



**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

**WHAT DOES IT COST TO ENTER THE KINGDOM?** What will it cost? Can we afford it? These questions surely prey on our minds in these times of recession. So many people have been profoundly disappointed by their financial investments that it seems the words of the first reading were written for our age, "The reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail."

Today's liturgy points us to another kind of economy, the "economy of salvation." I remember wondering, when I first heard that phrase, what on earth economy had to do with salvation. Economy, from the Greek word *oikonomia*, means "the management of a household." The economy of salvation points to how God manages the divine household - the world and all that is in it.

Today's gospel invites us clearly into this divine economy. What does it cost to enter God's household? Everything, up to and including life itself. Know the cost, Jesus warns, or risk being very foolish, like a builder who doesn't calculate the cost of a project, or a politician who leads a nation into war without first determining whether the nation can afford it. God sets the example, giving us the fullness of divine life in Jesus, who in turns gives His life completely.

No doubt we squirm at this kind of investment strategy. The opening and closing prayers point to its reward. "The inheritance you promised" - "sharing God's life for ever." Will we risk everything for this?  
Bernadette Gasslein

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	9/4	4:30 PM	Guilio & Pia Ceriani, Linda Knox by JoAnne & Barbara
Sunday	9/5	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Thomas & Mary Landers, Marguerite & Frederick Miller By Alice & Thomas Landers
Monday	9/6	7:00 AM	Elizabeth Herness by Anna & Joe
		8:00 AM	Evelyn Yaruso by Jerome & Mary Tulanowski
Tuesday	9/7	7:00 AM	Agnes Falatko by Husband & Children
		8:00 AM	Thomas Matisak by Wife & children
Wednesday	9/8	7:00 AM	Margaret Reczkowski by Freeland Historical Society
		8:00 AM	Richard J. Myers by M/M Joseph Polumbo & Daughters
Thursday	9/9	7:00 AM	Robert Krull by Josephine & Jillian Krull
		8:00 AM	Dr. John Zavacki by Mary Lloyd & Anna Mae Gornal
Friday	9/10	7:00 AM	Betty Wydock by Husband & Children
		8:00 AM	Joseph Delese by Sister & Brothers
Saturday	9/11	4:30 PM	Antoinette Medash by Helen Vercusky
Sunday	9/12	7:30 AM	Frances Mooney by Sue Myers
		10:30 AM	For the People

Flowers on Blessed Mother's altar by Mary Fran Chuckra.

Candles on altar in memory of Guilio & Pia Ceriani, Linda Knox by JoAnne & Barbara.

**COLLECTIONS: SUNDAY OFFERING - \$4772.75...CHURCH IN EUROPE - \$545.00...**

**POOR BOX - \$129.63. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for the Care/Education of our Priests.**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY.**

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: SEPT. 11/12**

**4:30 PM - S DELESE**

**10:30 AM - D WIZDA, C MARENCIN, D**

**BROWN**

**7:30 AM - A GABRIELLE, B HOFFMAN**

**DONATION:** In memory of **MICHAEL CHARNIGO**, \$500 by Family.

**BAPTISM:** As a parish, we welcome **MADLINE MARIE DILATUSH**, who will be baptized, Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

**IN SYMPATHY:** As a parish, we offer sympathy and prayerful support to the families of **FRANCES YEFCHAK**, who passed away on August 28<sup>th</sup>... **ANTHONY RISH**, who passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup> and **ANTHONY KOLENSKY**, who passed away on August 31<sup>st</sup>. May they rest in peace.

**WEDDING:** As a parish, we remember in prayer, **TONY JOE PUZZETTI/SHELLY PERRIN**, who are preparing for marriage on September 18, 2010.

**ALTAR/ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING:** Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church lower level. Hostesses for the meeting are: **SUE MYERS AND MARY WOODRING**.

**DAY OF REPARATION:** There will be a DAY OF REPARATION held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. As we pray for reparation of sins of our Church, our Country, and ourselves, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the conclusion of the 8:00 AM Mass until prior to the Mass at 4:00 PM. Special prayers will be offered prior to the Mass and also after the Mass. take time to visit the Blessed Sacrament during the day but if you are unable to make a Visit, then take time to offer prayer during the day. Our first **DAY OF REPARATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meeting Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Safko Center. Please note change of meeting date due to the Labor Day holiday!

**ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Application Forms for the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation are **NOW DUE!** Also, Sponsor Cards should be handed in **IMMEDIATELY**.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:** Begin on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 AM. All students must be registered before the start of classes. Orientation will be held on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in the church. A \$20.00 (per family) registration fee is due at time of registration. Forms are available in the church office, or they can be downloaded on our website - [www.ourladyfreeland.org](http://www.ourladyfreeland.org)

**YOUTH GROUP:** Hoagie-Mania - Parish Center, Friday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 PM. Help is needed to make 300 hoagies for the poor & needy clients at St. Francis Soup kitchen in Philadelphia. If we have enough helping hands it should only take about an hour. Please make every effort to attend and help with this "service project."