

October 21, 2018

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."
Mark 10: 35-45

Maddy's summer internship

This past summer, 17-year-old Maddy Wilford was a volunteer intern at Broward Health North Hospital in Parkland, Florida - the hospital that saved her life last February.

Maddy was shot several times during the February 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. When EMTs found her in a classroom, she was so weak they thought she was dead. She was brought to Broward Health North bleeding from her lungs, with broken ribs and injuries to her tendons and muscles in her arms. She underwent five surgeries in two days. But Maddy survived and returned to school this fall. Maddy spent this past summer interning with the surgeon who treated her. "With my injuries, I would have been dead," Maddy says. "The work they performed on me, and how quickly I recovered - it made me become more interested."

Seventeen students, teachers and coaches were killed at Parkland. Maddy is part of another group: the 17 who were shot and survived and are now finding their way forward. Some of the 17 have recovered quickly and returned to school; for others, the wounds are deeper and the healing is slower. Maddy is doing OK: her physical wounds have healed, but she still gets tired faster than she used to. She suffers from the occasional panic attack when a sudden loud noise goes off (such as a fire alarm); she finds it difficult to stay focused, but she's determined to do well this school year.

While other Park land students became active in the anti-gun violence movement, Maddy has found her focus on medicine "because that's what I understand."

"Some people would go through what [Maddy] went through and never want to set foot in a hospital again," her father, David, says. But for Maddy, returning to the hospital has only reinforced her interest in medicine. And the summer experience seemed to help her heal by showing her how to allay the pain of violence and illness. Working in the hospital this summer was a transformative experience for Maddy. During her internship she saw a man die of stab wounds. She watched as doctors performed one of the surgeries that saved her own life. She snipped excess threads from sutures and learned how to identify a patient's veins on an ultrasound. She scrubbed in to watch a vascular surgeon graft a floppy bovine artery onto a vein in a patient's arm. At one point, blood soaked the blanket covering the patient, but Maddy was unfazed. She held the patient's skin taut as a surgical assistant placed a row of staples into the patient's arm. She saw both the dedicated skill and the uncompromising compassion possessed by every good doctor and nurse.

Maddy had taken the first step in realizing her dream of practicing the kind of medicine that saved her life.

In the care she received, Maddy Wilford was inspired by the professionalism and generosity of heart and spirit of the dedicated doctors, nurses and staff at Broward Health North. In today's Gospel, Jesus extols that same spirit of selfless service that Maddy saw in the medical staff at Broward: to put ourselves and our skills at the service of those in need, of the suffering, of the victims of violence and injustice. Only in imitating the servanthood of Christ do we experience the true depth of our faith; only in embracing his compassion and humility in our lives do we enable the Spirit of God to renew and transform our world in God's life and love.

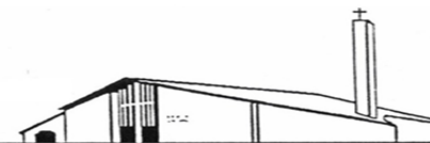
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ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays from 1:30 am until 2:30 pm.
RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request

MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M.
Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON
1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M.
3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. Last Monday of every month from Sept - May *Please call to register*

MASS FOR THE SICK. Every First Friday of the month

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.

Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,

FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM

RECEIVED WITH THANKS OCT. 13 & 14:

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,047.65
Capital Repairs	\$ 130.50
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 5.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE: For the intentions of Marcus Benoit as requested by Theresa Gould.

SCENT-FREE : Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

PRIEST'S RETREAT: Bishop Hundt and the priests of the Diocese will be on spiritual retreat from Monday, October 22nd to Friday, October 26th. Please join in praying for God's blessings upon them in their annual journey of spiritual renewal.

CHURCH HOURS : Please note that for the week of October 22nd to 26th there will be no Mass. The Church will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Thank you for your understanding.

MEMORIAL MASS: There will be a Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. in remembrance of family members who have passed away. Those who have died in this parish in the past year will have their names printed on the program and read aloud at this special Mass. If you have family members who have died away, you may call the parish office at 643-2523 to register their names. There will also be cards available at the back of the Church for the names of family members who died previous to November 2017. These cards will be presented at the altar at this Mass. The 9:30 a.m. Mass and Adoration for that day will be cancelled.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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Yr 2 (Group A) Monday, **October 22** at 6:00 pm
Yr 2 (Group B) Tuesday, **October 23** at 6:00 pm
Yr 3 (Group A) Monday, **October 29** at 6:00 pm
Yr 5 & 6 Thursday **October 25** at 6:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience to Him in response to His overwhelming love and mercy. In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this "ransom" means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do with them. And He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him. This is why service for the Christian Steward is not an add-on to our already busy lives. It *is* our life. Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so?

STEPHENVILLE FOOD BANK: Would like to thank everyone for their generosity. October Suggested item is "CEREALS". All donations of any foods are welcome.

THE ROSARY: The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best-known and most popular forms of prayer that we have as Catholics. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. There are four sets of "Mysteries of the Rosary" (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious), therefore containing a total of twenty mysteries. Over the centuries, the Rosary has grown into a timeless family prayer, one that has been prayed by billions of souls in countless languages around the world. At literally every moment of the day, in almost every corner of the earth, Catholic faithful pray the rosary. If you aren't sure of how to say the Rosary, you can visit the web site *Come, Pray the Rosary*, an online video Rosary for participation in worldwide or individual prayer

OUR LADY OF MERCY COMPLEX: The Committee is very excited to announce another fantastic evening of music. With a group of phenomenal local singers/musicians and several sold out shows earlier this year, Voices of Fleetwood Mac will be performing at Our Lady of Mercy Gym in Port au Port on Saturday, October 27 at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Debbie's Video and Elaine's Variety. Doors open at 7pm.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October, which this year is October 21. The theme this year is *Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all*. On this day we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. We would encourage you to be as generous as possible in the special collection taken up in support of the Church's missionary work. Visit www.rcchurch.com for more about World Mission Sunday.

CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS:

With the winter approaching us we want to remind you, as is the practise throughout the diocese and in all parishes, including the cathedral parish, **daily mass will be cancelled on days when schools are closed**. If school is closed for the morning and morning mass has been scheduled, mass too is cancelled. If schools are closed for the afternoon, any evening masses scheduled are also cancelled.

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

CHASE THE ACE: Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Chase the Ace fundraiser. This event is held on Sunday with ticket sales starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 3:45 pm with the draw taking place at 4 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Knights of Columbus will be reciting the Holy Rosary each Sunday evening at 7:00p.m. for the month of October. All Brother Knights and Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

AL-ANON: If anyone is interested in Al-Anon (family and friends of problems drinkers) you may call 646-5503 or 643-6153 for time and place of meetings. Please phone before meeting during winter months to confirm during winter months due to possible weather.

LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS 2019-2020:

Application Forms are now available for the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program for 2019 -20. The Certificate program runs from May 2019 to June 2020, and is both face to face and online. For more information visit www://cwlfcanada.ca. You may also call Rita Janes at 709-722-3860.

BAY ST. GEROGE STATUS OF WOMEN

COUNCIL: The Preserving/Canning Workshop at the Women's Centre will be rescheduled to Nov 1 from 6-8 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. To register please call 643-4444.