

Mass Intentions from September 24-30, 2022

Sat. Sept 24/4:30 p.m.	Sean & Danny Shannon	- Erin Shannon
Sun. Sept 25/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Renato Orsini John Pinto Eileen Shanahan Liliane Chung-Pin-Yong Pasqualina & Casimiro Boni	-Teresa Baird - Mrs. Orsini - Daphne Pinto - Shanahan & Scott families - Jeanine & Jacqueline - Giuseppe & Angela Palmarella
Wed. Sept 28/10:00 a.m.	Speedy Recovery for Kamal Sereviratne - Kahawita family	
Feast - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael (Archangels)		
Thu. Sept 29/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi	
Memorial - St. Jerome		
Fri. Sept 30/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird	

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

“At his gate there lay a poor man.”

First Reading (Amos 6:1.4-7) The good times are over. Indulgence and excess are false securities and cannot save.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16) We, like Jesus, are called to give witness to the truth, to fight the good fight of the faith.

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31) The choices we make in this life are crucial: it is not enough simply to avoid doing evil. We are called to share with those in need.

Reflection: Wealth and poverty could be the focus of today's readings, but so could the attitude one has towards possessions or the lack thereof. Amos condemns the complacency of the rich of his day who seek only fine things for themselves at the cost of others. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that GOD cares for the lowly, the poor, and the suffering. In the Second Reading, Paul encourages his protégé, Timothy, to pursue the virtuous life. Jesus, in the Gospel, relates the parable of the rich man who fails to even meet the basic needs of the poor Lazarus, and then realizes, all too late, that Lazarus enjoys eternal riches while he suffers eternal want because of the attitudes each had on earth and their actions resulting from their attitudes.

Familiarity makes the unimaginable seem normal. Today we are reminded of the danger of being blinded by selfishness and wealth. When we hear Amos and the story of Lazarus, it is tempting for us in the developed world to feel guilty about our lifestyles, for we are the rich. Faced with the complex problems of the world debt, hunger and under-development, we often feel unable to do much except give money to charity. But do we even see those who are poor at our own gates, or are we deaf and blind to their needs? Do we recognize poverty in our cities, the vagrants, those who are homeless sleeping rough, the people trapped in their homes because they have no money to go out? Do we recognize the poverty of the people perhaps sitting in the pew in front of us? Not just material poverty but emotional poverty: loneliness, depression, the helplessness of the mother who feels trapped at home? Once we really see the poor and recognize their humanity, it is impossible to remain blind to their needs and deaf to their pleas.

We can use what we have to help them.



BBQ...
**THIS SUNDAY,
AFTER THE 10 A.M. MASS.**

Tickets - Adults \$10 each
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Kids 6 and under enjoy for free!



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving Thanks to the Lord.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.

We are here to serve you.

**For the love of money
is the root of all evil:
which while some
coveted after, they
have erred from the
faith, and pierced
themselves through
with many sorrows.**

1 Timothy 6:10 KJV

Parish Income and Expenses for the period January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

Income	
Parish Collections	\$ 25,962.66
Other Donations	\$ 20,029.73
Income from Services	\$ 4,756.00
Rental Income	\$ 4,896.12
Total Income	\$ 55,644.51
Expense	
Salaries and payroll costs	\$ 40,524.52
Priest salary paid by St. Joseph Parish	-\$ 9,506.10
CEWS - Government Wage Subsidy	-\$ 3,973.68
Religious Activities	\$ 4,968.00
Financial & Administrative	\$ 8,118.73
Office	\$ 3,726.07
Major Repairs	\$ 41,729.70
Heating	\$ 4,802.80
Electricity	\$ 3,246.06
Security system	\$ 436.48
Minor Repairs	\$ 3,477.55
Supplies	\$ 718.21
Landscaping & Snow Removal	\$ 5,444.22
Diocesan Contributions	\$ 6,000.00
Expenses shared by St. Joseph's Parish	-\$ 12,693.90
Total Expense	\$ 97,018.66
Net Income (Deficit)	-\$ 41,374.15

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity in supporting St. Richard's over the years. As you can see above, we are in a financial deficit situation mainly due to two reasons:

- 1) Our Sunday attendance has come down by about forty percent.
- 2) We had major expenses of repairing and painting the church walls and caulking of the windows.

The sharing of the priest's salary and St. Richard's expenses by St. Joseph's Parish and government subsidies have helped us to reduce the deficit.

Increasing the Sunday attendance is of primary importance for the Parish to sustain and exist. We should have at least 150 to 200 people. Some of our parishioners, who stayed away due to the pandemic, have not returned.

There are others, who, perhaps do not realize the importance of their presence at Sunday Mass and their support of the Parish. We have to encourage them to come and grow stronger for ourselves and for the future of our children.

Please talk to your families, neighbors, friends and invite them to attend Sunday Mass at St. Richard's.

God bless you.

Fr. George Joseph, Parochial Administrator