



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” - Mk 10:43-44

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Parish Stewardship

Offertery collection for 10/13/24 \$2,933.00
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024 \$31,134.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$28,210.00

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**Pope’s Intention for October
 For A Shared Mission**

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion, and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Classes

November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

*this is the final class for 2024

Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners Our Fall fish/shrimp dinners will be served again this Friday, October 25th. Along with the choice of fish or shrimp, we are offering chicken tenders or wing ding dinners. (only for the Fall dinners) Come and enjoy! See flyer for details.

Today, Sunday, October 20th, is **World Mission Sunday**. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world. Thank you for your prayers and support.

The St. Marys Public Library is hosting two elder care sessions on Thursday, October 24. Both are open to the public. The first is Financial Planning for the Elderly at 11 am. The second is Financial Planning for Long Term Care at 2 pm. The speakers are two attorneys from Steinbacher, Goodall, and Yurchak, an elder care and special needs law firm, based in State College, PA. Plan to attend either or both. Please register at the Library. 814-834-6141.

40 Days for Life Campaign
 PRAY TO END ABORTION
 September 25 through November 5

Marriage Moment #1115

With presidential elections looming in the USA, politics can sometimes be a divisive issue for married couples. Talk about what political issues you hold in common and which you may differ on. Discussing your differences respectfully is a lesson patriots of any country need to learn.

Cinch Tournament to benefit Relay for Life - American Cancer Society - on Sunday, October 27th at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in St. Marys, PA. Cost is \$10/person. Dinner served at 12:15 PM. Play to begin promptly at 1:00 PM Pre-register by calling Sharon Streich at 814-594-5594 or Sacred Heart Parish at 814-834-7861



**Sharing Our Faith Series
 Scripture, Tradition, and the Saints**

Scripture: First Reading at Mass

Isaiah 53: 10-11

In this particular passage, Isaiah is writing about the suffering servant of the Lord. This suffering servant will give his life as a sacrifice for the redemption of the people of Israel: “If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life” (Is 53:10) We know that this person who Isaiah was talking about is Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

—Think about it: Jesus died for our sins to save us that we will have a long life (eternity) in Heaven some day. Wouldn’t this remind us to think about going to confession a little more often and forgiving others?

Scripture: Second Reading at Mass

Hebrews 4: 14-16

The Book of Hebrews is an explanation of the High Priesthood of Jesus, our Lord, Who offered His own Life on the cross to God the Father, for the salvation of the world. The High Priest Jesus is Compassionate and Who “sympathizes with our weaknesses . . .” (Heb 4: 15) so that when we pray, we can be confident that we will “receive mercy and find grace for timely help” (Heb 4: 16)

—Think about this today: Where in your life have you received God’s Mercy?
 —Has anyone recently shared with you how God has helped them?

Gospel of Mark 10: 35-45

Do you want to ask Jesus for something you want Him to do for you? Yes, absolutely do it. The Apostles James and John did, but it was not out of need but of pride and entitlement: “Grant that in Your Glory we may sit one at Your right, and the other at Your left.” (Mk 10: 37) These Apostles were not yet mature in their faith and friendship with Jesus. They would eventually learn to be humble, self-giving servants as Jesus is to us.

—Ask Jesus for the faith and holiness to be a humble servant before anything else you would want in this life.

Tradition—Statues

Statues primarily are most effective in teaching through the art of sculpture. For example, the holy statue of Saint Joseph at the front of our church, shows him with tools in hand, ready for work. Statues of saints also remind us that this saint is praying for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Saint Luke: October 18th Feast Day

St. Luke is one of the writers of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He also wrote the Book of the Acts of Apostles. He is the patron saint of doctors and painters. **St. Luke, pray for all our doctors and for all artists who express creativity through their paintings.**

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Don Angelo 10th anniversary	Barb, Jim, Maria, and Rachel	Weekday	Eph 2: 1-10 Lk 12: 13-21 (473)
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	John & Frances Bonanno 70th wedding anniversary	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	Weekday <i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i>	Eph 2: 12-22 Lk 12: 35-38 (474)
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	Eph 3: 2-12 Lk 12: 39-48 (475)
Thursday, October 24, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Catherine DeCarli	Fran & Gloria Bleggi	Weekday <i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>	Eph 3: 14-21 Lk 12: 49-53 (476)
Friday, October 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Tom Winkler birthday	Chris and family	Weekday	Eph 4: 1-6 Lk 12: 54-59 (477)
Saturday, October 26, 2024 No Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Eph 4: 7-16 Lk 13: 1-9 (478)
Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Richard Gusherowski	sister-Barb	Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jer 31: 7-9 Heb 5: 1-6 Mk 10: 46-52 (149)

Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday



Saints Simon and Jude--Interesting Apostles

Jude is so named by St. Luke's Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, which he is the author. St. Jude is the one who you ask to pray for you when you are in impossible situations.

Simon is called "the Zealot." They were a group of Jewish men who represented an extreme Jewish nationalism. For them, it meant that the Jews were not to be controlled by outsiders (the Romans). But rather, they were to be a free and independent nation. Often they would attack those Jews who did not think as they did, and especially those who "collaborated" with the Romans.

We are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. Like all the saints, only God can create His Divine Life in human beings. And God wills to do so for all of us.

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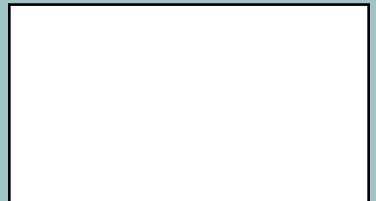
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