

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM	- Francis "Junior" Arnold
Sun	8:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	- Dorothy Boersma
	12:00 PM	- Preston John Huck, 4 th Anniv.
Mon	7:45 AM	- David Brown
	12:05 PM	- Shirley A. Clark
Tue	7:45 AM	- George Zide, 51 st Anniv.
	12:05 PM	- Larry Steinel, 4 th Anniv.
	6:00 PM	- Lee Bryant
Wed	7:45 AM	- Liv/dec'd of the James & Julia Matheny Family
	12:05 PM	- Jared Hoff
	6:00 PM	- People of the Parish
	All Souls	
Thu	7:45 AM	- Liv/dec'd of the Francis & Louise Schilling Family
	8:15 AM	- Souls in Purgatory
	8:45 AM	- Holy Father
	12:05 PM	- Preston John Huck
Fri	7:45 AM	- Dec'd DeJosef Family & Friends
	12:05 PM	- Liv/dec'd of Huck/Milsark fam.
Sat	9:00 AM	- Special Intention-Elena Plan (BD)
	5:30 PM	- Leo & Lena Henke
Sun	8:00 AM	- Terry Arnold
	10:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	12:00 PM	- Dec'd Members of K of C #478

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)

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CWC President - Jenn Tinkler

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Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740) 374-6768

Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740) 885-1181

St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740) 376-1334

Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Wednesday November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM and Wednesday at 7:45 AM and 12:05 (All School Mass) and 6:00 PM.

ALL SOULS DAY:

Thursday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. There will be four Masses that day – 7:45 AM, 8:15 AM, 8:45 AM and 12:05 PM.

COLLECTION ON ALL SOUL'S DAY:

Envelopes were provided with your October packet. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope. These envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November. Everyone who contributes \$10.00 or more will receive a daily Mass for the dec'd members of their family. The daily Mass will be listed when available. Donations under \$10.00 will be combined and used for a Mass for the Souls in Purgatory.

VISITORS WELCOME! We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

PARISH OFFICES are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY	8:45 AM	-	9:45 AM - CCD Classes in the Basilica Social Hall.
MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	RCIA in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	7:00 PM	-	Catholic Woman’s Club Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
FRI	10:00 AM	-	Mass at Glenwood.
	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 9,344.95

Amount needed each weekend for
the Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of each month there is a second collection for the upkeep of our Basilica. This collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend, November 4th and 5th.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have One Million Dollars in the fund before using it.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

Each month since January 2023, The Daily Bread Kitchen has provided 300 meals weekly to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies. Once again, we ask for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “DBK” and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Included in today’s bulletin is a flyer with 2 holiday fundraisers for the school. We are partnering with St. Mary Alumni, Jim Goeller and Huck’s Farm Market for a Thanksgiving pie sale. A variety of pies are for sale for \$15, and with each sale, our school will benefit. The order form is on the flyer with types of pies available, deadline information and pick up information. Questions can be directed to Teresa Tokodi Domic, teresatokodi@gmail.com.

Also, for holiday decorating needs, St. Mary Catholic Home & School is taking orders for poinsettias and wreaths. The order form for poinsettias and wreaths can be found on the school website at stmary.k12.oh.us Orders are due on November 3rd and pick up at the school on Monday, November 20th.

The holiday cash raffle tickets have been mailed to all parishioners. This is a raffle with the chance of winning \$100 - \$1,000 right before the holidays! This is the final part of the Fall Festival for this year. Tickets can be put in the collection basket or mailed to the school. Tickets are \$25 each and the winning tickets will be drawn on November 8th following the Veterans Day Assembly.

St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting a Veterans Day Rosary Assembly in the new gym on Wednesday, November 8th at 2:30 PM. We invite Veterans and family members to join us in this special honor to our Veterans.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements must be in by Noon Wednesday in order to be included in the following weekend’s bulletin. Announcements must be in writing. We can’t accept announcements by phone.

DONUT SUNDAY

The first Sunday of every month is Donut Sunday in our parish. Please join us in the Basilica Social Hall after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday, November 5th to enjoy fellowship and donuts & coffee. These Sundays are great opportunities to spend time with fellow parishioners. Hope to see you next Sunday.

CWC NEWS

No classes next Sunday, November 5th. Instead, students will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Wed. Nov. 8 for a presentation by Father Mike regarding the religious artifacts on display in the social hall. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. CCD Classes will be held on Sunday, November 12.

K OF C MASS, NOVEMBER 5

The Noon Mass on Sunday, November 5th will be offered for those members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 478, that passed away within the last year (Pat Amrine and George Oberle). All members and their families are invited to attend.

ROSES THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, there are roses in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in memory of Preston John Huck, 4th Anniversary of Death,

BOXES OF JOY

There is only one week left to fill your Christmas Box of Joy. Gift giving is a wonderful, meaningful part of the Christmas experience. Many children in developing countries are deprived of that joy. Your gift may be their only one!

Boxes and instructions are available at the Basilica entrances. If you would like for us to shop for you, it costs about \$30.00 to fill each box. Please make your payment out to the Basilica of St. Mary, marked BOJ and place it in the collection basket. You can also use a debit/credit card in the gift shop for Boxes of Joy. **Will you please help?** Thanks to your compassion, last year over 500 children were blessed from our parish by God's love.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE SERVICE

We pray for those serving in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

CEMETERY COLLECTION

Each year, during the months of May and November, we have a collection for the care and upkeep of our two parish cemeteries. Envelopes were provided with your packet and may be put in the collection or mailed to the parish office.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CWC

Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through November 1st. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 a bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8. To place an order, please call Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.

SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Mary's Parish, Fulda is having a Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, November 5th. Dinner will be served from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. The menu will include Pork, Bohnen Brie, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Noodles, Apples and Dessert. **This is a carry-out dinner only.**

BAG & BASKET BINGO

Mary's House is having a Bag & Basket Bingo on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 PM (doors open at 1:00 PM) at St. Bernard Social Hall, 309 7th Street, Beverly, OH. There are 20 games for \$20.00. Tickets will be sold at the door. There will be a 50/50 drawing, concession stand & raffle. For more information about this event please call 740-960-9944. Thank you for your prayers and support.

K OF C ESSAY CONTEST

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an essay contest. In 500-750 words, the student will write on the subject: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? Participants must be in 8th -12th grade. The submission deadline is 11/15/23. The winner will receive a \$100.00 check from the K of C with a chance for district and state recognition awards. For an entry form and information, contact Vince Stollar, Community Director, vstollar@suddenlink.net.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 4th & 5th

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

Sat: Amy Brockett (CAPT)
5:30 Sheri Black (HOST)
Gregg Black (HOST)
Irene Cain (CHALICE)
Tony Huffman (CHALICE)

Teri Ann Pfeffer

Parker Crum (swap req.)
Mary Tokodi-Ruth
Cora Black (Swap req.)

Sun: Patti Finkel (CAPT)
8:00 Marcia McCabe (HOST)
Carol Antill (HOST)
Sharon Loken (CHALICE)
David Baker (CHALICE)

Eric Fitch

Mike Iaderosa
Joyce Iaderosa
Joe Flaherty
Ron Wesel

10:00 Gerald Cooke (CAPT)
Kaelly Erb (HOST)
Deacon Lee (HOST)
Ken Masselli (CHALICE)
John Towner (CHALICE)

Sophia Parlin

Carson Cunningham
Kenzi Cunningham (swap req.)
Matthew Cunningham
Mary Tokodi -Ruth

12:00 Not Filled (CAPT)
Joe Schmidt (HOST) (swap req.)
Sandy Bickert (HOST)
Dennis Nau (CHALICE)
Lisa Taylor (CHALICE)

Stan Vanlandingham

Evan Huffman
Grant Huffman
Nathan Soffian

PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

In the pews next weekend there will be ballots to nominate a parishioner to serve on the Advisory Committee. Three positions will be elected for a 4-year term. The committee meets about 6 times per year and meeting times are typically ½ hour long. Other opportunities are available to serve on a select committee. A great way to serve your parish and community. If you miss the ballots, please forward any nominee to Vince Stollar at vsollar@suddenlink.net or 740-896-2164.

Early Voting – Misleading Facts About Issue 1

The Catholic Church supports and defends women, children, and vulnerable Ohioans through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance. A misleading amendment on the ballot this November suggests that a “right to an abortion” is needed to protect women and children, while the amendment would actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children.

Catholics must Vote NO on issue 1 to reject this misleading amendment because...

Miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatments are already protected by state law; generations of women’s healthcare in Catholic hospitals prove that our society can protect women without enshrining a “right to abortion” in our constitution.

As Catholics, we follow a Savior who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Catholics, therefore, must reject Issue 1 because it is NOT the way to protect women and children, it does NOT represent the truth about miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment, and it does NOT respect the dignity of human life.

Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment.



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
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OCTOBER 29, 2023

In the gospel today, Jesus spoke of love as the highest principle in the Jewish Law. Love for God, and love for neighbor. Jesus had been arguing about the resurrection of the dead with the Sadducee (who denied this belief). When the Pharisees heard Jesus won the argument, they went as a group to Jesus, and one of their experts on the Jewish Law tried to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. "Teacher," the expert said, "What is the most important command in the Jewish Law?"

Jesus answered, "'Love God with all the feeling in your heart, with all the energy within you,' and with every thought in your mind. This is the most important command. The next in importance is just like it. 'Love everyone like you love yourself.'" Jesus answered the question with two commands: Deuteronomy 6:5 (the "Shema") and Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy 6:4-6 has defined the faith of the Jews for more than two millennium.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart."

These verses stress the unity of God and the response of the believer: love for the Creator. Israel based its belief in one God upon freedom. Unlike their neighbors' fertility gods who were guided by seasonal forces of nature, Yahweh was so radically free, even nature could not control him. That freedom made him all-powerful, alive, and ultimately unique among the other notions of the divine. He showed himself almighty through events of his people's history. He freely chose to save a people. He freely chose to make a covenant with them.

Within the context of covenant, the word "love" took on a much fuller sense. God's love meant his concern for his people. Love for God meant a duty of fidelity to Yahweh. So, the focus of love lay more upon duty and action than emotion or romantic ideals. When God loved his people, he showed his power in events recorded in Scripture. When one loved God, he or she lived out the covenant delineated in the Torah.

As God loved his people, his people should love each other. If love for God meant faithful adherence to his covenant, love for neighbor meant acts of charity. When one acts charitably to those in need, one demonstrates love for God. Without charity, worship, scripture study, and prayer become hollow. And, the covenant loses its force. Jesus' answer was conservative and orthodox by the standards of the Pharisees. Lifestyle drew the difference between Jesus and his opponents, however. The Pharisees discussed love as the key for interpretation. Jesus lived out that love. His concern for the poor, the outcast, and the sinner mirrored God's loving concern for his people. The example of Jesus must have stung his opponents deeply. Jesus lived out the Law about which the Pharisees only speculated.

Catechism Theme: The Ten Commandments

The Great Commandment summarizes the Ten Commandments. Love of God means putting him first, respecting His name, and keeping his day. Love of neighbor means respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property.

To love God means a dedication of the entire person to his will. Placing Him first in the mind and the heart. Speaking respectfully about Him. And keeping his day as one of prayer and true recreation, a day to keep his Law. To love neighbor as ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect God gave them. This love begins at home with one's family. It then extends to others.

We must always remember that the spirit of the Law demands far more than what is written. Love of God lives every waking moment of the day. Love of neighbor extends beyond our family and friends to strangers, especially to the poor, the sick, and the sinner. Love of neighbor knows no national borders or class distinctions or barriers of any kind, because God knows no such impediments.



Deceased Priests of our Diocese

On Monday, we remember the 55th anniversary of the death of Fr. Joseph Sands. On Tuesday, we remember the 65th anniversary of the death of Fr. William Robben (former pastor of our parish). May these two priests rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

WEDNESDAY – THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown. The feast is celebrated on the day before All Souls' Day, which commemorates the faithful departed.



The celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), the living (the "Church militant"), and the "Church penitent" which includes the faithful departed. In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven.

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

Oct. 31, 6:00 pm. Mass
Oct. 31, 7:00 pm. Mass – St. Henry
Nov. 1, 7:45 am. Mass
Nov. 1, 12:05 pm. Mass
Nov. 1, 6:00 pm. Mass

ALL SOULS MASS SCHEDULE

Nov. 2, 7:45 am. Mass
Nov. 2, 8:15 am. Mass
Nov. 2, 8:45 am. Mass
Nov. 2, 12:05 pm. Mass,

ALL SAINTS DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

LITURGICAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day

First mentioned in the 4th century in the Eastern Churches as the Feast of All Martyrs. Pope Gregory IV transferred the feast from May to November 1.

Thursday, November 2, All Souls Day

Rooted in ancient Christian tradition, Saint Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988, and it was accepted in Rome in the 13th century. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses – one for the pope, one for all the departed, and one for a particular intention.

Friday, November 3, Saint Martin de Porres (Religious)

Martin was born in Lima, Peru of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. He was a lay brother who ministered to the poor and the sick. He was a patron of social justice and of peoples of mixed races.

Saturday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo (Bishop)

Charles was created a cardinal and secretary of state for his uncle, Pope Pius IV. He implemented the reforms of Trent in his diocese of Milan. He founded seminaries, and was considered a model pastor. In 1584, he died at the age of 46,



Perpetual Help Devotions

Perpetual Help devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. Basilicas have particular devotions – ours is obviously Perpetual Help devotions. Since our basilica is dedicated to Mary, it is obvious that we offer devotions related to her.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

Oct. - 29, - 12:00 pm. Women Religious celebration
Nov. - 19, - 12:00 pm. Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass
Nov. - 30, - 7:00 pm. First Confession
Dec. - 3, - 7:00 pm. Handel's Messiah
Dec. - 12, - 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Women Religious Celebration

Today at the 12:00 Noon Mass, Bishop Bradley and our Diocese will honor the Religious Sisters who minister in our Diocese. We especially honor Sisters who are celebrating special anniversaries. Sister Jeanne Vucic SCN is celebrating 65 years of religious vows, Sister Sharon Paul is celebrating 60 years of religious vows, Sister Mary Catherine Kasuboski is celebrating 25 years of religious vows and Mother Della Marie Doyle is celebrating 25 years of religious vows. We congratulate these four sisters and thank them, and all of the other sisters serving in our Diocese of Steubenville for their example and their work.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, October 30,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
12:05 am. - Mass
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm. - RCIA

Tuesday, October 31,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:00 pm. - Holy Day Mass
6:30 pm. - Grief Support Meeting
7:00 pm. - Holy Day Mass St. Henry

Wednesday, November 1,

7:45 am. - Mass
9:15 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:45 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, November 2,

7:45 am. - Mass
8:15 am. - Mass
8:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Friday, November 3,

7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass
8:25 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, November 4,

9:00 am. - Mass
3:30 pm. - Confessions
5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday, November 5,

8:00 am. - Mass
9:30 am. - Mass (St. Henry)
10:00 am. - Mass
12:00 pm. - Mass



BISHOP MONFORTON RETURNS TO DETROIT

Bishop Monforton has returned to Detroit as the 32nd Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. There will be Solemn Vespers to welcome the Bishop on Monday, November 6, at 7:00pm. In the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. On Thursday, November 7th at 2:00pm., there will be Solemn Mass of Welcome, again at the Cathedral of The Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Following the Mass of Welcome, there will be a reception. Again, we thank him for all that he did for our basilica Parish, and for St. Henry parish. He

has always enjoyed being with us for various liturgical celebrations, meetings, and dinners. We encourage him in his new assignment in Detroit. As we pray in the Easter Church, "May God grant him many happy years".

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Wednesday and Friday, Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at the Basilica, in the Chapel of the English Martyrs from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. Jesus is waiting for us! Some quotes from recent Popes:



- 1.) “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also an important daily practice and has become an inexhaustible source of holiness.” (Pope John Paul II)
- 2.) “I heartily recommend to the Church’s pastors and to the people of God, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community.” (Pope Benedict XVI)
- 3.) “Curiously, the prayer of adoration – we have lost it. We have lost it, and everyone – priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, lay people – have to recover it. It’s to be in silence, before the Lord.” (Pope Francis)

Being Serious About Our Spiritual Destiny

The past three Sundays have featured shocking parables about our readiness to accept and enter the kingdom of God. It is a decision on which your destiny depends. Jesus is not playing around; He lays out the drama in stark and shocking ways in today’s Gospel.

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast ...”: Of course, the King is the Father and the wedding feast is that of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a powerful image of the Kingdom: a wedding feast. Who would not want to come? We may well ask, “If this is heaven, who would not want to go?”

“The text goes on, “... but they refused to come. Some ignored the invitation and went away. Jesus explains their rejection in a twofold way. The things of the world, though not evil in themselves, preoccupy one group. A second group reject the offer out of wickedness: They abuse and kill those who invite them. For many, the kingdom of God is rejected because it is not convenient to their moral life.

“The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city,” the parable continues. This destruction happened to ancient Israel in A.D. 70. After 40 years, the “No” of the invited guests (in this case, the ancient Jews) became definitive and led to their ruin and the end of the Temple. It is the same for us. If we are slow to respond, God repeats his offer again and again. In the end, though, if we don’t want to have the Kingdom, we don’t have to have it.

Next, “Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. When some reject the invitation, God widens the invitation. He wants his Son’s wedding feast to be full. When rejected, God just keeps calling.

The text explains, “The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, but there was a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’ “Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside.” Here is a warning, even for those of us who do accept the invitation and enter the Kingdom. The Lord is solemnly urging us to be sober and serious about our spiritual destiny and that of those whom we love.



“We have grown so used to each other that some think they are free to say anything to anybody at any time... Why not first try to hold your tongue? You know what you can do, but you do not know how much the other can bear.”

—St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Dear Parishioners,

Like many Americans and especially Christians, we are heartbroken at the loss of innocent life in Israel because of the attacks by Hamas. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for wisdom, courage, and unity in Israel so that this threat to the country's existence can be dealt with swiftly.

As we pray that Almighty God will preserve the nation of Israel and its people, we know that Islamist groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Taliban also oppress the many Christians who suffer under their radical ideologies. So many families are facing danger at the hands of their enemy. May God grant them His wisdom in protecting their nation and people.

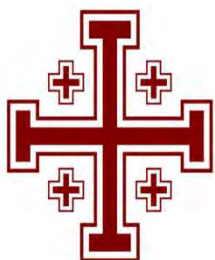
Cardinal Dolan said, from Rome, "My heart goes out to the assaulted people of Israel, and to our Jewish community we cherish as friends and neighbors back home in New York, realizing with tears that their sabbath yesterday was anything but peaceful.

It is difficult to make sense of the Hamas attack against Israel. The images we see every day in the news, reveal and bear witness to the magnitude of death and destruction that is nearly unfathomable. The atrocities perpetrated against civilian young adults, children, babies, seniors, Holocaust survivors, and families whose entire villages were systematically wiped out. Indicate that the devil has infiltrated the hearts and minds of so many people. It has been important for us to listen to the stories of those being remembered and memorialized.

Our faith calls us to engage in dialogues that promote understanding and respect for all people. We stand against violence and any form of injustice that leads to conflict, and we advocate for a world where conflicts are resolved through peaceful means, where love and compassion triumph over injustice, hatred, and hostility.

We pray for the victims and their families, for the healing of communities and nations torn apart by violence, for humanitarian efforts to enter in, and for the wisdom and guidance of world leaders to pursue peaceful solutions.

As we reflect on the Hamas attack and its implications, let us hold fast to the hope that one day, God's promise of a world without war will be fulfilled.



Sincerely,
Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell
(Rector)

OUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief support group meets on Tuesday evenings at the rectory. The purpose of the group is to reach out with love and spiritual support to those who are grieving the death of a loved one. The feelings of grief are a complicated emotion that does not fit with any timetable. Friends and family can provide emotional support for a short time, they sometimes hit their limit when your grief extends for more time that they are able to give. Feelings of loss can extend for a lifetime. Adjusting to the loss of a loved one requires adjusting to an entire new way of life without the one you love. Our support group consists of prayer, fellowship, and sharing experiences. Anyone interested in the group. can contact the rectory.

INDULGENCES-NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. A plenary indulgence can be gained on each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

PRAYER AND FASTING for the souls in Purgatory is one of the greatest acts of mercy we can perform on a daily basis especially in November seeking the intercession of All the Saints for our deceased loved ones, friends and those who were our enemies while they were on earth.

Rooted in Ancient Christian Tradition, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, in 988 established in all the monasteries of his order the Feast of the Faithful Departed and ordered that the office be recited for them all. This devotion was approved by the popes and became the Feast of All Souls celebrated on November 2.

PRAYER BY ST. ODILO, patron saint of souls in purgatory.



O holy souls, I promise never to forget you and to pray to the Most-High for your release. I beseech you to respond to this offering which I make to you. Obtain for us peace of heart, assist us in all our actions, console and defend us in our dangers, that we may one day all rejoice together in paradise. O God the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful give to the souls of your departed servants the remission of their sins, that they may obtain the joys of heaven.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Saint. Odilo, patron of souls in purgatory, pray for us.

In this month of November, please pray for the poor souls in purgatory, that they will be released from their separation from Christ and from their pain, and be united with all the saints and angels.



He Hid Under the Altar



A Tanzanian Bishop Describes Effects of Violent Storm on a Church in his diocese. The bishop called on well-wishers to come to the aid of the people of God in the Tanzanian parish.

St. John Paul II Rwamishenye Church in the Diocese of Bukoba in Tanzania and the parish's rectory have been destroyed following a heavy downpour that was accompanied by strong winds Wednesday

morning, Oct. 18. Speaking to the media after visiting the site, the apostolic administrator of the Bukoba Diocese, Bishop Method Kilaini, recalled the effects of the storm, saying: "The priest was praying in the church. When the church fell, he hid under the altar. This is how he survived."

"Only two people were hit by falling timber," Bishop Kilaini added. "They were taken to the hospital, and their condition is good." The Bishop said the Christians of Rwamishenye Parish "have no place to pray" following the tragedy. "They had built their temporary church and now the structure has been blown away by the wind," Bishop Kilaini lamented.

"Part of the priest's house, a story building, has been unroofed and the wall has fallen," he continued, describing the destruction amid the storm as "a very big problem" for the Rwamishenye parish.

The bishop called on well-wishers to come to the aid of the people of God in the Tanzanian parish. "Anyone who can really help them, let us be with them in this tragedy that has befallen them," he said, encouraging the affected people of God to remain strong amid the tragedy. "Believers should have a great heart. God will help us. Disasters come and God gives us more power. Let's soldier on and do bigger things than we used to do," Bishop Kilaini said.

Tanzania's Kagera Province has been experiencing heavy rains accompanied by strong winds. On Sunday, Oct. 15, more than 150 houses were unroofed by the strong winds, Muleba District Commissioner Dr. Abel Nyamahanga Said.

