister-in-law of Science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil ['13] and Nupur ['17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer.
- For Melita Chiacchiarri, mother of Mark ['94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco ['96], grandmother of Aurelia ['28] and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiarri, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.
- For Tom Podnar, father of Lower School art teacher, Eileen Sheehan, who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- For Joseph Borkey ['82], brother of Jeff ['80] and Jerrod ['87] Borkey, father of Christian Borkey ['16], and uncle of Jerrod ['12] and former Gilmour student, Ian Borkey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word.



Our topic: Rosh Hashanah — The Oneness of all creation.

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, September 25: 26 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, September 26:	NO MASS
Tuesday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 28:	NO MASS
Thursday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	NO MASS
Friday, September 30: St. Jerome	NO MASS
Saturday, October 1: 27 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, October 2: 27 th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Job 1:6-22, Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 9:35-38
- Wednesday:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16, Luke 9:57-62
- Thursday:** Revelation 12:7-12a, John 1:47-51
- Friday:** 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Matthew 13:47-52
- Saturday:** Isaiah 66:10-14c, Matthew 18:1-4

27th Week in Ordinary Time: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

There is a thought among sincere Christians that if you are not thinking of God, or Jesus, or “holy” things like that, then you are not a spiritual person. If you are not singing a hymn or reading a religious book, you are separate from the “holy”. Spirituality does not deal with the impossible or unhuman. Conversely, because you are doing those things — reading, singing, even reciting words — that is not the qualifying ticket of holiness or spirituality.

Loving and serving the Lord is the beginning of doing things like washing dishes, changing diapers, watching a ball game — and even writing Reflections. We are sent to do something with grace assisting our hearts and minds. These very daily actions are the very “fountain of Holiness.” We are sent to do those things, and those very actions bring us back for more.

For the second week in a row, we hear from the Prophet Amos saying the hard truths to the wealthy and the falsely secure of Israel Amos 6:1,4-7]. It is very good for us to remember that the prophets were selected — called out, impressed into this service of calling Israel back to its holy roots. Amos was a tree-trimming country boy whom God needed to recall Israel to its knees. The prophets risked much to be faithful to God’s call. The words we hear are a description of the “fat life” of the “fat cats” of Israel — they have forgotten their God’s loving care. They eat the finest, drink the most, and enjoy their ease. With all this, they find their security not in the God of their pasts, but the amount of their present. As a result of their absorbing unconcern for the well-being of their nation, they will be the first to go into exile. They are “complacent”, “comfortable”, and they “eat” and “drink” to the full. There is no hint that there are others in need. They are at the head of the line; they will be the first to go into exile in a reversal of fortunes.

Amos is challenging these “couch potatoes” who are reclining in their ivory beds of entitlement. They have no regard for the cultural and religious decline of their country — to which Amos refers by calling it, “Joseph”. They make up their own words and melodies to their traditional music as a sign that they are above and outside their cultural community. The prophet keeps relaying the Word and invitation of God, but their fullness of body and soul resists their hearing and heeding.

Luke’s Gospel [16:19-31] is taken from a larger section in which Jesus is being laughed at by the Pharisees. They are the lovers of money and power, and Jesus has told them that what they cling to is an “abomination” to God. The “kingdom of God” is entered “violently”. The Pharisees enjoy the ease and comfort of their self-absorption. The “violence” is the radical change of values and interests called for by the Gospel. And so Jesus tells a dramatic parable of reversals, and the danger of wealth and power.

The “rich man” of the parable has certain characteristics of the entitled — he excludes the poor and surrounds himself with walls of disinterest. He may have an abundance of money, but there is more to this parable than an indictment of money. There is a poor man, Lazarus who is more than financially poor — he is sick, dressed in sores and excluded. So the stage is set for the dramatic change designed to enrage the Pharisees.

In Luke’s version of the beatitudes Jesus tells His listeners that the “poor” are blest, but “woe” to the rich. Blest are the “hungry” and “woe” to the “full”. Blest are those who “weep”, but “woe” to those who are “scoffing” now. Blest are those who are “hated” or excluded now, but “woe” to those who are spoken well of now [see Luke 6].

The parable of the rich and Lazarus is a picture of the separation or reversal announced by Jesus. Those who invest totally in their possessions and in the “now” will necessarily exclude, be consumed by their position, and refuse to consider others. The finery with which we dress ourselves

might be more than clothing. Our locked doors might be more interior blockages to the needs or thoughts of others. The real nature of the wealth about which Jesus speaks is that which we rely on for our independent identities. To what we cling for our names, importances, and personal profile or image forms the picture of what Jesus calls “riches”. The more our hands are full, the more our eyes are on our image, the more our doors will be closed and conveniently enough, we fail to see the Lazaruses lying injured, hungry and waiting just outside our imprisoning doors.

Luke’s Gospel ends with a pity-party discussion between the rich man — now tasting the fires of abandonment with Abraham. The chasm created between the rich man and Lazarus is now pictured as the chasm between the rich man and Abraham who is embracing Lazarus. The rich man begs for water, for help for his brothers by sending Lazarus from the dead to save them. Remember, the Pharisees are listening to this parable and these last lines are real “stick-it-to-em” words. Jesus, Who will rise from the dead, ends the story with words from Abraham: those who would not listen to, and live the traditions of the whole Law, would certainly not even listen to a risen-from-the-dead person. There’s no arguing with the meaning of this parable. As someone once said: “The only things you can take with you into the next life are the things you’ve shared with the poor.”

— taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

JESUS THE TEACHER:

No doubt as you open this worship resource, our nation will still be feeling the repercussions of the pandemic, a new election season will be heating up, refugees and immigrants will still be seeking shelter within our country’s borders, and racism and gun violence will continue to preoccupy the lives of many. Into all these and many more concerns steps Jesus the Teacher, whom we will hear proclaimed in Luke’s Gospel on every Sunday between now and the end of November. To be sure, Jesus is addressing the concerns of his disciples and the people of his day, but make no mistake, Jesus is speaking to us as well. As the Sundays of summer and autumn unfold, we would do well to take to heart his message, and maybe also to put it into action in our own lives.

What do we hear Jesus saying? “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” “I have come to set the earth on fire.” “Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” “When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” “Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” “You cannot serve both God and mammon.” “Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.” In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is direct about the responsibilities of his disciples; we who follow him are not to be mere bystanders but instead are called to work actively for justice and for good, especially for those in need. This is the heart of Catholic social teaching.

In a world where so many seem to be devoted to their own welfare, we Christians must stand out by caring for our brothers and sisters wherever they may be and whatever their condition. We are called to help usher in the reign of God by working for the common good. As you come to Mass this summer and fall, listen to the words of Jesus for yourself. What is he saying to you? Then pray about how you should respond. Will Jesus the Teacher influence how you vote? How will you act in response to any ongoing conditions presented by the pandemic, in the light of Jesus’ teaching? How can you work to end racism in the world around you? What is Jesus asking you to do about refugees and about gun violence? To what other concerns is Jesus asking you to respond? Whatever you decide to do may not be easy, but remember, Jesus also said, “By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

- Michael E. Novak, Parish Resources Editor, J. S. Paluch Company. Seasonal Missalette, Vol. 38, No. 4

