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IS FROM
THE LORD,
WHO MADE
BOTH *heaven*
and earth.

PSALM 121



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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

November 25th 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

***THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

October is Respect Life Month: Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

A Family Perspective: In today's Gospel, the widow is praised for her perseverance. In our homes, perseverance is essential for resolving differences in marriage and for teaching lessons and skills to our children. It is always an act of faith and trust in the goodness of others.

Faith Formation: ALL students in Grades K-5, Edge, and Confirmation will meet for class in the Faith Formation building on Sunday, October 19th, following 9:15 am Mass.

Many thanks to Joe Nedza and Geer Funeral Home for the continued sponsorship/donation of our annual church calendars! 2026 Calendars are available in the back of the Church.

Parenting Pointer "What's so sacred about dinner? It happens every day. We face one another. We eat. We talk. It doesn't matter that some of the talk is trivial or full of complaints. We share our day. It doesn't matter if the food is plain or even unappetizing. We have food. It doesn't even matter if we come to the table angry with one another or if we get angry as a result of being together. We have to deal with the people who push our buttons – and then push beyond it. We might even find the grace to forgive."

Keep Praying No Matter What

If we really want something or want to achieve something in life, then we have to keep at it for it to happen. For example, if a student is in great need of academic assistance, then extra effort needs to be made and time spent to work on those subjects in order to achieve that desired effect of learning. They have to be persistent.

Persistence is also needed if a person is going through rehabilitation to regain their mobility. They must be persistent in their goal to walk again. All of us, my friends, are met with the choice to be persistent, or not, at each chronological stage of our lives.

Being persistent is the message in our Gospel Reading this weekend. Jesus speaks to His Disciples in a parable about a widow who is persistent regarding a *just*, legal claim against an adversary in which she wants the judge to "deliver a just decision for her." (Lk 18: 5b)

Jesus then teaches them that God is not like the dishonest judge because, out of love for His People, His Chosen Ones, God will secure their rights and answer their prayers. We are called to be as persistent in prayer to God as the widow was persistent in asking the judge to secure her rights.

It takes faith to be patient and to persevere in praying to God and waiting for His Answer to our prayers. Whatever the challenge...**Keep praying no matter what!**

A person who had great faith in the midst of his difficult classes at the university, while taking the time to visit the poor, was Saint Pier Giorgio, who was just canonized a Saint this past September. St. Pier's deep faith was very evident, especially when he was once asked about being happy. He said; "You ask me if I am happy. How can I not be? As long as faith gives me strength, I'm happy."

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May we strive to be persistent in prayer and joyful in the ability in faith to do what God asks of us.

God Bless, Father Mark

40 Days for Life Campaign
 PRAY TO END ABORTION
 September 24 through November 2

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Catherine DeCarli	Family	Weekday <i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>	Rom 4: 20-25 Lk 12: 13-21 (473)
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Don Angelo 11th anniversary	Barb, Jim, Maria, and Rachel	Weekday	Rom 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12: 35-38 (474)
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint John Paul II, Pope</i>	Rom 6: 12-18 Lk 12: 39-48 (475)
Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald "Abe" Kentoski and daughter Laurie	Family	Weekday <i>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	Rom 6: 19-23 Lk 12: 49-53 (476)
Friday, October 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Harry & Edith Gray and deceased members of the Gray Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Weekday <i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>	Rom 7: 18-25a Lk 12: 54-59 (477)
Saturday, October 25, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Rom 8: 1-11 Lk 13: 1-9 (478)
Saturday, October 25, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	John Bonanno 35th anniversary	Dennis & Deborah Bonanno	Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 26, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18 Lk 18: 9-14 (150)

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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

The Prayer for this Jubilee Year of Hope: The Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the Blessed Hope of the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your Grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within us both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of evil vanquished, Your Glory will shine eternally.

May the Grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same Grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God eternally blessed, be Glory and Praise for ever. **Amen!** (from the website usccb.org)

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St. Joseph Church

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