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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Look, our bulletin editor sometimes shows his artistic bias. There are a few artists that get featured more than others, no matter how obscure the connection to the readings may be. Rembrandt “Double Dutch” Van Rijn (d. 1669), the cool dude behind this week’s cover of the *Evangelist*, is one such artist. The Gospel mentions a wedding feast, so here’s *The Wedding of Samson*. An apt connection? Probably not, but Rembrandt can do no artistic wrong (unlike our editor’s streaky Fantasy Football Team, which mustered a disappointing outing last week and brought things down to a barely-respectable 2-2.)

WE ARE LOOKING for a few good people to join our Money Counter Ministry. This volunteer duty includes a high level of confidentiality; the time commitment would be at least one, 1-1.5 hour sessions per month. The group meets Mondays, from about 8:30 to 9:45 AM. Call Jill in the office to learn more, 651-645-5717, or email her at jschmidt@onestrongfamily.org.

OUR MINISTRY FAIR takes place after the 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday Masses this week. But if you couldn’t make it out, you can always learn more about the various ways to get involved at onestrongfamily.org/ministry.

THE PARISH CENTER will be closed this coming Friday (Oct 16) for MEA weekend, so be sure to send any time-sensitive Nathan Cicero fan mail in by Thursday.

THE CATHOLIC ADVANCE MOVEMENT, the lay movement of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, is hosting a morning of reflection on October 17. The event consists of one talk, time for silent meditation and small group discussion. All are invited to attend. Please visit onestrongfamily.com/MOR to learn more and RSVP.

WITH ELECTIONS upon us, the USCCB draws our attention to the moral responsibility Catholics have when they participate in our political system. Their letter, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States,” is a valuable read for all who plan on voting or conscientiously withholding their vote from the upcoming election. We’ve linked to this resource: stmark.xyz/vote

THE NEXT CCW DEANERY MEETING will take place virtually on October 15. Visit onestrongfamily.org/ccw to learn more.

OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY has begun--but there’s still time to join. The study, an exploration on what we can learn from the Biblical depiction of the Temple, meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The study takes place both in person (in the gym) and online, and runs until November 10. To learn more and sign up, visit onestrongfamily.org/biblestudy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT 17 OCT *Fall Cleanup Day | 9:00 AM | Parish Campus*
The Parish Festival Committee is hosting a Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 17. Join your fellow parishioners as we take some time to serve as good stewards to the beautiful buildings and grounds of our Parish. Visit the website to learn more and sign up.

SAT 24 OCT *High School Ignite Bonfire | 6:00 PM | Rectory Garden*
Attention high school students: join us on Saturday, October 24 for a bonfire and Lectio Divina. We’ll begin the evening at 6:00 PM, and should wrap up around 7:30 PM. Email the Ignite Team at ignite@onestrongfamily.org to learn more and sign up.

Please visit www.onestrongfamily.org to see all the other great goings-on.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Humberto Palomino, PES, Pastor

Consoling the Heart of a King



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, our Lord tells the parable of a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Those who were invited did not come, some ignoring the invitation and some violently opposing it. In response, the king sent his servants out into the streets to invite all who they could find. Why would those privileged invited guests reject the king's invitation? It was going to be the biggest party of the year—a chance to enjoy the best food and wine, and to be in the presence of the king. Perhaps the invited guests didn't know how wonderful it would be. Or maybe they thought they knew, but were busy with their own interests and imagined they had a better offer somewhere else. Maybe some of them just didn't care about the king. He wasn't relevant to their lives.

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

When we think about what these would-be guests missed, for whatever reason, our hearts should feel compassion. And when we see this parable for what it is, an analogy for the kingdom of heaven, our compassion for those who reject the invitation of God should grow. St. Paul compared the Church to the human body, saying that “if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” [1 Cor 12: 26] We can never be indifferent to the situation of others, and especially to those who are far from God. We should share their struggles and suffering, as if they are our own.

Our Lord desires to fill heaven with those he has so generously called. He waits for the response of each of us to his invitation. When we see those around us rejecting God, perhaps out of their ignorance or self-focus, and sometimes with open hostility, our hearts should want to console the Heart of our King. We should want to love him, for those who refuse to do so. We should want to come more eagerly to the banquet, to show him that he is loved and to bring a little relief to his pierced Heart.

This is the core of our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a parish family. The Heart of Jesus doesn't suffer out of self-pity for unrequited love. Rather, our Lord saw from the cross (and sees now) that by refusing to accept his love, we harm ourselves. Our Lord doesn't feel sorrow for his own sake (as we might imagine an earthly king pouting because no one will come to his party), but for ours. He is sorrowful because of all the blessings we are missing or throwing away. Our Lord said to St Faustina, “The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause me when they do not want to accept them!”

REPAIRING FOR THOSE WHO REJECT GOD

Last week I reminded you about the prayer that the angel taught the shepherd children at Fatima: “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love thee.” Asking pardon is at the heart of what it means to repair for the rejection of God by others.

We repair simply by loving our Lord, for those who do not love him. One way we can do this is by visiting him in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord told St Faustina, “I desire to bestow my graces upon souls [from the tabernacle] but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to me as often as you can and take these graces they do not want to accept.” As we begin to emerge from this pandemic, we are gradually adding back hours in our Adoration Chapel. There are several hours in need of adorers, which can be viewed on our website's adoration page, onestrongfamily.org/adoration. Why not commit to an hour each week, for the sake of souls?

When we love our Lord, we love what he loves and share his desire that all come to the banquet of heaven. Mary, our Mother, desires this most perfectly. Let's ask her to give us the grace to desire it with her.

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

Music Matters: Why the Organ?



Take a moment to consider the organ and its use in the Liturgy. Is it something you associate deeply with the Church? Does it inspire awe and remind you of the majesty of God and His creation? Or perhaps it is a reminder of a bygone era. Whatever your opinion, the fact that the pipe organ and its use are controversial in today's Church speak to its power as an instrument, as well as the power of liturgical music to shape the way we construe the liturgy.

At the root of all liturgical music, we find the human voice. Singing has been an integral part of the liturgy since antiquity, and its legacy continues in today's worship, whether it's a chant, hymn, choral piece, or other musical work. In fact, "Sing to the Lord," the USCCB's document on Sacred Music, reminds us that "Musical instruments in the Liturgy are best understood as an extension of and support to the primary liturgical instrument, which is the human voice."

What better "extension" is there, then, than the organ, an instrument that makes sound in such a similar way? Whether it's speaking or singing, we produce sound by passing air through our vibrating vocal folds, thus emitting discernible sound, and in the case of singing, discernible pitch. The organ as an instrument essentially takes this same process and multiplies it by the thousands: air is passed through pipes, causing it to vibrate and produce sound, albeit on a much larger scale. Unlike our voices though, organs have an unlimited supply of air, and can hold a note indefinitely without having to "breathe" - differentiating them from a piano or a guitar in which the sound begins to decay as soon as the string is struck. Also similar to our voices, and dissimilar to other instruments, is the organ's ability to produce a wide variety of tonal colors. The organist has a whole orchestra at their fingertips, a point which is not lost on Pope Benedict XVI, who says the organ "gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation" and "the manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God." If these two principles are not central to the Liturgy, I don't know

what is! It is for all of these reasons that the Church has always considered the pipe organ the most fitting instrument for liturgical use.

"What about pianos and guitars?" you may ask. "Congas, tambourines, electric basses, accordions, and digeridoos are cool too!" And in a non-liturgical context, I wholeheartedly agree (with the exception of accordions, perhaps). Whatever your personal preferences might be regarding these instruments and their inclusion in the Liturgy, I think the more important issue is the manner in which they're played, and the musical style which they infer. *Musicam Sacram*, a Vatican document, states: "The use of other musical instruments [besides the pipe organ] may also be admitted in divine worship...provided that the instruments are suitable for sacred use, or can be adapted to it, that they are in keeping with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful." I would argue that due to their secular connotations and common styles of playing, some instruments do not meet the above standard. But, if you'd like to make a case for your digeridoo, we can talk. It should be noted, too, that it is possible to play the organ in a style that would not be "in keeping with the dignity of the temple." (Google "Washington National Cathedral Organists play 'Baby Shark'" and you'll see my point.)

It is my hope that clarity on sometimes divisive liturgical music issues can lead to greater understanding amongst people with different liturgical preferences.. St. Mark's has a beautiful pipe organ, and I think that behooves us to take full advantage of it. At the same time, I don't think we can exclude other instruments without exception. In the end, I believe an approach grounded in the teachings and documents of the Church, always taking their context into consideration, will lead us toward a uniquely Catholic vision of liturgical music.

-- Nathan Cicero is the Music Director for the Church of St. Mark. He keeps entering these Charlie Chaplin lookalike contests, even though he looks nothing like Charlie Chaplin. The rest of the staff is completely bewildered by the practice. We're not even sure he likes Charlie Chaplin. Anyway, you can email him at ncicero@onestrongfamily.com

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

7 AM

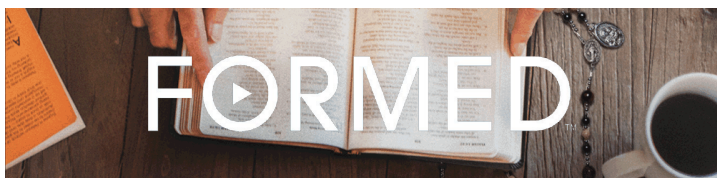
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 F: Susan Kaiser
 S: +Jake Navin (8 AM)

10 AM

+Naida Anderson
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Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to prayers@onestrongfamily.org and we'll be sure to pray for you!

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OUR RCIA ENCOUNTER PROGRAM has begun! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith, visit our website (onestrongfamily.org/RCIA) or send an email to RCIA@onestrongfamily.org.

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

- St. John Paul II

Our goal is to have at least two adorers every hour the chapel is open:

Monday: 10:30 AM to 8 PM

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM to 8 PM

Please consider committing to one hour a week with the Blessed Sacrament.

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HOLY HOUR

CONSOLING HIS SACRED HEART

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TIME: 7pm
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MINISTRIES, LITURGIES, & EVENTS

40 Days for Life

Thank you to all who have given your time so far to this life-saving effort. Our final adopted day is **Thursday, October 22**. To learn more and sign up for an hour of peaceful vigil, visit our website, **onestrongfamily.org/40days**. As always, we invite the entire parish to keep the victims of this ongoing tragedy in your prayers in a special way during this time.

CCW Advent Candle Sale



“OH NO!” you think at Mass on the 1st Sunday of Advent. “I didn’t get any Advent candles. Again!” St. Mark’s CCW wants to help you this year. For \$8.00 you can order a package that will include 4 Advent candles and an Advent prayer book which includes prayers for the lighting of the candles on the Sundays of Advent, as well as reflections for each day of the season.

We will have a limited number available so place your order early. To order, call or email Eileen Moore at 612-483-2973 or edmmoore49@gmail.com. You can pay when you pick them up. The packages will be available for pick up on Sundays, November 15th and November 22nd in Carolyn Hall after the masses. Proceeds will go to the Appalachian Christmas Program; one of the many organizations our CCW supports.

ST. MARK’S PRESCHOOL

ST. MARK’S PRESCHOOL offers full-day and half-day programs, up to five days a week. To learn more about Preschool at St. Marks and to schedule a tour visit our website or contact Gayane Manukyan, our Preschool Director:

651-644-5030

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Director of Mission Alison Kaardal



It isn’t every day you get to come home again!

I was thrilled when I was asked to consider returning to the Saint Mark’s staff, as the volunteer Director of Mission. My family and I have been members of this parish since 2012, and for four years I had the blessing of working as the Parish Life Coordinator. In that role, I helped the leaders of our wonderful ministries and apostolates to do their work, and have missed their passion and enthusiasm for the mission we share. It’s good to be back, at least part time.

For those of you I haven’t met yet, I hope to have that pleasure soon. My husband and I live two blocks from the Church with our eight children, three cats and a puppy. This parish is truly our family and we feel very blessed!

*Email Alison is the new Director of Mission at St. Mark’s.
 Email her at akaardal@onestrongfamily.org.*

Help Expand Our Adoration Hours



OUR SCHEDULE for Eucharistic Adoration is currently Monday from 10:30 AM - 8:00 PM, and from Tuesday - Friday, from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. But this wasn’t always the case! In fact, before the pandemic St. Mark’s hosted perpetual adoration on weekdays.

The graces found in Adoration cannot be overstated, and it is our goal as a Parish to expand out access to this grace as much as we are able. In an effort to work back toward perpetual Adoration, we have added an 6-7 AM hour and an 8 - 9 PM hour, and we will continue to add hours where possible. If you can commit to an hour, call the Parish Center or visit our adoration page: **onestrongfamily.org/adoration**.

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CELEBRATIONS

Mass:

Saturday Evening Mass: 5 PM
 Sunday Mass: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday: 10 AM; Tuesday-Friday: 7 AM, 10 AM
 Saturday: 8 AM

Confession:

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM; Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30-9 AM, 10:30-11 AM

Rosary: Daily after 10 AM Mass (except funeral Masses)

SACRAMENTS

Detailed information about Sacraments and Sacramental preparation can be found at onestrongfamily.org/sacraments or by contacting the Parish Center.

BAPTISMS are celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM (exceptions for holidays or major parish events). You must register for Baptism at least one month before your desired date. If this is your first child being baptized in the Catholic Church a Baptism preparation class is needed at least two months before the Baptism takes place.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE preparation must begin at least six months prior to your wedding date. Weddings are most often celebrated on Saturdays at 2 PM.

IF YOU KNOW OF A CATHOLIC WHO IS HOMEBOUND and would like to receive weekly Communion or have their confession heard, please contact the Parish Center to learn more about our Homebound Ministry.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST: All are welcome to join us in worship at the Church of Saint Mark. Nevertheless, because the Holy Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those Catholics who are in full moral and doctrinal communion with the Catholic Church, are not conscious of any grave unconfessed sin, and who have kept the Eucharistic fast of one hour.

PRO ECCLESIA SANCTA



The Church of Saint Mark is served by the priests, brothers, and sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, which is an institute of consecrated life founded in Lima, Peru in 1992, whose members dedicate themselves to living and promoting the universal call to holiness in the Church. Their motto is *ad maximam trinitatis gloriam*. Everything "for the greatest glory of the Holy Trinity."

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