

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CALENDAR ~ October 3-October 11, 2020

Sat 3	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Lil Guettler by Floyd & Ginny Kunkle
Sun 4	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Colhouer Family by Karen Greene Mass for ROS Dorothy Nichter by Meg & Tom Nichter Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call 289-6336 for information
Mon 5	9:00am	Mass for the Burke Family
Wed 7	7:00pm	Communion Service
Thurs 8	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Communion Service Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 9	12:10pm	Communion Service
Sat 10	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Tom & Peggy Jaski by the Jaski Family
Sun 11	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Marvin & Simone Bivens by Maxie & Joannie Jolley Mass for Joseph & Mary Deyak on their 41st Anniversary Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call 289-6336 for information

From the Holy Fathers
"It is a fine thing for me to set
with the sun, leaving the world
and going to God, that I may rise
with Him."
 ~ Saint Ignatius of Antioch ~
 d. 107 AD



Wisdom of the Saints
"Just as two friends frequently in
each other's company tend to
develop similar habits, so too,
by holding familiar conversations
with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin,
we can become, to the extent
of our lowliness, similar to
them, and can learn from these supreme models
a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience
and perfection."
 ~ Blessed Bartolo Longo ~
 Feast Day October 5

The **Knights of Columbus** are currently signing families up who are in need of a food basket for Christmas; there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please provide a name and contact number. If you were on last year's list you still need to sign up for a basket this year. Call Tom with any questions@ 864-621-6792.

The **Third Order Carmelites** will be assisting the K of C this year with a blanket collection. Please bring new or gently used blankets and place them in the box provided in the Narthex.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a Rosary Rally event to join millions across the country praying the Glorious Mysteries followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Social distancing will be in place. You can check out more detail by going to the Rosary Coast to Coast website. Just search on rosary coast to coast



Collection Information for September 27:

Regular Offering: \$5,233.00
 Building Repair Fund: \$80.00
 Priests' Retirement: \$640.00

Oct 11 Next Sunday is **HOSPICE SUNDAY**. Our item to contribute in Ensure, any flavor.

St Vincent DePaul Society has begun the annual coat drive for the upcoming Christmas coat give-away program that partners with the Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Food Basket and Gift program. If you have coats that are in good condition and your kids or yourself have outgrown, consider donating that to this St Vincent DePaul program this year. The focus is on children, but we have received and given out adult coats as well over the years. Donations will be collected in the Narthex or can be dropped off in the hall in between masses on Sunday morning. Just a reminder from the St. Vincent DePaul team that if anyone knows of families in need to remember to think about how we might be able to assist in small ways for families in our parish and in our community. Monetary donations can be made for the coat program or to be used in caring for families in need year round.

The **Knights of Columbus** are conducting a 50/50 raffle to provide support to seminarians in our diocese. This year considering mass attendance due to the pandemic only 30 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The winners share would be \$1,500 if all tickets are sold. Odds of winning are 1 in 30 which is better than any existing alternatives. Families or friends can combine their funds to buy a ticket. The odds remain the same. The drawing of the winning ticket will be conducted at the K of C Christmas dinner, if held due to the pandemic, but no later than December 18, 2020. Please contact your favorite Knight for a ticket or contact Dennis Puntel (937)478-9282.

Oct 18 **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale**, Sun. Oct. 18, 10 am – 2 pm. Outside dining and take outs available. \$5 Large, \$3 Small Plate. Sign up sheet to help with supplies. Proceeds to support Hands of Hope.

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Mass Intentions are now being reserved for 2021. Due to Covid, **NO WALK INS**. The intentions are to be mailed in to the parish office, 1024 West Main Street, Forest City, NC 28043. The office will call you to confirm your dates. Information required is below. If you would like a form for multiple Masses, email: pjwlmg@gmail.com

Requested Date: _____ Time: _____

Mass for: _____

Intention (Repose of the Soul, Birthday, Anniversary, etc.) _____

Requested by: _____ Phone #: _____

Blessed Bartolo Longo ~ "Apostle of the Rosary"

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and Blessed Bartolo Longo is certainly a man who was touched by the Rosary in an inspiring way. Like Father Patrick Peyton, Longo is one of Father Burke's favorite friends of Our Lady.

Bartolo Longo was born in Brindisi in Southern Italy in 1841, into a devout Catholic family. It was an unsettling time in Italy; Garibaldi was trying to unify all of Italy and part of his plan was to eliminate the Papal City States.

Longo's mother died when he was about 10 years old, and from that point, Longo started to lose his way. In college he started to join others in preaching nationalist ideas against the Catholic Church. He hated monks, priests, the pope, and particularly the Dominican priests who brilliantly championed the Church.

He started going to mediums, and it was there that he became introduced to the occult. This eventually led to Satanism. After an intense period of studying and rigorous fasting, he was consecrated a Satanist priest and actually promised his soul to a demon. He presided over satanic services and preached against God and the Catholic Church.

His family never stopped praying for him and tried to talk him out of his chosen way of life. Nothing worked until they asked Professor Vincenzo Pepe, a Catholic professor at the university, to intervene. He began meeting with Longo and finally asked Longo if he wanted to be damned to hell forever. At this point Bartolo was emaciated physically and his psychological state had deteriorated to the point where he had considered suicide. Professor Pepe got Longo to agree to meet with Dominican priest, Friar Alberto Redente, who worked with him intensively for three weeks. By the end of this time period, he brought Longo back to the Church. Eventually, through his association with the Dominican friar, Longo decided to become a Third Order Dominican. He was initiated on October 7, 1871 on the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

As a support to keep himself on the right track, Longo moved in with Professor Pepe, and he kept a life of ongoing, self-imposed penance. He also worked in a hospital for people with incurable diseases. He made a promise of celibacy to God, declaring that he wanted to serve God with an undivided heart. As a routine activity, he went into his former Satanist hangouts and seances, holding up the Rosary in front of them while he publicly renounced his former life.

Not unlike many of us, Bartolo Longo could not forgive himself for the wrongful things he had done, and couldn't see how God could forgive him. That started to change. As a lawyer, Longo had a well-to-do client in Pompeii named Countess Mariana di Fusco. When visiting her one day he saw the poverty of the people in the city, and saw moral corruption as well as a lot of dependence of many people on witchcraft. The Holy Spirit breathed upon Bartolo and he knew what God wanted him to do with his life. He remembered Friar Alberto telling him about the words of Mary: "One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved." Later, Longo would write "If your words are true, that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved, I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary."

Beginning in Pompeii he spread the word of the Rosary, and not just in speech, but by the way he lived his life. At the suggestion of Pope Leo XIII, Longo and Countess Mariana were married in April 1885. They lived a continent marriage, meaning that they abstained from physical relations as man and wife.

With the financial help of the Countess, he built the Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Pompeii, founded elementary schools, orphanages and technical schools. He also wrote books, prayers and novenas.

He died in 1926 at the age of 85. He was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II on October 26, 1980.

When Pope John Paul II wrote his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* in 2020, he referred to Blessed Bartolo Longo and his holy way of life. He referred to Longo's prayer "**Supplication to the Queen of the Holy Rosary**", written in 1883 in response to Pope Leo XIII's request that all Catholics pray the Rosary. This Act of Supplication is solemnly recited twice yearly— on May 8th and on Rosary Sunday, which is the first Sunday in October—the feast of Our Lady of Pompeii. The Apostolic Letter was concluded with part of the Supplication Prayer of Longo: "*O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain that binds us to God, bond of love that unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of hell, sure haven in the universal shipwreck, we shall never again leave you. You will be our comfort at the hour of agony, to you the last kiss of our dying life. And the last words on our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O our dear Mother, O refuge of sinners, O Sovereign Comforter of the afflicted. Be blessed everywhere, now and forever, on earth and in heaven. Amen.*"

(If you would like a complete copy of the "**Supplication to the Queen of the Holy Rosary**" contact Penny Watkins at pjwlm@gmail.com)

