



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 09/28/25.....	\$2,270.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$1,155.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$30,845.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



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 2025

October 11th	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	814-781-1019
November 25th	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

***THESE ARE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026**



We will be having our **Pet Blessing** this Sunday, October 5th at 11:45 am. in the parking lot area behind the Church.

ALL animals **must** be either caged or on a leash!

A Family Perspective: Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's Gospel, the Apostles asked Jesus to "increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children, or in God? Faith helps us to overlook annoyances, forgive others, and seek forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

Fox Township Women's Club is having a Chinese Auction on Sunday, October 5th at the Fox Township Community Building. Opens @ NOON. Drawing @ 2 PM Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Chips, and sliced pie. **Benefits people in need throughout Elk County and the surrounding area.**

THANK YOU for the very generous donations that we have received that benefit our Faith Formation students! All of the pencils/erasers, crayons/markers, scissors, glue, paper, tissues, water, snacks, hand sanitizer, and monetary donations are so appreciated and will be put to very good use! Thank you!

Anointing Masses We will be having Anointing Masses on October 11 @ 5:30 pm Mass and October 12 @ 9:15 am Mass. After the homily, Father Mark will invite people to come up to the altar and anoint their forehead with the Oils of the Infirm. (Oils of the Sick) The intention is to pray for healing of the Spirit, Mind, and Body.

National ProLife Campaign Join us to pray on Oct. 5th, from 1-2 PM in downtown St. Marys. Meet at the St. Marys K of C at 12:45 p.m. Sponsored by Elk Co. Right to Life

Sacred Scriptures of Comfort and Motivation

This weekend, I share with you Sacred Scriptures that bring peace, comfort, and motivation to millions of people who meditate upon them.

The first Scripture passage that I share is the Second Reading at Mass that comes from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. Paul starts out by saying: "Beloved, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Tm 1: 6-7)

In the above passage, St. Paul is giving Timothy encouragement and confidence, as he leads the Christian people in his community. St. Paul also takes the opportunity to console Timothy so that in the midst of difficulties and hardships, he can refuse to be fearful and be rather full of God's Power and Love and Self Control. St. Paul knows this same grace and giftedness working in his own life and that is why he could give this gift of the Holy Spirit to Timothy when he prayed over Timothy through the imposition of his hands. This prayer is very similar during the ordination of a deacon and priest when the Bishop extends his hands over the head of the one being ordained and prays for the Holy Spirit to fill the person to be strengthened for ministry.

My brothers and sisters, each one of us can be filled with God's Holy Spirit, as was St. Paul and Timothy. We received God's Spirit at our Baptism and the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. These gifts, however, need to be "stirred into flame" (2 Tm 1: 6) in order for them to have an effect in our lives. How do we do this? Meditate on God's Word. Use the above Scriptures, St. Paul's Letter to Timothy, and other Scriptures, such as the following:

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself..." (Mt 6: 33-34a)

"Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My Yoke is easy and My Burden light." (Mt 11: 28-30)

"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." (Phillipians 4: 13)

These Scriptures indeed will bring peace and confidence to all of us who meditate on them.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 06, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo	Family	Weekday <i>Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>	Jon 1: 1--2:2, 11 Lk 10: 25-37 (461)
Tuesday, October 07, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ray & Angeline Wonderling and deceased members of the Wonderling Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Our Lady of the Rosary	Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 10: 38-42 (462)
Wednesday, October 08, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	Jon 4: 1-11 Lk 11: 1-4 (463)
Thursday, October 09, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mike Chiodo 1st anniversary	Mom and Family	Weekday <i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</i>	Mal 3: 13-20b Lk 11: 5-13 (464)
Friday, October 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Louis Chiappelli Family	Family	Weekday	Jl 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2 Lk 11: 15-26 (465)
Saturday, October 11, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Weekday <i>Saint John XXIII, Pope; BVM</i>	Jl 4: 12-21 Lk 11: 27-28 (466)
Saturday, October 11, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Anna Castellani birthday	John and Family	Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 12, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2 Kgs 5: 14-17 2 Tm 2: 8-13 Lk 17: 11-19 (144)

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(Our Blessed Mother) -- "Mary! We think of her as in fact she was: a woman of the people, spouse of a carpenter. They did not have enough to pay the Bethlehem hotel charges and so did not get a place there. Mary was the wise and hard-working woman of the house, busy cleaning and washing in the kitchen, attentive to Jesus in His infancy, in His boyhood and when He was a grown man. She was attentive to Joseph as long as he remained at her side. After the death of Jesus she cared for the apostle John, and for the other apostles until she was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. She incarnated the ideal of the strong woman described in Proverbs. Very few words of Mary are recorded in the Gospel but they are words full of Scriptural wisdom. Speaking of poverty she says: 'God has pulled down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. The hungry He has filled with good things, the rich He has sent empty away.'

"Mary procures graces for the person desiring virtue: grace to love work, to bear privations and sacrifices quietly, to hope, and to receive spiritual gifts."

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