

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 6/7, 2018

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Oct. 8 – FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 7PM – *Do you have your tickets?*

Oct 10 – November 2 – Fr. Linden in the U.S.

Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 13 – Children’s Mass – Introduction of 1st Communion candidates

Oct. 20 – Jesuit Friends and Alumni Celebration – Special Mass and Reception
Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins

Oct. 20/21 – World Mission Sunday

Oct. 26 – End of Daylight Savings Time – Clocks go BACK one hour. (Sweet dreams)
Field Trip/Mini pilgrimage for young people

November 1 – All Saints Day – Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Nov. 1 – 10 – Fr. John away on retreat

Nov. 2 – All Soul’s Day – First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel

Nov. 3 – No First Communion class

Nov. 5 – Feast of All Saints of the Society of Jesus

Nov. 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov. 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia (Patron saint of music)

Nov. 24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King

Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent

Dec 2 – Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center
Advent Day of Recollection

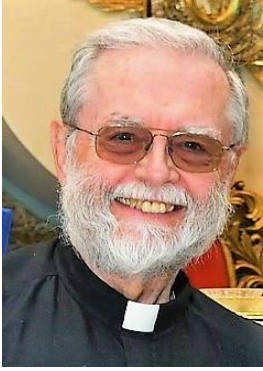


Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Counting the numbers – 5 new Lectors ready to be installed, 16 First Communion candidates, a new and active group involved in the Care for the Poor group and at least one and maybe a second Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We have a group interested in teaching, although we do need some more, and hopefully some older kids to help with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word, and a new Coordinator, so that’s all exciting. We have no new altar servers, and as you can read elsewhere in this edition, I have temporarily abandoned the idea of a musical group, since there are not enough people interested (although if there is anyone interested in alternating as a leader of song, to help Jeff out at Sweifieh or to lead singing at Freres, just let me know.)

We are starting the Children’s Liturgy of the Word, we are planning a day trip for young people, and the 2019 Parish Calendar is in preparation. There are a number of things that will be happening in Advent, including a Day of Recollection, Sunday morning Mass at the Jesuit Center, and a day of recollection for young people. We’ll try again and schedule another “Ask Father John” in November, when I come back from retreat. Things are happening – but there are still a few people doing a LOT and we can use a little help. I pray with my fingers crossed that a few more will step up.

Other events that are on the list but haven’t found a date yet – formally installing Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Vow Renewal for Married Couples, one weekend with the Mass in Latin, and a “narrated” Mass for another weekend, with the explanations of why things are done the way they are when we celebrate the Eucharist.

But with all the activity going on, it is also good to remind ourselves that October is one of the two months dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and the Holy Father has made a special request for the faithful to pray the rosary during this month. The rosary is a flexible prayer, in that it can be prayed pretty much anywhere. There are four sets of “official” mysteries but it has also been a long-standing practice in the Church to use other moments in the life of Christ or the life of a favorite saint as the moments for your reflection during the prayer. If you do not pray the rosary on a regular basis, this is a great month to try it out and see what influence it might have in your life right now.

Finally – and this thought is inspired by all the activity I mention above – take care of yourself. Physically, mentally, emotionally – and of course, spiritually. I had a Rector whose favorite saying at the end of a meeting was “Do something good for yourself.” It’s a serious idea, because too often we can spend so much time and energy giving and taking care of others that we don’t re-charge our “batteries,” and we suddenly find ourselves running close to empty. So with everything else going on – do something good for yourself, something you would not normally do, something to raise your spirits and morale and maybe even just to have fun. Do something good for yourself.

As always, let us continue to pray for one another.

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Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Website: Jordanjesuits.org **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST. JOHN XXIII, October 11



This picture of St. John XXIII is one of my favorites, because one of the first things he did as Pope was to get rid of the triple tiara. He was a simple man and worked during his short papacy to make things simpler, and more focused on what he felt was really important. He “opened the windows” of the Church, and approached his work with a sense of humor – his motto was “Obedience and Peace.”

One of the more famous lines of his was when he was asked how many people worked in the Vatican. He answered, “About half.”

After the long papacy of Pius XII, the cardinals were in favor of a shorter reign, a transitional time. Little did they think that Cardinal Roncalli of Venice would revolutionize the Church. One of 13 children, he entered the seminary at the age of 12, left to fulfill a military obligation and returned to finish a doctorate in theology. He was ordained in 1904. In 1915 he was recalled to the military as a chaplain, and when he left in 1918 was appointed spiritual director at a seminary.

In 1921 he was called to Rome to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Nominated titular archbishop of Areopolis and apostolic visitor to Bulgaria (1925), he immediately concerned himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches. Transferred in 1934 to Turkey and Greece as apostolic delegate, he set up an office in Istanbul for locating prisoners of war. In 1944 he was appointed nuncio to Paris to assist in the Church's post-war efforts in France, and became the first permanent observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing its sixth and seventh general assemblies in 1951 and 1952. In 1953 he became cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and expected to spend his last years there in pastoral work. He was correcting proofs of the synodal Acts of his first diocesan Synod (1958) when he was called to Rome to participate in the conclave that elected him pope.

In his first public address Pope John expressed his concern for reunion with separated Christians and for world peace. In his coronation address he asserted "vigorously and sincerely" that it was his intention to be a pastoral pope since "all other human gifts and accomplishments—learning, practical experience, diplomatic finesse—can broaden and enrich pastoral work but they cannot replace it." One of his first acts was to annul the regulation of Sixtus IV limiting the membership of the College of Cardinals to 70; within the next four years he enlarged it to 87 with the largest international representation in history. Less than three months after his election he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an ecumenical council for the universal Church, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; Vatican Council II was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963.



His progressive encyclical, *Mater et Magistra*, was issued in 1961 to commemorate the anniversary of Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum*. *Pacem in terris*, advocating human freedom and dignity as the basis for world order and peace, came out in 1963. He elevated the Pontifical Commission for Cinema, Radio, and Television to curial status, approved a new code of rubrics for the Breviary and Missal, made notable advances in ecumenical relations by creating a new Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and by appointing the first representative to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in New Delhi (1961). In 1960 he consecrated fourteen bishops for Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The International Balzan Foundation awarded him its Peace Prize in 1962.

He died on June 3, 1963 and on the 27th of April, 2014 he and Pope John Paul II were canonized by Pope Francis.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVERTISING

For the 2019 SACRED HEART CALENDAR
Calendar - 1/2 page 60 JOD, Full page 100 JOD
Deadline November 15
We print 800 copies, for sale and free distribution

Contact Fr. John for more information,
and to make a space reservation. First
come, first served.

FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS!

October 8 is the date – as this newsletter goes to the printer (Wednesday October 3rd) the theatre is SOLD OUT. That's the good news for me – but if you didn't get a ticket, bad news for you. No tickets at the door. We will not add seats in the aisle at the last minute – they are a safety hazard and we are not willing to take the chance. Maybe next time, if there is a next time.

FIELD TRIP/MINI PILGRIMAGE for Young Adults

On Friday, October 26 we will be sponsoring a mini pilgrimage to some of the more famous and fascinating spots in our area – Mt. Nebo (where the mosaics shed light on what life was really like in the time of Christ) Madaba (one of the first tourist maps in the world) and Macchaerus, where the head of John the Baptist was presented to Herod. We'll have lunch at a great restaurant overlooking a valley, where there is also a museum and a terrific mosaic workshop and gift shop. I don't have the cost yet – waiting for information from a couple of folks – but we will all go together by bus, and all costs will be included in the ticket price. Open to young people from age 10 up and room for a couple of adults to balance things out. Detailed information next week – and procedure for registering. Save the date!!!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word on October 20th at Sweifieh. At the beginning of Mass, all the children (ages 4 to 7, and older children who are helping) will come down front and received a blessing, and head up to the "silent room" for their own Liturgy of the Word. They will return at the offertory and rejoin their parents.

To make this work, we do need three or four more adults who are willing to spend some time with the children sharing the Bible stories with them. And we do ask parents to sign up their children, so we can have adequate materials and teachers/helpers. There is a form for signing up the children in this newsletter, and if you are interested in helping out – please send an email so we can alert you for the meeting of teachers prior to the first class.

CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP – REPORT

There was a very good meeting of this group and the next gathering will be on Friday, October 19 at 3 PM at the Jesuit Center. All are welcome – it is a help if we know you are coming so we can have materials ready and leave directions at the Center to find where we are meeting.

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CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP – REPORT *(Continued from previous page)*

After a review of last year's activities, the group discussed possible avenues for the future. Goal is to determine a community we can best serve and create continuity with. All ideas will be welcome at next meeting where decisions are expected to be made on the target community and more of the specific projects where next steps and tasks will be assigned.

Ideas proposed included:

To remember: we want this to be a parish project that engages the whole parish.

- Advent "Piggy Banks" Go downtown, buy piggy banks with a Bible verse and give to parishioners to take home and then collect around Christmas. Priority to be given to families with children. All welcome though.
- Good for us to be very specific about what the donations will go to, people will be more generous.
- Perhaps we also have a similar contribution during Lent (Mite Box)
- Try and involve members of community.
- Baby boxes for mothers
- Cash for emergencies (hesitation about cash giving however)
- Work with Sisters who make community home visits?
- Projects: paint a classroom, refurbish a home or apartment.
- Ruseifa or Ajloun outreach for orphanages.
- Education: helping with math, English. There is a need for children who have been out of school.
- Identifying a target community and building a relationship. Bible study group going on 16th, so there may be an opportunity to begin engaging community then.
- Support to victims of abuse in safe houses. Currently there are 8 families in Ajloun receiving this support.
- Community in Ma'in from last year: request aid to support transportation to school in Madaba and kerosene heaters.

THE "DEATH" OF AN IDEA

As many of you know I love music, and I think that music should be an important part of the Mass. The singing of the congregation has been magnificent, and I look forward to hearing the raised voices each week. I have hoped since I first came to try and have a group of singers who would rehearse each week and provide an additional dimension of beauty to the singing. For a short while we did have a small group who added significantly to some of the Holy Week services and the First Communion Mass.

I was hopeful that when we all returned, even though we had lost some of our voices, that new voices would replace them. We had two meetings this week for those who were interested and I am forced to admit the obvious – there is simply not enough interest to sustain a group of singers to augment the liturgy. I may try again at some point in the future, perhaps for Holy Week - I am nothing if not stubborn – but for the moment, I have to concede that there is simply not enough support for a "choir."

For those who did come out, thank you.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE JESUIT CENTER

The Jesuit center will start basketball (clinic and competitive teams) in Nazareth School, Jabal Al Hussein. Start: 11 October, Finish 7 December. The finals will be Friday 7 December at 6:30 Pm

No previous experience needed; instruction and competition; 18-35 years old; women and men both welcome; days of activity are usually Thursday afternoons and Fridays. Days of training: Thursday and Friday from 4:00 Pm – 8:00 Pm.

Registration will be Friday 5 October at 4:00 Pm in Jesuit Center - Large hall, but if you call Raed Awwad and identify yourself as from the parish, you will be allowed to register late. For more information Please call Raed Awwad 0796793436. Please tell your Friends. Please Note: Only for those between 18 years to 35 years old. First-time participants get priority.

OCTOBER

1	Paul Kiechlin
6	Jose Daniel Cerezo Gamarra
7	Michael Jude George
9	Mary Worzala
10	Candy Delos Santos Ines Christine Mpamy Badiane
12	Tatiana Pak-Corbin
17	Andrew Petrovich Jessie Pechmann
18	Paul Frederic Badiane
22	Karen Rosario-Hopkins



A REQUEST FROM FATHER ANTON

At Sweifieh, Father has put in a new gate connecting the back parking lot with the Church. It is unlocked from 7 AM until 7 PM but closed. If you come through that gate, he asks that you please close it behind you. For several reasons, including security, he is trying to limit the “traffic” from people who want to use the Church yard as a shortcut. We appreciate your cooperation.

A NOTICE FROM THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network

During this month of October, the Holy Father asks all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray the Rosary every day with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis. In addition, we are invited to pray each day to St. Michael the Archangel to defend us against the attacks of the Devil. According to spiritual tradition, Michael is the chief of the celestial armies and the protector of the Church.

Pope Francis invites us at the conclusion of the Rosary to include the ancient invocation to the Holy Mother of God, “Sub Tuum Praesidium” as well as the traditional prayer to St. Michael ascribed to Pope Leo the XIII, which a number of Bishops are bringing back to be prayed at the end of the Mass.

Under your protection

We fly to Thy protection, O holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

St. Michael prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

You can also send an email with this same information. If you are registered in the Parish, just your name, child’s name and age is enough.

NAME: (Parent – child) _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

AGE OF THE CHILD _____

CHILDREN

Some thoughts – and not just for special occasions

To the parents, grandparents and godparents of our Young Children

May we suggest...

Relax!



God put the wiggle and curiosity in children;

Don't feel you have to suppress it.

All are welcome!

Sit toward the front

where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on.

They can get tired of seeing the backs of adult heads.

Explain the liturgy – before they come, and even during the Mass

The readings – tell us about our history as a people

The Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ coming into the world

Offertory – the people bring their gifts to God

Kneeling – how we pay special honor to God

Holy Communion – Receiving Christ in a special way – and when you are older....

And adults – sing the hymns and say the responses.

Children learn how to behave in Church by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so.

But please come back.

As Christ said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to Christ and ultimately, to one another.

Let them know they are at home.

And for everyone else – especially those who don't have children at Mass –

The presence of children is a gift to the Church,

and a reminder that we are a growing parish,

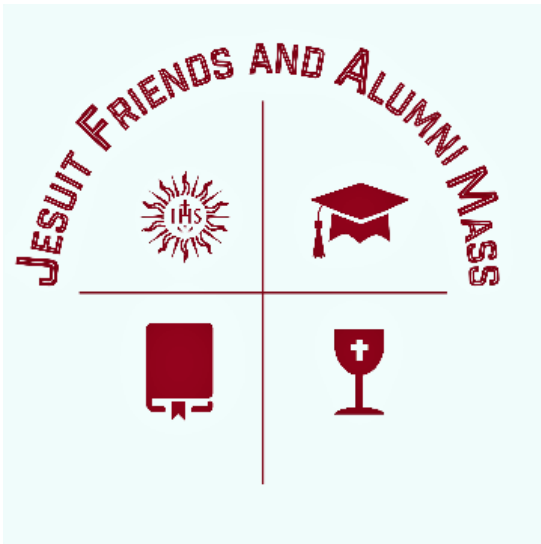
and that our membership is wide and diverse.

Please welcome our children –

and give a smile or a word of encouragement to their parents



For the Children's Mass at Sweifieh next week, the first several rows on the left side of the Church will be reserved for children. Parents can sit near their children if they (the children are nervous) but usually when they are with other children, they end up being ok.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
ST. MARY OF NAZARETH
CHURCH, SWEIFIEH
Mass at 5 pm
6 pm - RECEPTION
AFTER MASS

Sacred Heart Parish - Vicariate of Amman
(English-Language)

A Ministry of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits)

The Jesuit Center – 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

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Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ - Pastor



All Jesuit graduates, past students and friends of the Jesuits are invited to join in a celebration of the work of the Society of Jesus in education around the world. Anyone who has attended a Jesuit school or a Jesuit organization, who has sent children, who is a “fan” of the Jesuits is welcome. It is an opportunity for us all to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Sacred Heart Parish joins with parishes around the world in recognizing those who have experienced the Jesuit approach, and we invite all to join us in this weekend celebration.

PLEASE REGISTER! Let us know you are coming, since Jesuit Alumni and Friends will have reserved seating in the Church, and we would like to include your school or organization in the Mass program for the day. We don't need your phone # or your email, you will not be put on a mailing list (unless you would like to be) but we do need to have a sense of how many people we might expect for the Mass and for the reception. And we DO want to be able to list your school or the place where you encountered the Jesuits.

Please send your registrations and school information to:

PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org or Text to 079 013-8985

PLEASE HELP SHARE THE NEWS OF THIS EVENT AT YOUR EMBASSY, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR WORKPLACE, YOUR GYM OR WHEREVER YOU SOCIALIZE. IT IS SURPRISING HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO A JESUIT SCHOOL, AND WE WANT TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE THOSE SCHOOLS AND INVITE THOSE PEOPLE.