

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

This weekend, the Church marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

From FranciscanMedia.org:

Serious illness brought the young Saint Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." Saint Francis was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3). Saint Francis of Assisi's first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

Saint Francis of Assisi was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
September 27, 2026*

(BLS) Adult Envelopes	\$6,007
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Candles	\$397.25
Immaculate Heart Fund	\$0.00
SVdP	\$620.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$112.00

(OLL) Adult Envelopes	\$1,358.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Candles	\$44.00
Immaculate Heart Fund	\$0.00
SVdP	\$0.00
Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Loose	\$80.00

Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert Sultan Malik al-Kamil during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, Saint Francis of Assisi said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY October 4 / 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (10/3) - Bob Phillipson by Marsha (wife) & Family
8:00 AM (BLS) - Jeff Aceto by Kathy & Rob DiBenedetto
9:30 AM (OLL) - Cora O'Connell & Jason Boulson by James Boulson
11:00 AM (BLS) - Living and deceased members of our Wintersville Parishes

MONDAY October 5 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Francesca Osso by Helen Korode

TUESDAY October 6 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Anthony Sawon by Janet & Leonard Stasiulewicz

WEDNESDAY October 7 / Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM (BLS) - Jim Brown by Bob & Lorrie Campana
5:30 PM (BLS) ADORATION & ROSARY

THURSDAY October 8 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Jim Brown by Bob & Lorrie Campana
5:15 PM (BLS) - Ray & Jean Dalfonso 74th Anniversary by Jean Dalfonso

FRIDAY October 9 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Scotchie & Joanna Controguerra by Rita (daughter)

SATURDAY October 10 / Weekday

8:00 AM (BLS) - Jim Brown by Don Temple

SUNDAY October 11 / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vigil (BLS) (10/10) - Living and deceased members of our Wintersville Parishes
8:00 AM (BLS) - Shirley Lamantia by John & Mary DuBois
9:30 AM (OLL) - Cora O'Connell & Jason Boulson by James Boulson
11:00 AM (BLS) - Anna Almonte by Hilda DeStefanis & Family



Liturgical Ministries

October 10 th & 11 th	
Saturday 10/10th	4:30pm
Lector:	Joe Zoric
EMOHC:	Tony Corella
Altar servers	Marrow
Sunday 10/11th	8:00am
Lector:	Ben Erste
EMOHC	Patricia Doyle
Altar servers:	Zaleski
(OLL)	9:30am
Lector:	Marie Anne Cordier
Altar servers:	(Volunteer)
	11:00am
Lector:	Dino and Rose Orsatti
EMOHC	Cindy Gregor
Altar servers:	Hawrot/Velez/Banga
As faithful ministers, you know what to do if you are unable to be at your Mass! Thank you!	

Prayer Line

Intentions: Pray for Marcie, Lyle, Jeremiah, Beckie, Michael, Marjie, Isabella, all residents of local nursing facilities, the homebound and homeless, & the souls in purgatory.

"If each one prays for himself, he receives less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others"

--St. Ambrose, bishop (340-397 A.D.)

Please reach out with your prayer intentions to the parish email and it will be printed in the bulletin.
mail@wintersvilleparishes.org



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PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

HOSPITAL: as of Wednesday, September 30

Alycia Laneve and Joann Busana

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GOLF LEAGUE: (Began on Monday, May 11th) Will meet each Monday until Oct. 12th at 5:30pm, at the Steubenville Country Club All men of our parishes are encouraged and invited to participate!

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISHES DIRECTORY:

All you need to do is send your email address to Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com with your family name, then download the Instant Church



Directory app. It may be several days till you are inputted into the system, and then you can edit your info. **FYI:** Please contact the parish office to register as a member of the parish!!!!

ONLINE GIVING: Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website (wintersvilleparishes.org) and go to "Giving."

Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of Lourdes



The Diocese of Steubenville's 10th annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 3-10, 2026 at Blessed Sacrament Church!

Please join us during this powerful week of continuous Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosaries prayed for our Diocese and the needs of the world, opportunities for confession, additional 5:15 pm masses, Marian processions, and guest speaker Matthew Leonard! Matt will be speaking October 7th at 6:00 pm, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, with a talk titled, "Hail Mary; the Biblical Backstory of the Rosary." The week entails a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please sign up for a holy hour at <https://signup.com/go/PGPCxyV>. For questions, please text 410-596-1936.

The **50/50 winner** for the month of August was Kathy Frey, and the September winner was Tom Lamantia. Congratulations!!

The parish **Bible study** is every **Wednesday 9-10am** at the rectory. All are welcome!

Vocational Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus. Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM – Sunday, October 25th at 1:30 PM at Marian Fountain of Living Faith Novitiate, 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. All young women are invited to come and see the beauty of our vocation in the Church. Give Our Lady a chance to show you Her Son's infinite Love through Mass and Adoration, Vocational talks, Testimonies of the Sisters and Free time. Please call the Sisters at 740-346-2625 if you are interested in participating and for more details

On **October 10th, Grief Share** will explore the topic of **"Grief and your household."** It will cover dealing with secondary losses, what to do with your loved one's possessions, and helpful tips for grieving children and teens.

The **Arise Group for women experiencing infertility** will meet from 9-11 am on 2nd and 4th Saturdays beginning October 10th in the Marian Room at Triumph of the Cross (200 Rosemont Ave, Steubenville, OH). We will be discussing Mary Bruno's book *Twelve Stripes Deep: How Infertility & Other Suffering Delivered My Greatest Joy*. We welcome those affected by primary or secondary infertility to join us in striving to grow closer to the Lord while experiencing this cross. For more information or to join please contact us at arisesteubenville@gmail.com

From Notre-Dame de Paris to Wheeling: An Organ Concert. The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling is honored to welcome Vincent Dubois, titular organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, for a special organ concert on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. One of the world's leading concert organists, Dubois will showcase the beauty and power of the Cathedral's magnificent organ in what promises to be an unforgettable evening of sacred music. This concert is part of the Cathedral's 100th Anniversary celebration and is free and open to the public.

Our Lady of Lourdes C.W.C. will have their October meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.** All women 18 years and older are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there.

PSR Student Registration is now Open!

To register, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykz2du7c> If questions, email: WintersvilleParishesPSR@gmail.com

Looking for a Meaningful Way to Serve?

Hospice volunteers are needed to provide prayer, companionship, friendly visits, veteran support, and bereavement support to patients and families in our community. No medical experience is necessary, and training is provided. If you have a caring heart and a little time to give, you can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. For more information, contact **Tammy Michael, Volunteer Coordinator, at 740.217.2421 or tammy.michael@southerncareinc.com**
