



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Jesus
said,**

“Foxes have dens
and birds of the
sky have nests,
but the Son of Man
has nowhere
to rest his head.”

Luke 9:58

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus' ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

We have readings about discipleship today. What does it mean to follow Jesus Christ? Perhaps for many people, following the Lord meant keeping the rules of the Church and being careful to avoid sin. While there is nothing wrong with keeping the rules of the Church and avoiding sin, this is surely not a complete description of

following the Lord.

In the New Testament, over and over, we find that we must remain with the Lord because He remains with us. We are called to walk with Him and to listen to Him and to allow His teaching and His words to form the way we think, the way we feel and the way we act. Following the Lord Jesus means allowing Him to change every aspect of our lives so that we more clearly reflect His way of living, of thinking and of being. Following someone else is not easy.

The first reading today comes from the First Book of Kings. Elisha realizes that he must follow Elijah and be his disciple. Elijah does not encourage him, but Elisha follows anyway. We must realize that following the Lord Jesus means that at times we will feel rejected, even by the Lord Himself. We must keep on walking and letting the Lord form us.

In the passage of the Gospel today we have people coming to Jesus who want to follow Him. Again, the message is given to them: it is not easy to follow the Lord. Again, this is important for us when we feel the difficulties of following the Lord

Jesus. He tells us in advance: it will not be easy. The Gospel today ends telling us that if we start out, we should continue, no matter how difficult it is.

Through faith and the Sacrament of Baptism, we Catholics who have become members of the Body of Christ, have also become servants and slaves of Jesus. As Elisha accepted to live a holy life by submitting himself to the Divine Will of God without hesitation, we Catholics are also called to be holy by standing firm and not submitting ourselves to the yoke of slavery. For Christ has set us free from the yoke of slavery.

In true discipleship, there is no turning back. There is no turning back to the worldly ways. As slaves of Christ, we are expected to continuously move forward by growing in our spiritual lives through the grace of God, the Father, and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit in the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

~Fr. Idzi



ONLY 11 DAYS TO GO...

To opening day for the St. Symphorosa 25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest. This yearly summer tradition brings our entire community together for 4 days of family friendly fun. There are so many things to see and do at the Fest, from rides to music to great local food!! Bingo will be played every evening with Super Bingo game on Sunday starting at 1pm. We are even planning an outdoor Mass on Saturday at 5pm, weather permitting of course.

I, personally invite each and everyone to this wonderful event. I look forward to seeing everyone during these 4 days. I thank all those who have volunteered and that are a part of the Fest committee for all of the hard work they have and will be putting forth during this time. I pray for great weather and a successful Family Fest once again this year!

~Fr. Idzi



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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:

7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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EVERYONE IS INVITED

The entire St. Symphorosa Community invites Fr. Bob Regan, pastor of St. Rene Parish, along with his parishioners and all of our neighbors to this years **25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest**. We look forward to the opportunity to spend time together, get to know each other and enjoy each others company during this time. If you have any questions, please reach out to our parish office at 773.767.1523.



**Split the
Pot**
June 23,
2019

Received this week: \$330.00
Winning envelope: #3933

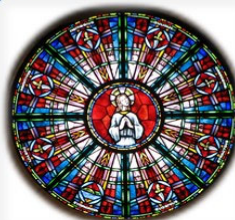
**Reminder: A minimum of
\$5.00 is required to
participate.**



**Weekly Budget (Est.):
\$9,000.00**

**Offerings for the weekend
of June 23, 2019**
Contributions: \$4,961.80
Envelopes: 256

**Thank you for your support
& generosity!**



Thursday, July 18th
Feast of
St. Symphorosa,
our Parish Patroness

Please join us on the weekend of July 20/21 as we celebrate as a Parish Family at all masses. Our Parish Transformation Team invites you to the Social Hall of the Sharp Center immediately following mass for hospitality and fellowship.

Lord, God, Holy are You, Your saints and holy ones give you glory all days. In their holiness they are channels of Your grace for us. May St. Symphorosa be for all of us a sign of faithfulness and love. May we, like her, always remain faithful to Your Son and His message of Good News.

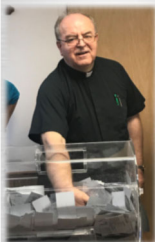
May our Parish, through the intercession of St. Symphorosa and her Seven Sons, be a sign of "A Family Celebrating Faith".

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of June is offered for the following intentions:

For the entire Kolimas Family, Living & Deceased, especially for the repose of the souls of John & Bob Kolimas given by Mary Kolimas

For all the members of the Arends Family, Living & Deceased given by the Arends Family

For the repose of the souls of members from the Karbarz, Koziar, Kowalski and Stacherczak Families given by Family



ST. SYMPHOROSA GRAND RAFFLE EARLY BIRD DRAWING

Congratulations to the following winners of the second
grand raffle early bird drawing that was held on
June 25, 2019.

Mike & Kathy Salerno Free Ticket
Eugene Daly Free Ticket
Helen C. Gomez \$250

Good Luck to everyone in the next drawing!!

We ask all who have purchased tickets to please check their ticket numbers. If you
purchased the following tickets please call the Parish Office at 773.767.1523 as soon as
possible: #03328, #03329, #03349, #03350, #03352 and #03360. Thank you.



Lectors

St. Symphorosa is currently seeking
well read and reliable persons who
are interested in proclaiming the
Living Word of God during
weekend Masses. If you are
interested please contact Maggie at
the parish office (773.767.1523) for
more information.

“Renew My Church” Prayer:

Lord Jesus you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: “Renew My Church.”

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly

to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles,
and all the saints.

May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen

For Your Knowledge...

As we start this process to Renew My Church, I wanted
to take a moment and inform the entire parish of the
representatives chosen to be on St. Symphorosa’s
discernment team. These individuals have taken on the
responsibility to be our parish’s voice through out this
process. They have a hard and long task ahead of them
that requires not only countless hours of time, traveling
to and from meetings, but also the mental and spiritual
strength that comes with such a task.

The process of choosing our delegates was not taken
lightly by myself and I wanted to be sure to chose those
members who I feel would be the best voice for
St. Symphorosa. It was asked that I remember to chose
members of our parish and school who are not only
active parishioners in a spiritual sense but also in a
physical sense. I, as the pastor, was told that these
individuals must have a vast knowledge of the history
and people of our parish along with a want for a
stronger and better future. These individuals had to be
ones who are able and willing to work together with
others. According to the regulations for the Renew My
Church process each parish is allowed 5 representatives,
6 if their is still an active, open school within the parish.

Out of the 6 individuals needed for this process two
were required to be myself and our School Principal,
Mrs. Kathy Berry. **Mr. Luis Cornejo** has agreed to
represent our school parents and students as well as our
parish. On our team we also have **Mr. Tom DeRose** as
a representative of the parish organizations,
Mr. Ken Hilliard, our Director of Operations for his
knowledge of the parish buildings and financials, and
Ms. Monica Wodke, our Transformation Team Leader.

Please pray for all of us as we began and move through
this discernment process. Pray for our parish and for St.
Rene that we may work together to strengthen both of
our parishes through Renew My Church. Thank you.

~Fr. Idzi



As the 25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest approaches we ask all who are willing and able to please sign up and donate their time any one of the 4 days during the festival.

This fun family event runs on the hard word of volunteers like yourself. Form can be found in the gathering space of our church and turned into the parish office. The sacrifice of your time and energy is greatly appreciated!

~Fr. Idzi



It is that time again as we prepare to celebrate our 25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest that we reach out to our parishioners and neighbors asking for donations of new or gently used items to be placed in our prize booths and Hooligan game.

Please bring your donations for Family Fest to the Parish Office during regular business hours. As always, thank you for all of your support, we whole heartedly appreciate it!!



25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest Mega Pass Wristbands

4 Day Mega Pass wristbands on sale now in the parish office during regular business hours. The cost is \$50 per wristband through Sunday, July 7th. Cash or check is accepted, with cash only accepted as of Monday, July 1st. Tickets will also go on sale after all weekend Masses beginning the weekend of June 22nd & June 23rd.

The cost increases to \$60 on Monday, July 8th and continues through Wednesday, July 10th. As of the start of the Fest, Thursday, July 11th, tickets are only available at the fest at a cost of \$70 each. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions at 773.767.1523



Wishing all of our parishioners, friends, neighbors and families a safe and happy 4th of July this year. As a reminder the parish office will be closed on **Thursday, July 4th** in observance of our nation's birthday. The office will reopen for regular business hours on Friday, July 5th.

Mass on Thursday, July 4th will be celebrated at 8am this year. Please contact the parish office at 773.767.1523 with any questions.



**Father's Day 2019
St. Symphorosa Church**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 1, 2019

Saint Junipero Serra

8:00am †Leon & Helen Soltys (*Cheryl Soltys*)

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

8:00am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Piat (*Rosario Battung*)
Health and all the Lord's blessings for Vistachion Dayag
(*Rosario Battung*)

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00am Health and all the Lord's blessings for Ann Keniry
(*Normoyle Family*)

Thursday, July 4, 2019

Independence Day

8:00am †Thomas Markham (*Family*)
†James Francis Doyle (*Wife*)

Friday, July 5, 2019

Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00am †Frank Strzelec (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Michael & James Gurgone (*Family*)

Saturday, July 6, 2019

Saint Maria Goretti

8:00am †Ann Leitz (*Lorraine DeLauriea*)
5:00pm †Walter Labno (*Wife & Family*)
†Ethel Thiery (*John & Barb*)
†Martin Cornejo (*Family*)
†Bessie Oracki (*Kucinsky-Duewerth Family*)

Sunday, July 7, 2019

7:30am All Members of the Gusline and Cavanaugh Families,
Living and Deceased (*Clara Wiatrak*)
Health and all the Lord's blessings for
Richard & Arlene Wilus (*Judy Banasiak*)
†Charlotte O'Kelly (*Mary Shilney*)
9:30am †Kieran Normoyle (*Barry Family*)
†Marie Hoffman (*Altar & Rosary Society*)
†Bessie Oracki (*Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski*)
11:30am †David Chikerotis (*Greg Jabanov & Family*)
†Tom Richards (*Mike Heiser*)

Let us pray...

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Kathy A. Pater

Thomas Richards

Gerald Shields



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
Dorothy Bogumil
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Florence Comiso
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Geri Gestaut
Carol Golab
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
Dawn Hoyt
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Antoinette Kloppman
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore

John Martini
Lou Mackey
Lori McCarthy
Kathleen McAuliffe
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Ray Oracki
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Gloria Schillings
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
James Suchy
Chalida Svatisalee
Terry Styka
James Thorpe
Mary Thorpe
Nancy Webb
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC	Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey	Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
CS-1 Joel Battung	Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC	Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC	Trevor Lutz, US Army
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Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN	WO-1 Richard Sobeske, US Army
Captain Kevin Dobbny, US Army	Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard	1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of June is for the Mode of Life of Priests.

That priests through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism: Second & Fourth Sunday at 1:00pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session: First Thursday of every other Month at 7:00pm. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.



In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent the "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that your donation will help the many with our community who are in need. St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342