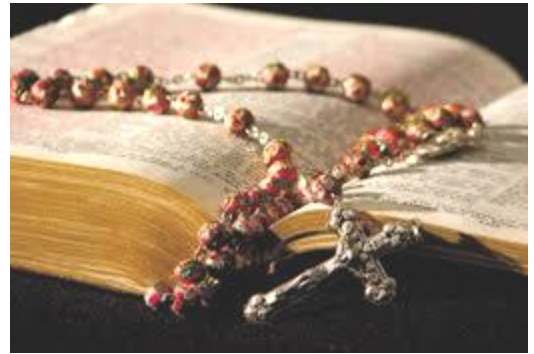


# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish  
October, 2018

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 consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.* (October Papal intention)
- That Church leaders move forward in providing care and ensuring the dignity of each person in their daily ministry and service to the Lord. (Bishop Perez)
- That those who hold public office will imitate the goodness of God who secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.
- That during Respect for Life Month we pray that the life of every person, from conception to natural death, might be protected.
- That our parish will be renewed in faith, hope, and joy as we reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary's life through the mysteries of the rosary.
- 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 families will live for God and grow in God's love.
- That we put ourselves in God's hands in moments of temptation, anxiety, and weakness.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief in its power.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



## AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

October 5<sup>th</sup> **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am

October 10<sup>th</sup> **Eucharistic Adoration**, 6:00-7:00pm in Church

October 27<sup>th</sup> **Annual Clambake and Autumn Raffle** (Upper hall)

### SAINTS FOR OCTOBER

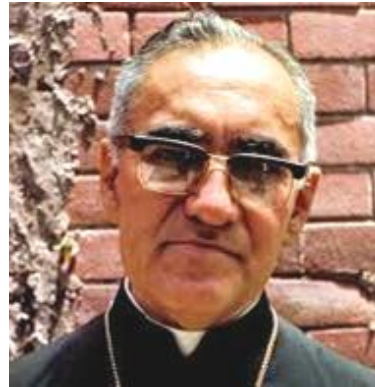
**Pope Paul  
VI**



**Pope  
(1897-1978)**

*“The hungry nations of the world cry out to the peoples blessed with abundance, and the Church, cut to the quick by this cry, asks every man to hear his brother’s plea and answer it lovingly.”* (Paul VI)

**Oscar  
Romero**



**Archbishop  
(1917–1980)**

*“It is not God’s will for some to have everything and others to have nothing.”* (Oscar Romero)

Pope Francis has announced that he will declare Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero saints of the universal church in a ceremony in the Vatican on October 14 during the synod for bishops on young people. They will be canonized along with four other blessed: two Italian diocesan priests (Francesco Spinelli and Vincenzo Romano) and a German and a Spanish nun (Maria Caterina Kasper and Nazaria Ignazia di Santa Teresa di Gesu), both of whom founded institutes for women religious.

Paul VI and Oscar Romero were close to each other in life, and both are revered by Pope Francis. It is fitting that they will be canonized during the synod of bishops on young people. Paul VI brought the Second Vatican Council to a conclusion and later established the Synod of Bishops at the Synod’s request. Archbishop Romero’s ministry was influenced by Paul VI,

the teachings of Vatican II, and the conclusions of the CELAM (Conference of Latin American Bishops) Assembly in Medellin, Columbia, which led him to denounce the violence, torture and poverty in his homeland (El Salvador). His is an inspiring example for bishops and young people of how to live the teachings of the Second Vatican Council with courage through commitment to justice, peace and to the poor, even to the point of martyrdom.

Source: ([www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/05/19](http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/05/19))

*“Pope Francis will canonize Oscar Romero and Paul VI in Rome in October,”* by Gerard O’Connell, May 19, 2018



## THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Justice and Solidarity Among Nations

**#2438** Various causes of a religious, political, economic, and financial nature today give “the social question a worldwide dimension.” There must be solidarity among nations which are already politically interdependent. It is even more essential when it is a question of dismantling the “perverse mechanisms” that impede the development of the less advanced countries. In place of abusive if not usurious financial systems, iniquitous commercial relations among nations, and the arms race, there must be substituted a common effort to mobilize resources toward objectives of moral, cultural, and economic development, “redefining the priorities and hierarchies of values.”

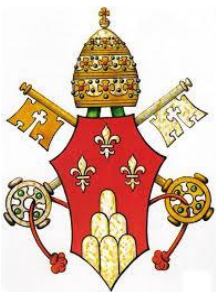


### REFLECTION



## Graces of Mission Sunday

Pope Paul VI



It is appropriate first of all to emphasize the following point for the Church: the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy, and at the same time given to one’s neighbor with limitless zeal. As we said recently to a group of lay people, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are

witnesses.” Saint Peter expressed this well when he held up the example of a reverent and chaste life that wins over even without a word those who refuse to obey the Word. It is therefore primarily by her conduct, and by her life that the Church will evangelize the world, in other words, by her living witness of fidelity to the Lord Jesus – the witness of poverty and detachment, of freedom in the face of the powers of this world, in short, the witness of sanctity.

What is the state of the Church.....? Is she firmly established in the midst of the world and yet free and independent enough to call for the world’s attention? Does she testify to solidarity with people and at the same time to the divine Absolute? Is she more ardent in contemplation and adoration and more zealous in missionary, charitable, and liberating action? Is she ever more committed to the effort to search for the restoration of the complete unity of the Christians, a unity that makes more effective the common witness, “so the world may believe?” We are all responsible for the answers that could be given to these questions.

Source: MAGNIFICAT, Vol. 16, No. 8, Oct. 2014, pp. 283-284.

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**Oscar Romero’s response to the question:  
What is the meaning of the phrase “*option for the poor?*”**



I offer you this by way of example. A building is on fire and you’re watching it burn, standing wondering if everyone is safe. Then someone tells you that your mother and your sister are inside the building. Your attitude changes completely. You’re frantic; your mother and sister are burning and you’d do anything to rescue them even at the cost of getting charred. That’s what it means to be truly committed. If we look at poverty from the outside, as if we’re looking at a fire, that’s not to opt for the poor, no matter how concerned we may be. We should get inside as if our own mother and sister were burning. Indeed it’s Christ who is there, hungry and suffering.”

Source: ([www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/community](http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/community))

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and *St. Martin in the Fields* (English Anglican Church London, England)**