

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3rd, 2021

The Book of Genesis has two accounts of the institution of marriage. The first (1:26-28) sees marriage as a means of procreation. The second (2:18-24) – our First Reading – sees marriage as meeting the human need for companionship and equality. On the basis of the Book of Deuteronomy (24:1-4), the Pharisees allowed a husband to divorce his wife because of “an indecency in her”. Appealing to Genesis, Jesus stressed the unity created by marriage, which would forbid breaking the marriage bond, so that remarriage after a divorce would constitute adultery. Jesus leaves no doubt as to what the ideal marriage ought to be. But this doesn’t mean He wasn’t aware of, and sympathetic towards, the problems that can arise in living out that ideal. The Gospel also shows Jesus’ love for the little ones, and tells us that we must receive the Kingdom the way children receive a gift. From today until the 33rd Sunday inclusive, the Second Reading is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews presents Christ as the Perfect Priest.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 3 rd <i>27th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 4 th <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 5 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>John Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, October 6 th <i>St. Bruno</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Murray Lorentz</i> + <i>Harold, Dorothy & Jeff Schill</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger By Bryan & Donna Schill
Thursday, October 7 th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8 am	+ <i>Leo Reitzel</i>	By St. Clement’s Choir
Friday, October 8 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	<i>In thanksgiving for blessings received</i>	By “anonymous”
Saturday, October 9 th <i>St. John Leonardi</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Richard Dietrich</i> <i>Intentions of Luise Venner</i>	By Diane & family By Brendan & Carole-Ann Barrett
Sunday, October 10 th <i>28th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. John Leonardi (1541-1609) – “I am only one person! Why should I do anything? What good would it do?” Today, as in any age, people seem plagued with the dilemma of getting involved. In his own way, John Leonardi answered these questions. He chose to become a priest. After his ordination, Fr. Leonardi became very active in the works of the ministry, especially in hospitals and prisons. The example and dedication of his work attracted several young laymen who began to assist him. They later became priests themselves. St. John lived after the Protestant Reformation and the Council of Trent.

He and his followers projected a new congregation of diocesan priests. For some reason the plan, which was ultimately approved, provoked great political opposition. John was exiled from his hometown of Lucca, Italy, for almost the entire remainder of his life. He received encouragement and help from Saint Philip Neri, who gave him his lodgings—along with the care of his cat! In 1579, John formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and published a compendium of Christian doctrine that remained in use until the 19th century. Father Leonardi and his priests became a great power for good in Italy, and their congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement in 1595. John died at the age of 68 from a disease caught when tending those stricken by the plague. By the deliberate policy of the founder, the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God have never had more than 15 churches, and today form only a very small congregation. The liturgical feast of Saint John Leonardi is celebrated on October 9. St. John Leonardi pray for us!

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP – If there are any confirmed men in the parish who would be interested in participating in a Men's Prayer Group, please contact Bob Myers for more information at 519-656-0576.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023 – Pope Francis recently announced that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The Theme of the Synod is: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. For the first time, the meeting will be the culmination of a “three-year path” involving all of the People of God at every level of the Church. This “path” is a process rather than an event, which Pope Francis will solemnly inaugurate this October 9-10, is meant to be a manifestation of “synodality,” which is a form that realizes the participation of all the people of God in mission. Please see the parish website for more information.

VOCATION SEEDS – Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God’s work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God’s work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis, Rev. Donald Wilhelm, Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F), Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan, Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu, and Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Phillippe Jean-Pierre.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,505. Thank you for your generosity.