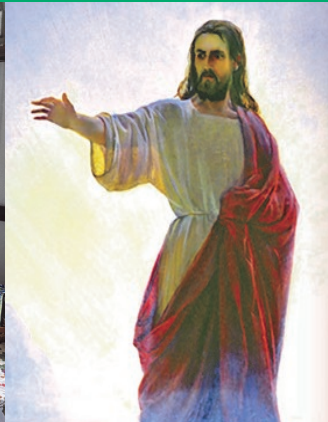


SACRED HEART CHURCH ♥ SAINT MARY CHURCH



29TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

October 16th, 2022

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8



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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil Masses: **4:00 p.m.** (Saint Mary) **5:30 p.m.** (Sacred Heart)
Sunday Masses: **8:00 a.m.** (Saint Mary) **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** (Sacred Heart)
Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: **7:45 a.m.** (Sacred Heart)

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. (Sacred Heart)
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. (Saint Mary)
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: You are encouraged to notify the rectory as soon as there is a serious illness. You are also asked to notify the rectory when a relative is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants normally takes place during a weekend celebration of the Eucharist or on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart or 9:00 a.m. at Saint Mary. For the baptism of their first child, parents are expected to attend a baptismal session with Fr. Lubomír. Please call the rectory office for an appointment. Godparents for infants must be at least 16 years of age, confirmed, and regularly practicing the faith with a freedom to receive the Eucharist. Sponsor certificate for Godparents is necessary and can be obtained from their parish office of their current Church of registration.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact a member of the parish staff.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY: Please call the Pastor nine months in advance to make arrangements for instruction and planning the marriage ceremony.

FOOD PANTRY: The Sacred Heart Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION OF PARISHIONERS: We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Mary Parish. Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish staff and register at the rectory. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus

4:00 p.m. (SM) Laura Gordon (Don and Karen Castagnola)
 5:30 p.m. (SH) Ben DeBernardis (Mike and Cindy Sharbaugh)

Sunday, October 16th, The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SM) Teresa Lang (St. Mary's Marion Choir)
 10:00 a.m. (SH) Jim Ziegler (Ziegler Family)
 12:00 p.m. (SH) Pro Populo (Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Parishes)

Monday, October 17th, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

7:45 a.m. (SH) Paulette Johns (William and Deborah Aigner)

Tuesday, October 18th, St. Luke, Evangelist

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 19th, St. John de Brebeuf, Prie

NO MASS

Thursday, October 20th, St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

7:45 a.m. (SH) Marian Clemens (Carol Clemens)

Friday, October 21st

7:45 a.m. (SH) Billy McKnight (John and Alice McKnight)

Saturday, October 22nd, St. John Paul II, Pope

4:00 p.m. (SM) Karl and Mary Holzer (Mary Lou Lee)
 5:30 p.m. (SH) Eugene Lunghofer (Sisther Carolyn Lunghofer)

Sunday, October 23rd, The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SM) John Carnicella (Wife Terry)
 10:00 a.m. (SH) Pro Populo (Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Parishes)
 12:00 p.m. (SH) Robert Becker (Wife Sharon and Son Sean)



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

is scheduled for **today Sunday, October 16th** at Sacred Heart Church following the 12:00 noon Mass until 2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring the True Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ— His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity-in the Holy Eucharist.

Weekly Collection at Sacred Heart, October 3rd, 2022

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| Envelopes | \$5,178.00 |
| Loose Change | \$152.00 |
| Total | \$5,330.00 |

Weekly Collection at Saint Mary, October 3rd, 2022

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| Envelopes | \$7,408.00 |
| Loose Change | \$74.00 |
| Total | \$7,481.00 |

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?" It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 22ND AND OCTOBER 23RD

| TIME and LOCATION | Altar Servers | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Organist/Cantor |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Saturday 4:00 p.m. Saint Mary's | Volunteer | Joe Varner | Jim Woomer | Terry Carnicella |
| Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart | Lucas Rivera Cruz Rivera Stew Trotter | Dave Diedrich | Theresa Adams | Mary Villani Maddie Trotter |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. Saint Mary's | Mira Saracino Dominic Sparacino | Lynn Ostrum | Tina Johnston | Terry Carnicella |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart | Jaqueline Bevan Harry Bevan | Cathy Keefe Steve Dalansky | Tish Crum | Mary Villani Luke Rokosky |
| Sunday 12:00 p.m. Sacred Heart | Jack Compton Vivienne Compton | Keri Condron | Jim Imler | Mary Villani Judy Wahl |

**PRO-LIFE CORNER...**

Lost indeed are those who kill their own children out of folly, with no basis in knowledge, forbidding what God has provided for them...Life is a gift from God and the future of our nation. Protect the unborn today.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY meets every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to attend. No commitments. Come when you can.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Additional information can be found at respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Catholic Charities Diaper Drive. It was a huge success and your generosity was greatly appreciated.

FREE Medicare 101 Seminar Turning 65? Retiring soon? Would you like to review your plan? You're invited to attend a FREE, Medicare 101 seminar. Tuesday, October 25th at 8:30am at the Sacred Heart Formation Center. Presented by Sacred Heart parishioner Chris Bertani, a licensed Life & Health Insurance agent with Evolve Insurance specializing in Medicare. Please rsvp to Chris at 814-937-0148 or chris@evolveinsurancegrp.com

TRUNK OR TREAT Family Fun Fest hosted by the St. Mary's Parish Life Committee will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the St. Mary's Memorial Hall Gymnasium. Join us in the Parade of costumes, treats and fun family activities. There is no cost for this event and it is open to the public.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LCBA #1290 is having a "Dutch Hill Chocolate" Fundraiser. Forms for this sale will be available at the Church Entrances on October 22. Order forms are due along with payment no later than November 20. These can be placed in the collection bins at Mass or dropped/mailed to the St. Mary's Rectory, 1405 Fifth Avenue. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Christian Mothers. All orders should be picked up in the St. Mary's Church Basement Blessed Mother Room after Masses the weekend of December 3 and 4. If you need additional order forms, contact Liz Weaver at 942-8987.

THE ALTOONA COURT OF CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 (<https://cda2625.com>) will be collecting the following items for the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society (<https://www.centralpahumane.org>): cat litter (any brand); stainless steel litter pans; kitten food; cat food; puppy food; dog food; dog treats; toys-heavy duty; stainless steel pet dishes; flat sheets, towels, blankets, etc.; collars and leashes; paper towels; hand sanitizer; medium sized gloves; garbage bags; and dust pans and brushes. October 10th through October 30th You can place the items you donate in the box provided in the back of the church. Thank you very much for helping with this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer using our online contact form at: <https://cda2625.com/contact>.

SAINT MARY PRAYER CHAIN: Please call the St. Mary's Rectory at 814-942-2416.

SAINT MARY CANDLE MEMORIAL: The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 16th in loving memory of John Carnicella from Donna Cree.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.



Mark Blackie, Rod Baronner, Dan Bauer, John Belin, Damian Branas, Vince Bumann, , Jack Chilcote, Karen Claar, Brandon Conaway, Shirley Conlon, Denise Conrad, James Conrad, Kathy Corl, William Costlow, Bob Decker, John Delin, Joan Donnelly, Matt Dorman, Amelia Doughurty, Lois Duncan, Sam Dunio, Ruth Ann Frederick, Shane Gladfelter, Phyllis Hartman, Phyllis Hauser, Ralph Hildebrand, Lucy Horton, Austin Judy, Kenny Anthony Keagy, Sue Koehle, John Leshene, Janet Lego, Beth Lloyd, Cindy Lytle, Ed McConnell, Chad McDowell, Charles McGrain, Bev Mueller, Bonnie Neal, Kevin O'Rourke, Bill Orr, Karen Pacifico, Gail Pearson, Sarah Rihnovich, Patti Robinson, Kenneth Schock, Brian Sherbin, Hank Sherbin, Laura Snyder, Cheryl Swain.

SPAGHETTI DINNER Christian Mothers LCBA 1290 Spaghetti Dinner (take out only), will be held on Sunday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The pick-up location is the Saint Mary's Memorial Hall. Dinners are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10. Children under 3 years of age, free. Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Mary's the weekends of October 15/16, October 22/23 and October 29/30. You can also purchase tickets at the St. Mary's Rectory (814-942-2416). Deadline for orders is Sunday, October 30.

MASS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS Bishop Mark will celebrate a Mass for those who are grieving the loss of a child. This is for parents who may have lost their child to miscarriage, or when their child was young, as well as having lost adult children. The Mass is open to parents, grandparents, and grieving relatives and friends. The Mass will be held at St. Matthew Parish in Tyrone, PA, on Sunday, November 6, at 10:30AM, with light refreshments to follow. Registration is not necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center by calling 814-695-5579 or emailing familylife@dioceseaj.org.

GRANT AWARDED Congratulations to St. Mary's Religious Education Program for being awarded a \$1,160.00 Impact Grant through Independent Catholic Foundation, 3618 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1, Altoona PA (814-201-2080) website address: www.icfdaj.com. This grant money will help to cover the cost of the Sacramental Preparation Retreats to be held in November at the St. Mary's Memorial Hall for all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. We are so grateful to have been awarded this Impact Grant. Thank you to the Independent Catholic Foundation!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 16th, 2022


THE 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.





Weekly Schedule

Saturday, October 15th

12:30 p.m. **Confessions** (SH) and 3:00 p.m. **Confessions** (SM)
4:00 p.m. **Mass** (SM) and 5:30 p.m. **Mass** (SH)
5:00 p.m. **Pork Dinner “Take Out”** (SM Memorial Hall)

Sunday, October 16th The 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Mass** (SM)
9:00 a.m. **K– 10th Religious Education Class** (SM)
10:00 a.m. **Mass** (SH) and 12:00 noon **Mass** (SH)
11:00 a.m. **Pre-K—11 Religious Education Classes** (SH)
1:00 p.m. –2:00 p.m. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (SH)
Diocesan Collection: World Mission Sunday (SH/SM - Oct. 23rd)

Wednesday, October 19th

10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. **Sacred Heart Food Pantry** (SH)
3:00 p.m. **Pro-Life Rosary** (SH)

Saturday, October 22nd

12:30 p.m. **Confessions** (SH) and 3:00 p.m. **Confessions** (SM)
1:00 p.m. Halloween **Trunk-or-Treat** (SM Parking Lot)
4:00 p.m. **Mass** (SM) and 5:30 p.m. **Mass** (SH)

Sunday, October 23rd The 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Diocesan Collection: World Mission Sunday (SH & SM)

8:00 a.m. **Mass** (SM)
9:00 a.m. **K– 8th Religious Education Class** (SM)
9th, 10th and 11th grade **SHYCON** (SM)
10:00 a.m. **Mass** (SH) and 12:00 noon **Mass** (SH)
11:00 a.m. **Pre-K—11th Religious Education Classes** (SH)
1:00 pm **Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot** (SM)

GUEST SPEAKER Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto FAITH UNDERSTOOD ~ Special guest speaker Paul Zuccarelli ~ Allow his experience to restore your faith! Paul suffered nine cardiac arrests after surgery and was dead for two hours. He was graced to witness heaven during this time. Come and hear his amazing testimony of God's love and saving grace. There is no charge ~ free will offering accepted. *please note that handicap restroom facilities are not available in the basilica at this time*

BUS TRIP Come join Our Lady of Lourdes for a trip to Washington DC on Tuesday, November 15th to tour the St. John Paul II National Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Included in the cost of this trip is a dinner at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD. You will need to pack a lunch that is scheduled to occur between the times of the two tours.

Our day begins at St. John Paul II shrine where we have a guided tour of the sacred art and celebrate mass. After this tour, lunch will be held in the shrine's cafeteria. (This cafeteria was closed during covid-19, and the kitchen has remained closed ever since.)

After lunch, we continue our day with a guided tour of the Basilica. Explore the unique architecture and sacred artworks of the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America.

We depart DC at 4:30 PM; dinner will be held at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD. The dinner includes your meal, drinks, and taxes. Any gratuity will be an additional cost.

Our bus will depart from Our Lady of Lourdes at 6:30 AM; approximate arrival back to the church is 10:00 PM.