



IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO PASS
THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE
THAN FOR SOMEONE RICH
TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD

About Mass Intentions

Based on published work by Fr Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University.

Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting in *persona Christi* when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits. This sacrifice has an infinite value and indeed there is no objective limitation to the number of intentions that can be offered at any Mass. The offering of a stipend is also a means whereby Catholic may contribute to the upkeep of the clergy, and the Church in general. However, so as to avoid even the ap-

pearance of commerce in sacred things, the Church regulates the practice of offering and receiving stipends in canons 945-958 of the Code of Canon Law and in some later decrees on specific applications of the code. Thus, in normal circumstances, a priest may only accept one stipend for any one Mass even though he may offer up the Mass for several intentions.

The stipend is usually a fairly small sum by the standards of the developed world. Yet, until recently, Mass intentions distributed by the Holy See to poor missionaries often proved to be of no small help in their endeavors. Importantly, the person who has offered the stipend has not "bought a Mass," a thing which is patently impossible. What has happened is that the priest has committed himself to celebrate a Mass according to the intentions of the person making the offering. This intention is most often to recommend the soul of a deceased person but may also be for the personal intentions of the living.

Because the intention is essentially a spiritual act, its publication neither adds nor subtracts from its efficacy. Indeed, publicly announcing the intention is done for the comfort of the living and not for the benefit of the dead.

Some parishes are content with posting a notice on a bulletin board or on its weekly broadsheet. Others prefer to announce the intention before Mass begins; others immediately after the greeting. Still others insert the name during the general intercessions. Any one of these solutions is possible.

Sometimes, mishaps can occur, such as when a priest forgets to read out a name or cannot find it. In this case it is enough that he celebrated according to the intention of the donor. If, on the other hand, he reads out the wrong name, and consequently celebrates the Mass for a different intention, then the parish should seek to remedy the situation by offering an alternative celebration at a suitable time.

Immaculate Conception High School Montclair Open House

Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair is holding Open Houses on October 24 at 1 pm, January 9 at 1 pm and February 1 at 6 pm. **Please call 973.744.7445 to RSVP!**

Immaculate Heart Open House

Immaculate Heart Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 18. IHA's Open House is a great opportunity to learn about the school, the curriculum, and IHA's artistic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Members of our administration, faculty and coaching staff will be on hand to answer questions. A second, smaller Open House will be held Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Online pre-registration is requested at www.ihanj.com. Call 201-445-6800 **for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave. Township of Washington, NJ 07676.**

Al Encuentro de Jesus: Un Encuentro Personal

You are invited to participate in an eight-week course to be offered by Fr. Luigi Zanotto entitled "Al encuentro de Jesus: un encuentro personal". The course will begin on Monday, October 12 (7:00 pm-9:00 pm) at the Archdiocesan Center (171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ).

Trivia Night for The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children

Join the SFICC for Team Trivia Night on Thursday, October 15, from 6:30PM to 8:00PM at McLoone's Pier House, and learn more about the mission of this organization. **Free entrance.**

WYD 2016



Join Cardinal Dolan and the Office of Youth Ministry as we journey to Krakow, Poland to celebrate the 31st World Youth Day. The XXXI World Youth Day will be held from July 22 to August 2 of 2016 and has as its theme *Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy* (Mt. 5:7) The purpose of World Youth Day is threefold: **Putting Trust in the Young.** World Youth

Day is a coming together of young adults from the four corners of the world and a strong reminder of the strength and confidence the young bring to the Church today. **Gathering Together.**

World Youth Day is not simply a gathering for the young people of the world, but a time to put trust in the world's youth. **Meeting the International World on a Human Level.** It is still a marvel in this the 21st Century to exchange with others and to be a part of an international experience. International events are able to stir much hope but also many fears (increase in fundamentalism, nationalism and other new conflicts. . .)

The Church and Christians themselves have a role to play in preventing the development of these fears, and in aiding each person in finding their way and discovering hope. *For more information, email: Cynthia.martinez@archny.org*

SAVE THE DATE

2015 26th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St Juan Diego, the National Night of Prayer for Life will take place on December 8 9PM (Tuesday) to 1 AM December 9 (Wednesday). This year, we ask Our Blessed Mother to re-establish a Culture of Life, restore God's Laws, protect the Church, and prevent persecution of the Faithful. All are invited! During the **HOOR OF UNITY**, 12 Midnight to 1AM EST, we will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion, and to restore God's blessings of Life, Liberty, The Faith, and His Peace in America and from here, the entire world. The National Night of Prayer for Life includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St Michael, silent prayer and hymns. **Contact Right to Life Organizations and Knights of Columbus for local details.**

Letting Go for Dear Life

Re-evaluating what we really need.

By **MATTHEW BORK, BA**

On a cool, mid-September night last month, several families boarded a yacht for a short ride. Opting for a more pleasant experience, they paid 2,250 euros per person - about 2,500 dollars - for a trip which would last no more than a few hours. The families brought with them a few bags and suitcases carrying clothes, food, a few keepsakes, and other assorted items. They had spent the whole day traveling, and were rather exhausted by the time they reached the yacht on the night of September 10.

These families, as you may have suspected, were refugees fleeing Syria. Even though many had been rather average, "middle-class" families, the costs of suddenly fleeing their homeland were big; they left other family members, friends, houses, and most of their belongings behind them. As they sailed in total darkness across the thin strip of sea which separates Turkey from the Grecian island of Lesbos, they noticed something was wrong. The "yacht," which in smuggler jargon could mean any boat bigger than an inflatable raft, was taking on water. As has become a sad and frequent occurrence, this boat was loaded far beyond capacity.

The smugglers knew that to safely make it to shore, they would have to lighten the load; so, the boat operators ordered everybody to throw their baggage overboard. Faced with the choice of life or death, these families tossed their very last possessions into the dark waters. For six-year-old Yasmine, that meant the bag containing the dress her grandmother gave her. For her father Ihab, that bag contained all of his wedding photos. Any item which once held a memory, was now abandoned in a warzone or being tossed into the sea. They came to understand that in order to live, they had to let go (*Gaunt & Bensemra*, Reuters, 2015).

In this week's gospel, Jesus calls us to make the same difficult decision. In the reading from Mark, a man approaches Jesus and asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus answers this by listing some of the commandments - You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal... The man says he has observed all of these commandments, but Jesus sees that there is something missing; He knows there is a disconnect between the man and God. Jesus says to the man "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The man leaves saddened. Though he was faithful in his observation of the commandments, he was too attached to his possessions to give them up (MARK 10:17-30).

It is a hard truth to hear or read, especially when Jesus likens a rich man entering heaven to a camel



passing through the eye of a needle. But is God calling us to give away everything we own? Are we really being told that we must sell everything to be true followers of Christ and inherit eternal life? Certainly we know of people, such as St Francis of Assisi, who have intentionally lived in poverty in order to serve the poor and follow Christ's teachings. We know that today Pope Francis is calling for "a poor Church, for the poor." Giving up everything you own is a literal way to follow God, however, Jesus is making a larger point here.

Jesus is telling us that in order to follow Him, we must help those who need help and also give away those things which prevent us from growing in a relationship with Him. So often in our culture we get caught up in desiring material goods, and just like the wealthy man from today's gospel reading, they distract us from following Jesus. It is not a sin to have wealth or property, but it can become sinful when the items that we own prevent us from following Christ.

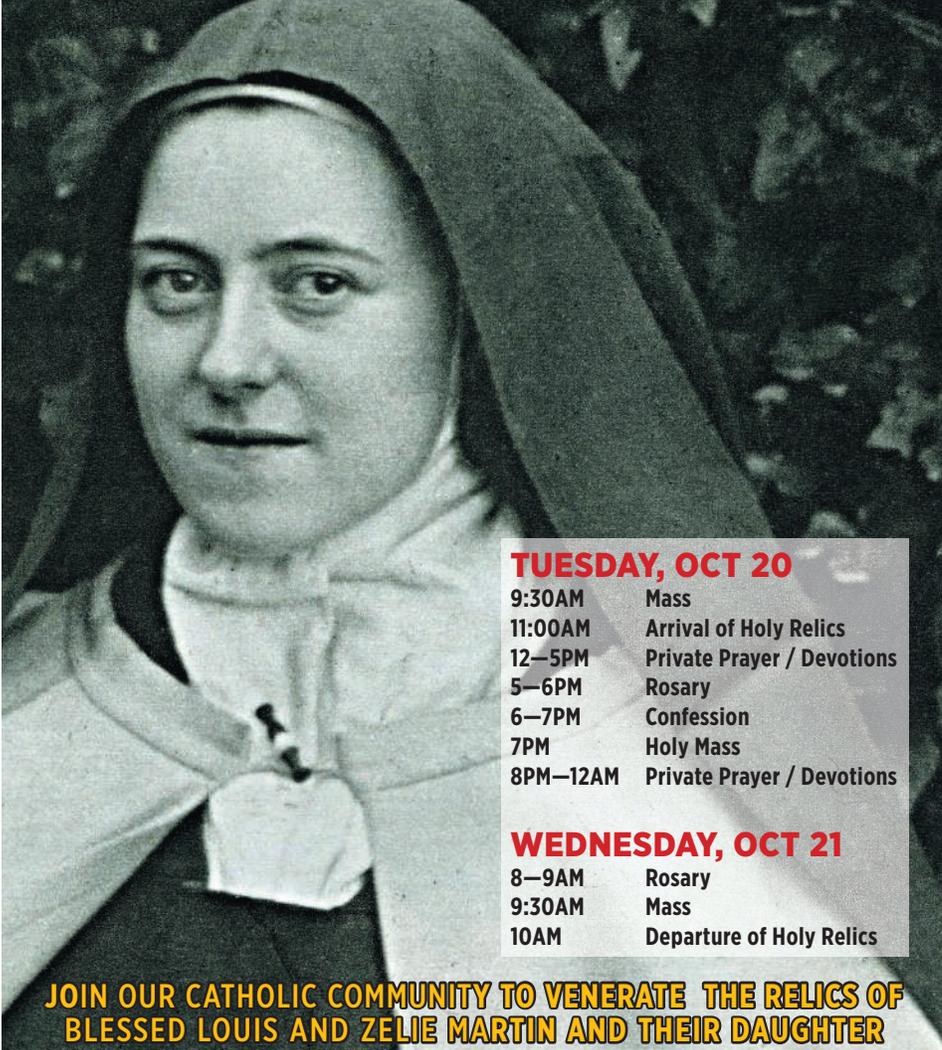
A few passages before today's gospel we heard Jesus say, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, than with

two hands to go into Gehenna..." He continued by saying that we should cut off a foot or eye if those too cause us to sin (Mark 9: 38-48). Today, however, he is going one step further. Today Jesus calls us not only to do away with those things which cause us to make obvious sins, but also to do away with those things which distract us from following Him. These make up what we as Catholics have come to understand as sin, "the failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods..." (CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, § 1849).

How will we help those displaced by war, famine, or natural disasters? Today we are challenged to not only ask this question, but to see ourselves in those who need our help and give what we have to help them. We are also challenged to make the same choice being made by thousands of refugees seeking safety. While we may not face the dire realities that they do, we also must ask ourselves whether we will cling to the things we have, or let go in order to live.

To read about the Syrian families mentioned in this article, visit: tiny.cc/lettinggo

OCTOBER 20



TUESDAY, OCT 20

- 9:30AM Mass
- 11:00AM Arrival of Holy Relics
- 12–5PM Private Prayer / Devotions
- 5–6PM Rosary
- 6–7PM Confession
- 7PM Holy Mass
- 8PM–12AM Private Prayer / Devotions

WEDNESDAY, OCT 21

- 8–9AM Rosary
- 9:30AM Mass
- 10AM Departure of Holy Relics

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2016 Youth Rally & Mass for Life

The annual Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 in Washington, DC. Once again there are two exciting youth events planned at the Verizon Center and DC Armory on the morning of the National March for Life. In order to ensure that more groups are able to attend the rally and celebrate as a diocese in one location, this year tickets must be reserved through your diocese by October 6, 2015. **To find out more about the Youth Rally and Mass for Life, you may visit www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org or www.facebook.com/youthrallyandmassforlife**



Notre Dame School of Manhattan Open House

A small school with rich offerings, imparting high academic standards in a friendly environment. 100 % of graduates go to a 4-year college. Notre Dame will be holding an open house on Sunday October 25 from 2:30 to 5 PM. **For more information, visit cheznous.org or email the office of admission at admissions@cheznous.org**

Queen of Peace H.S. Open House

Queen of Peace High School has excelled in educating young men and women for 85 years. Come and learn more about this rich tradition at it's Open House on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 1 PM. **For more information, call 201.998.8227 Ext. 232.**

Xavier H.S. Open House

Xavier High School Open House will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 1 to 4 PM. The open house is the best way for students to see the campus and learn about various academic, religious, athletic and extracurricular programs. They will have an opportunity to receive a student-led tour of the campus—including our state of the art science labs as well as speak directly with our teachers, coaches, moderators and administrators.

Dominican College Adult & Graduate Information Session

Learn about Dominican College's wide selection of day and evening classes on Wednesday, September 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Hennessy Center. Undergraduate and graduate programs are available. **Call 845.943.4582 for directions and more information.**

Fordham Lecture Unto Dust: A Literary Wake

How has the Catholic tradition enriched our understanding of death and, consequently, our appreciation of life? Join Fordham University for a conversation about death, life and the poetics of morality. The event will take place on Thursday, October 15 at 6 PM featuring guest speakers Alice McDermott, award-winning novelist and Thomas Lynch, award winning author and poet. **For more information or to register, visit fordham.edu/crc**

A Prayer for Peace Concert

On October 17, 2015 at 8PM, MidAtlantic Opera and Seton Hall University will present *A Prayer for Peace* at Carnegie Hall, Stern Auditorium, featuring Soprano Christina Major, Mezzo-Soprano Sara Murphy, Countertenor Ray chenez, Tenor Theodore Chletso and Bass-Baritone Kevin Short. Jason C Tramm takes the podium in his Carnegie Hall debut as he conducts the MidAtlantic Opera Orchestra and Chorus and the Seton Hall University Choir in a unique presentation of the music of peace of three faiths. Ticket purchases can be made by calling 212-903-9705 Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM—5:30 PM or by emailing groupsales@carnegiehall.org. **For More Information, contact Stephen Lasher at 973-204-6684 or info@midatlanticopera.org**



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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 10/11 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • **Vocation Awareness Sunday**

10 AM	CCD Families Attend Mass Only <i>Church</i>
10 AM-1 PM	H.N.S. Mass/Mtg <i>Church/Cent Hall</i>
1-3 PM	Fil-Am Mtg <i>Cent Hall</i>

MONDAY 10/12

Columbus Day (Observed) Rectory Office Closed

TUESDAY 10/13

12:15 PM	BINGO <i>Cent Hall</i>
3-4 PM	Holy Hour for Priests <i>Convent</i>
3:30-4:30 PM	Legion of Mary Convent <i>Comm Room</i>
4 PM	Rosary Society Mtg <i>Cent Hall</i>

WEDNESDAY 10/14

THURSDAY 10/15

7-9 PM OLG Choir *Convent*

FRIDAY 10/16

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*

SATURDAY 10/17

2-4:30 PM St. Padre Pio Prayers/Mtg *Cent Hall*

SUNDAY 10/18 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • **World Mission Sunday**

10 AM-12 PM Centennial Hall RESERVED FOR CCD USE

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30 PM

(anticipating Sunday) Misa Español 7 PM

Sunday Church 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

Monday ▶ **Saturday:** Mass *Church* 9 AM

Wednesday: Mass *Church* 7 PM

Holy Hour

Tuesdays *Convent Chapel* 3-4 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church (Or by Appointment)* 5 PM

Schedule of Masses October 12th- 18th, 2015

Monday, October 12

9 AM John Shin *Family*

Tuesday, October 13

9 AM † Thomas Mulkeen *Parish Intention*
†st Anniv. in Heaven

Wednesday, October 14

9 AM	† Giuseppe & Rosalina Leone	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tango</i>
7 PM	Special Intention	<i>OL Perpetual Help Group</i>

Thursday, October 15

9 AM † Christina Burke *Aniceta*

Friday, October 16

9 AM † Rocco Sarni *Virginia Sarni*

Saturday, October 17

9 AM	Mark Spazian	<i>Frances</i>
5:30 PM	† Mary & Michael Capparelli	<i>Roseann</i>

7 PM † Agradecimiento al Senor de los Milagros *Ana & Carmen*

Sunday, October 18

8 AM	† James Nardini	<i>Joyce Tuzzo</i>
10 AM	† Joseph Piezzo	<i>"Nana" Madeline</i>
12 PM	† Christina Burke	<i>Catherine & Family</i>

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Wisdom 7:7-11**

Psalm: **Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Gospel: **Mark 10:17-30**

Weekday Readings

Monday

Ro 1:1-7 / Ps 98:1BCDE, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Ro 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Ro 2:1-11 / Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 / Lk 11:42-46

Thursday *Saint Teresa of Jesus*

Ro 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB / Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Ro 4:1-8 / Ps 32:1B-2, 5, 11 / Lk 12:1-7

Saturday *Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

Ro 4:13, 16-18 / Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 / Lk 12:8-12

Sanctuary Gifts for October 11th-17th

Gift	In Memory/honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	† Stephanie Caracappa	Carmela D'Alessandro & Mike Lombardi
Altar Bread	† Stephanie Caracappa	Carmela D'Alessandro & Mike Lombardi
Sanct. Lamp	† Paolo Principe	Genevive & Judy Reilly
Altar Candles	† Nettie Czochanski	Parish Intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Frances Kearns • Nicholas Zegular • Frances Wise • Vicky Aguilon • Marie Foley • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton • Lupe Pena • Lawrence Shin • Marie Carlson

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call **St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com**

October Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 11 am to 4 pm. Classes have begun. Deadline for Registration is October 13! Please contact the Rectory to be placed on "waiting list".

Safeguarding Children and Addressing Abuse

The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns



The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to offering counseling and other support services, in appropriate cases, the Archdiocese provides reasonable compensation to those victims seeking a financial settlement of their civil claim, even after the statute of limitations has lapsed. Settlements are not confidential unless requested by the victim, and may include funding for continued psychological counseling.

The Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage is the sole source of funds used to pay abuse settlements. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay civil claims related to abuse cases.

Baptism Information

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & Noon

Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic;' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. **Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.**

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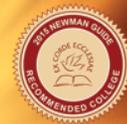


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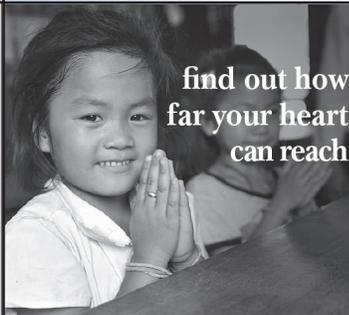
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