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Bernadette's Brew Coffee For a Cause

Open Sundays after morning Masses

Proceeds from Bernadette's Brew benefit *FullCircle*. *FullCircle* is a program for teens and young adults struggling with drugs, alcohol, and other self destructive behaviors. *FullCircle* also provides support to parents and promotes familial healing and positive relationships. To learn more about *FullCircle* and the services available, go to fullcircleprogram.com.

Fr. John's Pasta Sauce

Fr. John's pasta sauce is available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Jars are \$8.50 and come in Divine Tomato Basil and Spicy Arrabiata.

Proceeds benefit *FullCircle*.

Please make checks out to *FullCircle Program*

Chapel Candles

Chapel candles are available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Candles are \$3 each.

Please make checks out to *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

FullCircle

Dear Friends,

I write this on the Feast day of St. John Leonardi (Oct. 9). And why is that important? Well the saint, quite unexpectedly showed up in my life about 8 years ago. Saints are like that, they have a way of insinuating themselves into our spiritual journey, connecting ours to theirs.

I was in Rome, celebrating my 25th Anniversary of Ordination and staying at Casa Santa Marta in Vatican City. Celebrating Mass that October 9th, it was the feast of St. John Leonardi and in Rome it was an obligatory memorial unlike in the US where it is optional. I admit I knew little about the saint. Later that day I headed out to make a stop at a certain tailor in Rome and as I was wandering around trying to find the place it started to rain. I wasn't happy about the rain since I had no umbrella and really dislike being wet and cold. I noticed across the street a small church that had its doors open and bunting and flowers decorating the entrance. So, to get out of the rain I popped in the Church. After I entered, I looked to my left and there was a side altar all decorated and candles lit. Then I noticed under the altar was the body of somebody, probably a saint, as you often find in Roman churches. Upon closer inspection, it was the body of St. John Leonardi.

Coincidence? Did God send the rain so I would stop in that Church and meet my newest patron on his feast day? I didn't need much convincing and so afterwards I studied the life of the saint. He started out in Lucca, near Florence and founded a small religious community which quickly got him exiled by the secular government and he lived and worked the rest of his life in Rome. He had studied to be a pharmacist before becoming a priest. In Rome he first started working with young people who were getting themselves in to trouble and becoming rather delinquent. He wanted to keep them close to the Church and show them how the way of Christ could lead them to happiness.

And so here was I, living far from my hometown, having started a program (FullCircle) for young people who were getting into all sorts of trouble, often with drugs, including pharmaceutical ones. So, it seemed to me that the saint showed up to help me continue my work with young people. I added him to my arsenal of saintly intercessors and patrons.

Around the same time, we were getting requests to open programs in other cities. That of course would take the proper funding and staffing. I kept asking the saint to help. And then about a year later the funding showed up in a very big way to help us open programs in Denver, Kansas City and Atlanta.

I never started out to start a national program. I was trying to find ways to help our parish young people who were being expelled from Catholic High Schools because of their behaviors or drugs usage. I always thought we could do better than expulsion and had a moral obligation to try to find a way to help them and in doing so help our schools deal with some of the problems they were encountering. The principal at the time of Seton High School in Chandler agreed with me and so it started.

Since then FullCircle operates in four different cities and currently serves about 400 families. Parents in those towns have a resource to turn to and teens have a safe place to meet and form peer groups that will support them in their new way of life. We hope someday to be able to meet the requests from other cities to start a Program for their families and teens.

What differentiates FullCircle from other youth programs? First, we are a God centered program. I believe strongly that while our problems are mainly emotional the solutions are always spiritual. We use a modified version of the Twelve Steps for young people as the backbone of the FullCircle Program. Secondly, we also offer the program at no cost to families. Too often cost is the deciding factor for a teen to get the help needed. And very often parents have already expended large sums on other attempts to help their teen. I never want money to be the reason families can't find the assistance they need.

This year we are holding our Annual FullCircle Banquet at OLL for the first time. The Banquet is our biggest fundraiser of the year. You are all invited to participate, learn more about the Program and celebrate with some of our young people and their families who have benefited from the Program.

You too, like St. John Leonardi can help our broken, confused and suffering young people come "full circle". Who knows it may one day be your grandchild or great grandchild or niece or nephew, neighbor or colleague's child that needs help? When parents contact our Program it is usually the worst day of their lives. You can help turn the worst day into the best day for them. St. John Leonardi, Pray for FullCircle!

Love, Fr. John B.

PS You can learn more about FullCircle at www.fullcircleprogram.com. You can also purchase tickets or be sponsor for the Nov. 13 Banquet or make a gift to the Program by Adopting a Teen.

Pray With Us

Mass Intentions

October 17: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Catholic Daughters Sunday

11:00a.m.: Tom Egan†

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist

Jimmy Avancena - to Celebrate his Birthday!

October 19: St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Living and Deceased Members of the Diedrich & Fals Family

October 20: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Gerald W. Sullivan†

October 21:

Dan Robledo†

October 22: St. John Paul II, Pope

MaryJane Joy†

October 23: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:30a.m.: Ruth Leont†

4:00p.m.: for Healing for Jaime Lozano

October 24: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Gale & Keith Wesolowski†

11:00a.m.: Our Lady's Guild Sunday

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

The Mass intention book is now available for 2022. Please see Patty in the office for Mass intentions.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday : Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Saint John Paul II, Pope

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life: Help save lives in Glendale. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. "40 Days for Life" has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Here's how to take part: Vigil is held from 6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday—Saturday at the Glendale Planned Parenthood. Contact Tammy O'Connor at letusnotsleep@yahoo.com or (901) 275-5869.

More Opportunities for Prayer:

Miraculous Medal Novena: join us each Monday after daily Mass (excluding most holidays or whenever the office is closed) to pray to Our Lady. Prayers take approximately 15 minutes. Booklets with the prayers will be provided and collected following the Novena.

Divine Mercy Devotion: a staple devotion in our parish for over 20 years, Divine Mercy meets each Thursday at 1:00p.m. with a social following in Madonna Hall. Join us as we pray to obtain our Lord's mercy on us and on the whole world. Contact Fred Malcolm for more information at divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com.

Mass Times:

Daily	8:30a.m.
Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	9:00a.m.
Sunday	11:00a.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.

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Confessions:

Tuesday	10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
Saturday	9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Adoration:

Thursday	9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
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Serve With Us



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In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

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Our Lady's Guild

November Meeting

Mark your calendar for the November 8th Guild meeting. Our speaker is Joan Campbell from the Maricopa County Attorney's office. Being aware of trending scams, via phone calls, text messages, postal mail and e-mail is an important prevention tool to help us not become victims of crime. She invites you to bring copies of fraudulent e-mails or letters or stories of situations to share so that we can learn from one another.

Christmas Luncheon

Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon, December 6th at 11:30am in Madonna Hall will be available for sale at this meeting. No assigned seating for this event.

Book Club

The Fisherman's Tomb by John O'Neill is the book selection for the November 11 meeting in Madonna Hall. It will also be available on Zoom. Meeting ID: 879 0295 6689;

Passcode: Book

Shred-a-thon

Saturday, November 13 from 8am – Noon in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot. Call Rosemary Dougherty for details. 5 box-per-car limit.

Answering Your Baptismal Call: Technology Ministry

Our Lady of Lourdes needs disciples with a love of technology or who are not afraid to learn about computers and video cameras. The system to be installed will be very user friendly. We need devoted ministers who desire to make the Live Stream Mass at their own parish accessible to the homebound and those from afar. Training is provided! Please contact Kristin Smith at (623) 546-2767 or ksmith@ololscw.org to learn more.

Safe Environment Training Drive

Need help with your Safe Environment Training, to be able to continue your discipleship efforts? This vital training helps keep the most vulnerable among us safe. The most vulnerable among are often children but there is a demographic that is frequently forgotten about: vulnerable adults. The vulnerable adults in our community need our carefully trained eyes as much as the children in our community!

Join Kaitlynn for a Safe Environment Training Drive on November 5 and November 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Madonna Hall. Bring your laptop, iPad, or other tablet/ internet enabled device and Kaitlynn will assist you in completing your training. Don't own a computer, smart phone, or any of that other technology junk? No problem - there are 2 computers available on campus for your use.

Please contact Kaitlynn at (623) 344-7292 or keaton@ololscw.org for more information.

Any issues regarding the background check have been resolved. Please speak with Kaitlynn if you have further questions regarding the background check or how to complete Safe Environment without one.

Giving

Your Sacrificial Giving - October 3

Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$9,965
Mission Giving	\$228
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$3,486.25
Total Plate Giving This Week	\$13, 679.25

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$1,197.55
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Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$75.20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$72
Gospel of Life	\$394

Join Us

Upcoming Events:

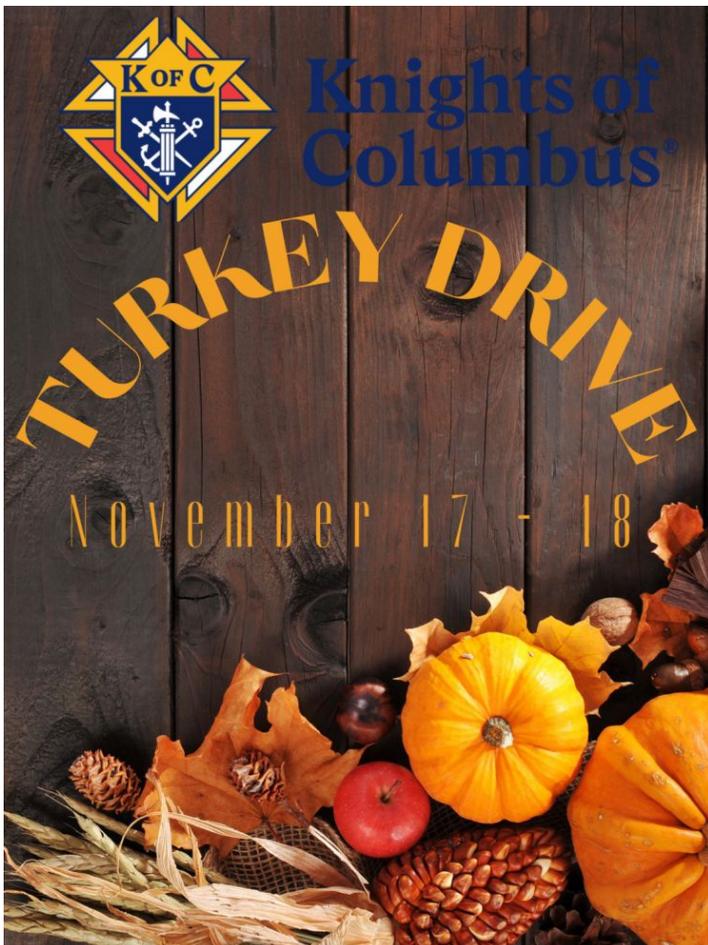
- **October 30:** Pasta with the Pastor. Order forms available at weekend Masses, online, and in the office.
- **November 11:** Our Lady's Guild Book Club will meet in Madonna Hall or on Zoom to discuss *The Fisherman's Tomb*.
- **November 13:** Shred-A-Thon, held in the Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot from 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.
- **November 13:** 8th Annual *FullCircle* banquet: "Stayin' Alive" in Madonna Hall at 6:00p.m. Purchase tickets, donate, or sponsor the Banquet at: <https://fullcircleprogram.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/FullCircleBanquet2021>
- **November 21:** we welcome the return of the parish concert series with Greg Zelek (organ) and Thomas Mesa (cello) performing at 3:00p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church with a reception to follow.
- **December 18:** Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held from 8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in Madonna Hall.

Other Opportunities to Give:

We are all called to Give, Save, and Live. Give one hour of prayer, one hour of wages, and one hour of time. Here are more ways to Give:

- All weekend Masses in October: Knights of Columbus are raising funds to benefit Benevilla Senior Services.
- October 24: Special Needs Appeal to Mission Sunday

Have you already given your one hour of wages and feel called to give one hour of time or prayer? Contact the office to see how you can continue to Give, Save, and Live.



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