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MARK 10:9



Mass Intentions for the Week

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 3, 2021

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00PM Donna Cinelli—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM John Patrick Shanley—Memorial

9:00AM Thomas Sheerin, Jr.—Memorial

10:30AM Daniel Murphy—6th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM Dec'd Members of the Gallagher Family—Mem.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

7:30AM Adolph Perretta, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday; St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

7:30AM Susanna Salgado—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30AM Members of the Rosary Makers—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Weekday

7:30AM Fr. George L. Allard—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop & Companion Martyrs; BVM

8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00PM Jeanne A. Harrington—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Marilyn Fox—Memorial

9:00AM Jameson P. Hassett—Memorial

10:30AM Stephen P. Lynch, Sr. —Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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Dear Parishioners:

What a wonderful OLM Feast Week we had last week. From the Saints and Scholars Open on Monday to the Oktoberfest on Friday night, it was a fantastic week of faith and fun! God is good, and we give Him thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon our parish!

On Friday, September 24th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the weather forecast was gloomy, at best. Severe thunderstorms, heavy rain, and possible flooding were all predicted. We weren't sure if anyone would brave the rain and storms to come out to the Oktoberfest.

At the Feast Day Mass that morning, we turned to our Parish Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, and asked her to intercede for us and help with the weather! And lo and behold, on Friday evening at the Oktoberfest, it was sunny and warm! No rain, no thunder, no lightning, and no flooding! The power of prayer!!! Thank you, Blessed Mother!!

The Oktoberfest was a great way to end our OLM Feast Week. There was ample German food, beer, and music, along with lots of fun and fellowship! Over 400 parishioners of every age came together to celebrate Our Lady of Mercy and welcome October, a month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother!

My thanks to the OLM Staff and the volunteers who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up for this great event. Without their hard work and dedication, such a fun night for our parish would not have happened. If you couldn't make

it, be sure to put the Oktoberfest on your calendar next year.

As we welcome in October, we now turn to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Every Monday night in October at 7:00 pm, we gather to pray the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord. As St. Padre Pio reminds us, "the Rosary is the weapon of these times!" How right Padre Pio is!

October is also Pro-Life Month, and so we take up the tremendous spiritual weapon of the Rosary. We pray for increased respect for all human life. Sadly praying for the sanctity of human life is truly needed in these times.

Last Friday was a very dark day in our nation as the U.S House voted, 218 to 211, to pass the deceptively named Women's Health Protection Act. This bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy by federal law.

It would eliminate all pro-life laws at every level of government. It compels all Americans to support abortions, here and abroad, with their tax dollars. It forces health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs and forces employers and insurers to cover or pay for abortion.

Congressman Jim Langevin voted in favor of this destructive legislation. Recently, Mr. Langevin announced publicly and proudly that he was abandoning his previously held commitment to protecting the unborn and now fully supports abortion on demand without limits. He also wants taxpayers to pay for it. Pray for him that he

might regain the courage of his convictions and renounce his betrayal of the innocent unborn.

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month, and today we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. We can use this time to deepen our understanding of why we "Respect Life" as Catholics through prayer and study.

We are also celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. So, this year, we look to the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters, especially the weak.

At times, we may feel like we can't make a difference or are unequipped for what God asks of us. But St. Joseph "*teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties, and our weaknesses.*" So, when human life is under threat when our brothers and sisters need support welcoming and embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of St. Joseph.

Join us on Mondays at 7:00 pm as we pray a Pro-Life Rosary. Come take up the "weapon" so needed in these times. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Father Healey



Luke David Palmer,
and his parents, Brendan and Kimberly.

“Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is. Through Confirmation he will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, he will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.” — from The Rite of Baptism

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Rosary Makers Workshop

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021
2pm - 4pm
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Weekly Collection

September 26, 2021

Weekly.....	\$9,619.00
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	Total=\$15,524.00
Outreach.....	\$1,132.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$48,621.00

September 27, 2020

Weekly.....	\$14,560.00
Annual 2020 Final Total.....	\$131,665.00



**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy
Church in your will or estate.**

Second Collections

**This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: Seminarian Education**

Pray A Rosary

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

**MARIAN
DEVOTIONS
EVERY MONDAY
AT 7:00 PM
IN THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER**

*“The Rosary is
the ‘weapon’ for
these times.”
-Saint Padre Pio*

**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**



RE Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, October 3 at 5:00PM:**
Mass & Class for First Communion 2022, Grades 1 & 2
- **Monday, October 4:**
Devotions & Confessions at 7:00PM: Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates, Parents, & Sponsors
- **Sunday, October 10:**
Mass at 5:00PM, No RE Classes due to Columbus Day Holiday
- **Thursday, October 14 at 7:00PM:**
MANDATORY CONFIRMATION PRACTICE for All Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors
- **Sunday, October 17 at 5:00PM:**
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Matano



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. ***Thank you for your support!***
- **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 7 at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.
- For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday, October 5:** School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, October 6:** Cross Country Meet at Goddard Park at 5pm
- **Monday, October 11 :** No School for Columbus Day Holiday

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**Pray the Rosary
to End Abortion**

St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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