

September 2, 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10am (Interpreted)
Sunday 5pm (when school is in session)

At Mass we remember:

10am: Constance Brucato

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Newman Laughs:

WHEN THEY ANNOUNCE



**FREE REFRESHMENTS
AFTER CHURCH**

The Rochester Institute of Technology Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Men's Organization helping serve the community through charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. For those interested in who we are and what we do, we have a week full of recruitment, and service events. Please see us after mass this weekend in the SAU Room 1829 at 11:30am, or Room 1000 on 9/9 at 2:00pm for how to join. Email at ritkofc@gmail.com, or our website <https://ritkofc14336.wordpress.com> for more details!

Low Ropes Team-Building Night 9/8 6-10pm in Skalny.

Tacos, fun, and low ropes adventure provided by Camp Stella Maris. All are welcome – bring friends, roommates, and random people you find on the way ☺ Sign up after church today or on website by Wednesday 9/5

Welcome Back Brunch 9/9 after 10am mass in Skalny!

Alice will be there! Sign up after mass today or on website by Thursday 9/6! Lots of great food!

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Newman Notes:

Week one of classes is DONE! I hope you all had positive experiences this week as you navigated a new journey and a new year at RIT. I want to tell you a sweet little story about my son that taught me a HUGE lesson.

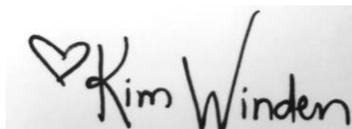
Every time my husband leaves to go anywhere, my son Jackson stares outside almost as if he is zoning out and day dreaming while waving bye-bye to his Daddy. He doesn't seem sad, but rather just perhaps soaking in the moment. So finally, one day while looking at the back of my son's head, I said, "hey buddy, what are you thinking about?" He gave me a big smile, glanced outside, sat up straight with pride, and excitedly announced, "THAT'S MY DAD!" At first I laughed because I thought it was cute, but then I had a moment of clarity. This kid is so proud of his Daddy, and willing to take time away from his playing, his coloring, his breakfast, or whatever other important 5-year-old things he's doing, to admire his father. He's willing to step back, slow down, and reflect on the emotion he's feeling IN THE MOMENT! He, in his tiny little 4-year-old body, is able to put his own wants and needs aside to simply feel the joy and wonder of how happy his father makes him. Wow. Friends - isn't this how we should be when we encounter our amazing Father!? Our God is SURROUNDING us...are we taking the time to recognize His presence and His greatness?

Jeremiah 29:13 - "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." How can we be in communion with God if we don't take the time to recognize His presence? And it's even much more than that! To seek is to ATTEMPT to find something. Not just notice, but to actively search. And we must seek with our WHOLE heart. When I think about doing something with my whole heart, I think of the words AUTHENTICITY and AMBITION. When we passively do something, we are not acting with passion from the heart. So think about this...are you passively attending church, while also going through the routines of your busy life and thinking that's enough? I sure am...very often. I get in ruts where I think I am an active child of God because I go to church, I try to act with kindness, and I pray - sometimes. But what I need to be doing is actively seeking God in my everyday life. When I made this shift a few days ago, I started noticing things. I started noticing that God is much more present in my life than I noticed before. We should - no, we NEED to find ways to seek God in everything we do. We need to take time to stand proud, smile, and say "THAT IS MY GOD!" Even in our busy lives and hectic routines, we need to take a minute to set everything aside and recognize our Father IN THE MOMENT. So what about when things get tough? What about those times that we don't see or feel God's presence?

2 Corinthians 5:7 - "I will walk by faith even when I can not see." Sometimes there are road bumps. OK, let's be real - sometimes there are mountains blocking our sight and making it very difficult to see God. These are the times that we just have to have faith. I could throw a thousand bible verses at you that tell you HOW and WHY and WHEN to have faith, but it all comes down to this simple (yet so incredibly complicated) thing - when things get rough and you are no longer recognizing God's presence, OPEN YOUR HEART and let Him back in! We have this wonderful promise that He is ALWAYS with us...so open your heart and seek Him with your WHOLE heart. Actively. Ambitiously. Whenever I need clarity and a kick in the rear, I think back to one of my favorite song lyrics:

"You can see Him with your heart if you'll stop looking with your eyes."

This is a song called "How Could You Say No?" by Julie Miller, sung by one of my favorite Catholic singers, Steve Angrisano. Every time I hear this line I get chills, because it's SO TRUE! To seek with our whole heart, we can not simply rely on what we see with our eyes. I don't see oxygen, but I know it's there...or I'm pretty sure I would have a little trouble getting through this post. I don't see God, but I know He is there, or I'm pretty sure I would have a little trouble getting through this journey called life. Be well, my friends. Seek God. Notice God. Be proud of your Father, and share that pride and love with those you encounter.



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