

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE

October 13, 2019

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 14

9:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, October 15

5:30 p.m...Jess Huggins, Jr. (St. John's)

Wednesday, October 16

12:00noon...Leta Morris (St. John's)

Thursday, October 17

5:30 p.m...Bill Blankenbaker (St. Mary's)

Friday, October 18

10:00 a.m...George & Karleen Reidy (Bridgewater Centre)

Saturday, October 19

5:00 p.m...Hulda Lena Shock (St. John's)

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m... Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Helen Springer (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This October the Respect Life theme is *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life.*

Our efforts on behalf of the unborn, the dying, the elderly, the imprisoned, the poor and so many others have a profound impact, both now and in the life to come. Pray with us:

For women and men suffering after abortion:

May the Church's abortion healing ministry help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy; *We pray to the Lord.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$627.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,879.00

Food Pantry: \$205.00

Building Fund: \$250.00

Missions: \$60.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel.

Only one (10%) came back to say thank you.

I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord - indeed, all I am and all I have is gift!

How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S OCT. 19 & 20

Saturday, 5p.m...Adam Aulbach & Serena Merkel

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Kayli Henderson & Catalina Velasquez

Please join us during this Month of the Rosary . . .

Throughout October, prior to each Mass, St. John's parishioners are invited to arrive early (4:25 on Saturday or 7:55 on Sunday) to unite in prayer through the Rosary. Individuals and groups will take turns each weekend to lead the prayers. Bring your rosary and join in the prayers in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Oct. 19 Rosary Leaders: Shea Aulbach

Oct. 20 Rosary Leaders:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 14: [St. Callistus I, pope & martyr] Rom 1: 1-7; Lk 11: 29-32

Oct. 15: [St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church] Rom 1: 16-25; Lk 11: 37-41

Oct. 16: [St. Hedwig, religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin] Rom 3: 21-30; Lk 11: 47-54

Oct. 17: [St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr] Rom 3: 21-30; Lk 11: 47-54

Oct. 18: [St. Luke, Evangelist] 2 Tm 4: 10-17b; Lk 10: 1-9

Oct. 19: [Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and Companions, martyrs] Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Lk 12: 8-12

Oct. 20: Ex 17: 8-13; 2 Tm 3: 14 - 4: 2; Lk 18: 1-8

THIS WEEK:

Monday 14, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday 15, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's
Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John's

Wednesday 16, Eucharist DVD Series begins 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 17, Pastoral & Finance Councils 6pm at St. Mary's

Saturday 19, Reconciliation 4pm at St. Mary's

Sunday 20, Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's

Youth Group Meeting 10:30am at St. John's

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

2 KGS 5:14-17; PS 98: 1-4; 2 TM 2:8-13; LK 17:11-19

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God, who offers us salvation.

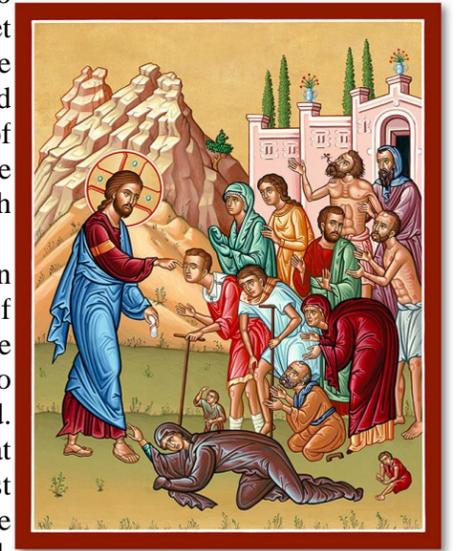
We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals 10 lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the 10 recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus, and he returned to thank Him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual), that the Lord showers upon us day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.





Session 1: Source and Summit

Why does the Church call the Eucharist the “source and summit of the Christian life?” Dr. Brant Pitre introduces us to the Sacrament of the Eucharist and explores its various names—and how those names give insight into its meaning.

Lectio: Eucharist beginning Wednesday evening, **October 16th, 6-7:15pm.** This is open to all St. John’s and St. Mary’s parishioners. If you wish to bring a friend that wants to know more about the Eucharist, they are welcome also. Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar now to be sure to attend this special presentation on the most essential part of our Catholic faith.

Child care is available for the Wednesday evening video series, Lectio Eucharist starting **October 16.** Our high school Religious Ed students will provide the childcare. Please contact Diana in the office by Monday of each week if you need this service. We want to have enough high school students for the age range and number of little ones and elementary students. A study room could be available, if needed. Please arrive by 5:45 pm with children.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters invite you to retool your discipleship to address the very real issues, challenges, and problems that face our country and world today. Pope Francis has called missionary congregations like the OLVMs to celebrate an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October. On Saturday October 19, 9am-3pm we invite you to learn the common call we all share to be missionary disciples in a world in need of healing. Fr. Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C., will lead us in an interactive workshop based on Pope Francis’ vision of the Church as a field hospital. Cost \$10 per person. Registration limited to 100. Lunch will be served. For more info. Call 206-356-0628.

WE NEED YOUR TREATS PLEASE

St. John’s ChrisTeen’s youth group will again be participating in Trunk-or-Treat at the courthouse square in Hartford City on Friday, October 25th. If you would be willing to help them provide safe trick-or-treating for kids in our community, drop off your candy bag donations in the boxes at either church entrance by October 20. Thank you.



BOGO SALE – SHOP NEW-TO-YOU Thursday 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.

Buy one lady’s shirt or pants and get one free now through October 17th. Shop now!

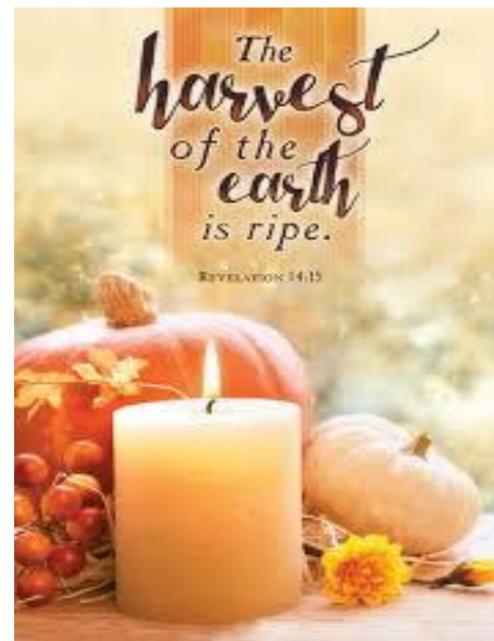
SUNDAY REFLECTION

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

In St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy, he writes, “If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;... But if we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.” St. We are afraid of losing ourselves in surrendering to Jesus. We want to die with him in Baptism, but when we arise, we would like some freedom. We want to forge our own path.

For us as Christians, this is where there is Good News. Jesus does not offer rules and regulations that confine us and crush our spirit. He offers us true freedom. We are no longer in the shackles of our own sin but instead are liberated by grace and are free to love in an authentic way. As humans, this is not always easy because our pride and selfishness get in the way. That is why we have the Body of Christ. By *belonging* to one another, we become instruments of grace for each other. We share testimony to the truth of the value of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the words of the great St. Ignatius of Loyola in his Suspice prayer, “Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.”



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, by appointment
St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Paul is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.