

Weekday & Sunday Mass Schedules & Mass Intentions for the week of Oct. 9 – Oct. 15

Mon Oct. 9 & Tues. Oct. 10	St. Anthony's 6:30pm	No Mass on Monday
Wed. Oct. 11	St. Augustine's 9:00am	
Thursday Oct. 12	St. Augustine's 9:00am	Florence & Ted LeBlanc – requested by Eric & Pat Christiansen
Saturday Oct. 14	St. Patrick's 4:00pm	Charles Sheppard – requested by Fred & Ann Russell
Sunday Oct. 15	St. Augustine's 9:00am St. Anthony's 11:00am	Pro populo

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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St. Anthony's, Hubbards & St. Patrick's, New Ross*



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Collection for the week of Oct. 1

Envelopes - \$2573.00; Loose - \$247.65 – Total - \$2820.65

Short Reflection on the Gospel...

"When the Church applies this Gospel story merely to Jesus' context, two things happen. A crude conclusion is drawn that the chief priests and elders (and even the Jewish people, as the story was later diabolically interpreted) were the source of Christ's rejection. More foolish yet, we Christians presume that we ourselves do not reject Christ in our own lives. At our safe distance, we can shake our heads. See the results of their rejection of Jesus? They are all brought to a bad end, and the prized vineyard is left to others. That's us. We are the inheritors of the new promise. We harvest what Israel did not. It's as simple as that, we think. But if we stop there, the gospel will never strike us. We simply avoid its force.

One of the great virtues of the Hebrew scriptures, and those who conscientiously read them, is that such an easy way out is never taken. The Jews not only recorded the bad news prophets brought; they remembered it and relived it in the telling. That is what Jesus was doing. And that is what we are called to do if we wish to encounter the Word of God.

The parable of the vineyard, in both Isaiah's account and Jesus' reformulation of it for his contemporaries, must in some way be a message given to today's church. Although we believe in Jesus' promise that the armies of hell will not prevail against us, that should not lead us to think that we ourselves cannot squander the gift of the vineyard.

The "always reforming" Church must always ask itself whether it seizes the vineyard inheritance for itself, rather than for the Lord of the harvest. It is only at great peril to themselves that the preacher, the mediator, and the institution, present themselves, rather than the Savior-Son, as the way of salvation. We put our very stewardship at risk if we follow a gospel other than that of Jesus." (Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ; St. Louis University; Online)

"My heart and my prayers, and those of my brother bishops and all the members of the church, go out to the victims of this tragedy and to the city of Las Vegas," he said. "At this time, we need to pray and to take care of those who are suffering," Cardinal DiNardo said. "In the end, the only response is to do good — for no matter what the darkness, it will never overcome the light. May the Lord of all gentleness surround all those who are suffering from this evil, and for those who have been killed we pray, eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

(Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston)

Parish Announcements

There will be no Mass this Monday, October 9, at St. Anthony's.

Reminder to parents – There will be no Sunday School classes today.

Finance Committee Meeting – This Wednesday, October 11, 6:30pm at the Glebe.

Pastoral Council Meeting – Next Wednesday, October 18, 6:30pm at the Glebe.

The prayer shawl group in Chester will meet from 10:00-12 noon on Mondays in the basement meeting room in the Glebe. New members are welcome to join the group, experience is not necessary, members will be happy to offer instructions.

Community Harvest Supper hosted by the Ladies of St. Anthony's and St. Luke's, **Friday, October 27th**, St. Anthony's Church Hall from 4:30 - 6:30. Come and enjoy baked beans, ham, scalloped potato, homemade bread, preserves, and pies. Adults \$12.00, Children 5 -12 yrs. \$5.00 and under 5 free.

Diocesan Announcements

The Community Collection will take place on October 22 & November 26. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year's collections. Funds raised will support the following areas:

- The Ministry of Care and Companionship;
- Chaplains (University, Hospital, and Prison);
- Catechetics;
- Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax;
- Assistance to Parishes;

Please Note: The Community Collection replaces the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the Needs of the Canadian Church collections.

On October 28, 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 6476 Bayers Road, Halifax, the Franciscans of Halifax are hosting a concert of classical music, featuring local musicians. Proceeds of this concert go toward further education for the Franciscan brothers and sisters. Reserve seats online at www.franciscansofhalifax.com or by calling Sr. Edith at (902) 717-2012. Payment can be made online or by cash at the door, \$20 per person.

