

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

(From NashvilleCatholic.org:)

Why Is the month of October dedicated to the Holy Rosary?



Catholics have been praying the rosary for more than 800 years. Church tradition holds that the beautiful meditation was given to St. Dominic by Our Lady circa 1212 to combat heresy. Throughout the centuries, popes, saints, clergy, and Our Lady have emphasized the spiritual gifts

and power of the rosary.

In 1571, Pope St. Pius V established the feast, then-known as Our Lady of Victory (October 7th), to celebrate the Battle of Lepanto, a decisive naval conquest that saw the Holy League's fleet destroy the Ottoman Empire's navy. Lepanto marked the last major engagement in the Western world to be fought almost entirely between rowing vessels. Pope St. Pius V attributed the Holy League's victory to the Virgin Mary's intercession, facilitated by the pope's call for Europeans to pray the rosary. The power of praying the rosary, in his summation, tracked with St. Dominic's reception of the rosary from the Blessed Virgin a few hundred years prior.

Two years later in 1573, Pope Pius V's successor, Pope Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Mary has communicated the need to pray the rosary for world peace and the salvation of souls during numerous apparitions, including Our Lady of Lourdes (1858), Our Lady of Fátima (1917), and Our Lady of Akita (1973). Through the repetition of prayer and meditation on Christ's life, Catholics can grow closer to God while walking alongside His mother.

The prayers of the rosary are accompanied by meditations on the lives of Jesus and Mary called mysteries. These mysteries include the Joyful Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries, and Glorious Mysteries. In 2002, St. John Paul II instituted the Luminous Mysteries, offering the faithful a way to meditate on Jesus' ministry, which paralleled the sacraments.

Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day this October for the intention of peace in the world.

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
September 28th, 2025*

Adult Collection	\$8,880.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Candles	\$209.00
SVdP	\$710.00
Improvement Fund	\$40.00
Loose	\$247.00

Adult Collection	\$1,504.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$63.00
SVdP	\$0
Improvement Fund	\$0
Loose	\$19.00

Our Lady of Victory Prayer by Venerable Nelson Baker
O Victorious Lady! thou who has ever such powerful influence with thy Divine Son, in conquering the hardest of hearts: intercede for those for whom we pray, that their hearts being softened by the rays of divine Grace, they may return to the unity of the true Faith. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS:

PJ Inverso, a student at Franciscan University, (and a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament & faithful altar server) is asking for support as he prepares for his **Spring 2026 study abroad program in Austria**. As part of this experience, he has the unique opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Lourdes, France. PJ will be placing prayer intention cards in the pews for our parish community to write down their intentions. He will then take these cards with him to Lourdes and will take them to the sacred Massabielle Grotto to be offered during his time there. Your prayers and financial support would be a tremendous blessing as he prepares for this meaningful journey. For your convenience he is also accepting Venmo donations as well.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Oct. 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Evelyn Ray (Todd & Carol Phillipson)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun	Oct. 5	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony Frezza (Dcn. Steve & Margie Frezza)
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
11:00am	(BLS)	Mark Tiberio (Jerry Angelo)
Mon.	Oct. 6	Weekday Jean Morelli
8:00am	(BLS)	(Jim & Sandy Petrozzi)
Tues.	Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary Blaine Rogers
8:00am	(BLS)	(Tom & Ina Antinone)
Wed.	Oct. 8	Weekday Mary Ann Petrozzi
8:00am	(BLS)	(Jim & Sandy Petrozzi)
5:30pm	(BLS)	Adoration & Prayer
Thurs.	Oct. 9	Weekday Orlando “Scotchie” Controguerra
8:00am	(BLS)	(daughter, Rita)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Jerad Starr (M / M Carey Canella)
Fri.	Oct. 10	Weekday Betty Thress {Anniv}
8:00am	(BLS)	(Family & friends)
Sat.	Oct. 11	Weekday Alisa Sklenar
8:00am	(BLS)	(Shirley Adamski)
Sat.	Oct. 11	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bob Phillipson
4:30pm	(BLS)	(Pete Cetovich)
Sun.	Oct. 12	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Anna Almonte {BD}
8:00am	(BLS)	(Hilda DeStefanis & family)
9:30am	(OLL)	Joseph & Betty Mickey (Farchione family)
11:00am	(BLS)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes



The Father Who Knows What You Want

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So, you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. **He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.**

That would be a classic lazy father move. That would be an ice cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, **He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then, He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.**

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all. But it's what I want. **Luckily, He knows that better than me.**

**Remember in your prayers the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo**

OCTOBER

For Collaboration Between
Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions
might work together to defend and promote
peace, justice and human fraternity



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Oct. 11th & Oct. 12th

Saturday 10/11

4:30pm

Lector: Tony Corella

EMOCH: Christina Mitchell

Altar servers: Christian Mitchell & Aiden Marrow

Sunday 10/12

8:00am

Lector: Toni Dondzila

EMOHC: Bill DiMichele

Altar servers: Felix Velez

(OLL)

9:30am

Lector: Laura Froehlich

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Rob Zaleski

EMOHC: Kaci Chaney

Altar servers: Hollis Chaney, Abraham & Thomas Zaleski

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

IN THE HOSPITAL as of Oct. 3rd

Trinity Med. Ctr. West: John Banovsky,

Joseph Cucarese, Patricia Jordan,

Rosemary O'Brien & Les Zapor

Please pray for all who are ill at home, homebound or in nursing homes & their caregivers.



Our next GriefShare meeting will be on **Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9:30am to 12:00noon, in lower Sargus Hall.**

The topic will be "Grief & Your Household – Facing the Empty Chair at the Table." Learn what to do with your loved one's possessions & helpful tips for parenting grieving children

OLL CWC: The Women's Club Service Project for this year is:

ALL ABOUT SOCKS! From Sept.

28 through Oct. 26, there will be a

bin in the back of both churches for donations of men's, women's, and children's **new socks**. The socks will then be donated to the Friendship Room in downtown Steubenville for distribution to those in need.



MENS' CLUB: Will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6:00pm**, in upper Sargus Hall. All men of both parishes are invited to attend.

ARISE: The ARISE small group for women experiencing infertility will **begin meeting on Saturday, Oct. 11**, in the Marian Room (building) on the grounds of Triumph of the Cross Church. We will meet from 9:00am to 11:00am, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Our focus will be on cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in the context of infertility. We welcome those affected by primary of secondary infertility to join us in striving to grow closer to the Lord in the context of this particular cross. For more information or to join, please contact us at www.arisesteubenville@gmail.com.



REGISTER NOW for our Parish School of Religion program. This program is for any children in the parish - particularly if they are not receiving religious education in a homeschool

program or in a Catholic school.

Our **first session** will be held on **October 9th, at 6:00pm**, in upper Sargus Hall.

All registration can be done online through this QR code or by following this link: <https://rb.gy/3zd7bp>



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE: Join us on **Saturday, Oct. 11, at 12:00noon** for the 11th annual recitation of the Holy Rosary at the corner of Washington St. & N. 4th St. in Steubenville

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, Oct. 10: Prayer & Pizza – 6:00pm Blessed Sacrament church & rectory. All are welcome!

Next Sunday, Oct. 12:

FLU VACCINES – upper Sargus Hall **from 8:30am to 12:30pm**. Bring your insurance information (most cover) or the cost will be \$40.00



Sunday, Oct. 19: Pancake Breakfast – upper Sargus Hall **from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. All are welcome!