

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

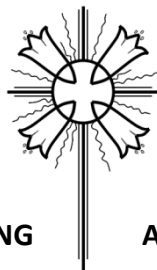
St. Casimir Parish
October, 2017

Almighty God,
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- ***That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.*** (October Papal intention)
- That Bishop Nelson J. Perez be blessed with the support of the faithful as he begins his ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.
- That the Church will be courageous in proclaiming the Word of God for teaching, refutation, correction, and training in righteousness.
- That God will bless our country and that we will remain grateful for every blessing on our nation by using our freedom to help those in need.
- That those in public office will be graced with a spirit of integrity, love, and self-control to carry out on earth the justice of heaven.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That our parish be renewed in faith and joy through a deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the rosary.
- That children be shielded from harmful influences and led into a deep and lasting friendship with Jesus.
- That those facing difficult decisions know that the Lord will be close to them in his mercy.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

- Oct. 6th **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- Oct. 11th **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6:00 –9:00pm in Church
- Oct. 21st **Parish Clambake and Autumn Raffle**, after 5:30pm Mass in the upper hall

SAINT FOR OCTOBER

SAINT JOHN LEONARDI

Priest
(1541 - 1609)

OCTOBER 9th



Reform must begin with high and low alike, with superiors and inferiors. Yet the reformers must look first to those who are set over the rest, so that reform can begin at the point from which it may spread to others.

(St. John Leonardi)

St. John Leonardi was born and grew up in Italy. He studied pharmacy. While using his knowledge in hospitals and prisons, he felt that God was calling him to serve his people and he became a priest. After his ordination John gathered a group of laymen to assist him in the care of the sick and to work for the spiritual good of prisoners. John was also a preacher of renewal and promoted the religious instruction of the young.

John lived in a time of change after the Reformation and the Council of Trent. It was a time of confusion for some Catholics, who were influenced by those denying some of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Many of the young men assisting John became priests, and in 1574 he founded a society of diocesan priests to carry out the mandated renewal of the Council of Trent. He received encouragement and help from St. Philip Neri who gave him lodging.

In 1579 he formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in which a group of priests were dedicated to working in foreign missions. He also published a compendium of Christian doctrine that remained in use until the 19th century. Even though St. John was very involved in the work of spreading the faith, he still kept an interest in helping the sick. It was while taking care of plague victims that he died in Rome at age 68.

Sources: SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS, Loyola University Press; SAINT OF THE DAY, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor; IN HIS LIKENESS, by Rev. Charles E. Yost, SCI, STL



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Justification

#1987 The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to justify us, that is, to cleanse us from our sins and to communicate to us “the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ” and through Baptism.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over Him.

The death he died he died to sin, once for all,

but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Rom 6:8-11)



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“Whoever listens to you ...”

Kierkegaard, a philosopher who loved Jesus very much, affirmed that God has created two categories of people: heroes and poets. The hero is the one who accomplishes great deeds and even does battle with death. The poet does not do impressive deeds, but he sings about the hero and is enthusiastic about the hero; he is as happy as if he were the hero himself, because his own genius can be expressed in sheer admiration and devotion. When he has found his hero, the poet goes from city to city and tells people that they too should admire the hero.

For us, Jesus is our hero, and we should be his poets. I do not mean in the sense that we should write poems about him but in the sense that we are in love with Jesus. The poets speak through their songs and succeed not only in convincing, but in taking others along with them.

Our evangelization should be Pentecostal: It should cause heartstrings to vibrate. In the place where the towers of Babel were first erected and people wanted to make a name for themselves, those towers are demolished and everyone’s name is forgotten. Let us, instead, lift up the name that is above all names and proclaim Paul’s words, *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* (Rom 10:9)

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