



• 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**AND TO GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD.**

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 10/11/26	\$2,748.00
Difference	\$677.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$27,145.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

November 24 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

St. Joseph Church Fall Fish Dinners are going to be served on both Friday, October 23rd & October 30th. Noon-6:30 pm or until sold out.

Parenting Pointer: Let the quiet in: Part 2 Have you ever heard of a "technology fast?" It's another way of creating a little quieter life and that of your child. It might mean one day of no internet (or at least Facebook perusing) or one day of no TV, or no cell phone use unless it's a true emergency. Or it may just mean not double tasking by using media while you're in the presence of another human being. If a day is too long, try an evening. Do it yourself, then challenge your child to join you.

Marriage Moment: "Marriage is not a ritual or an end. It is a long, intricate, intimate dance together and nothing matters more than your own sense of balance and your choice of partner." (Amy Bloom) You've chosen each other as life partners. Dance tonight.

Cemetery: In preparation for Winter, a Fall clean-up is going to begin in the cemetery soon. Please remove any real or artificial summer flowers from the graves by the end of October. Anything left on the graves after that will be discarded. Solar lights may remain. Thank you.

Saints Who Had a Very Unique Mission and Your Mission

This week, we celebrate six saints who had a unique mission in life that served people in different ways and captivated the hearts of millions.

Monday, October 19, we celebrate Saint John De Brebeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues. They were French Jesuit and Oblate Missionaries, who brought the Catholic Faith to the Huron and Iroquois Indians, which is now the State of New York. They are called the North American Martyrs because they had died for their faith, along with several others so near to us here in PA.

Tuesday, October 20, we celebrate Saint Paul of the Cross, who was born on October 18, 1775, in Liguria, Italy. He is known for his profound, inspiring gift of preaching. He became the founder of the Passionists religious order, which now numbers about 2,160 members. Their main work is conducting retreats and missions to parishes around the world.

Thursday, October 22, is the feast of Saint Pope John Paul II. This saint is very special to me, as well as millions of people, because he lived in our time. I had the opportunity to see him in Philadelphia in 1979, when he came to America for the first time, and then again at two World Youth Day events.

Born Karol Jozef Wojtyla on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, he faced great loss early in life; his mother died when he was nine years old, a brother when he was twelve, and his father when he was twenty. Through this hardship, he had great faith and was blessed with a great intellect to serve mankind.

He was ordained a priest in 1946 and later, Bishop and Cardinal of Krakow. Most importantly, Pope John Paul II had a great pastoral zeal for families, young people, and the sick. He traveled all over the world, bringing the love of Christ our Savior to all.

He is known for the revised editions of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Code of Canon Law, and the third edition of the Roman Missal. Pope John Paul II departed peacefully on April 2, 2005.

Friday, October 23, we celebrate Saint John of Capistrano, a priest of the 17th Century. He was a reformer of the Franciscans and developed the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus and is known as the Patron Saint of Military Chaplains.

Saturday, October 24, we celebrate Anthony Claret, who founded the Claretian Order, today numbering about 3,000 members and was Bishop of Santiago, Cuba.

What about YOUR MISSION?

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 19, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Angelo & Mary Canton	Bob Cortina	Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs	Eph 2: 1-10 Lk 12: 13-21 (473)
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Linda Sypher (mother) and Lisa Ward (daughter)	Elaine & Charles Brouse	Weekday <i>St. Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>	Eph 2: 12-22 Lk 12: 35-38 (474)
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	Eph 3: 2-12 Lk 12: 39-48 (475)
Thursday, October 22, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Gen Zambanini	Joe Sexton	Weekday <i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i>	Eph 3: 14-21 Lk 12: 49-53 (476)
Friday, October 23, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Jimmy Betta	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	Eph 4: 1-6 Lk 12: 54-59 (477)
Saturday, October 24, 2026 No AM Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM</i>	Eph 4: 7-16 Lk 13: 1-9 (478)
Saturday, October 24, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Richard Gusherowski	sister-Barb	Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 25, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40 (148)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

My brothers and sisters, each one of you have a mission in this life that is **UNIQUELY YOUR OWN, SET BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**, that only you can fulfill.

Your mission is the love and care you give as a wife, husband, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, and the family list goes on. Your mission is the work you have chosen to do in this life and contribution of the betterment for humankind that you fulfill at your job site--your work.

Many of you volunteer your time and talents in serving the community through service organizations. Many of you volunteer your time and talents in helping where you can by serving our Church during our fish dinners and other social hall events throughout the year. Other parishioners serve in ministries such as Eucharistic minister, lector, mucician, cantor, greeter, usher, and server. Some parishioners volunteer their time to serve as a Faith Formation teacher, a member on the Finance or Parish Council, Liturgy committee, prayer chain (praying for people in need) and in leading the Rosary. All of these are your mission. On this Mission Sunday, it is good and affirming for each of us to reflect on what mission that our God has called us to do, and to pray with renewed strength that comes from prayer and the Mass, to do the mission before us each new day, that is unique to us and that only we can do.

God Bless! Father Mark

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