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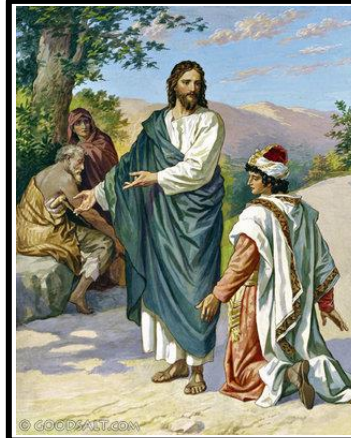
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## CHURCH SERVICES October 10 - 16, 2021

Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am  
**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – cancelled**  
**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – cancelled**  
Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm  
Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am  
Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am  
**No Adoration 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**



**Mark 10:17** <sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

**Responsorial Psalm:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.



## SACRAMENTS

Call the church office for information regarding all sacraments.

Confessions are available by appointment, and will be heard while maintaining social distancing.

## GET OUR BULLETIN VIA E-MAIL!

Just send us an e-mail and we will gladly add you to our weekly bulletin e-mail list. Bulletins usually go out on Fridays and include articles that do not make it into our printed version.

## Hours of Operation

**OFFICE:**  
Closed until further notice

**STORE:**  
By appointment only.  
Call the office.

**SHRINE:**  
The SHRINE area is now OPEN  
(social distancing is still required).



## MEMORIAL MASS:

To remember your loved ones in Masses once, or yearly, please call the office or you can leave your request in the envelopes provided at the back of the church.

## Thanksgiving Day – October 11<sup>th</sup>

It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (see Eph. 1:3-10). Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.



## OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

is always burning for the sick & Shut-ins of our church.





**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**October 10, 2021**

1. That the Catholic Church may free men and women from materialism and folly, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. That wealthy nations may share their resources with poor nations and not exploit them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
3. For the family of the human race, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
4. For families broken by divorce or separation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
5. For the children, born or unborn, in our local community, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
6. For our deceased relatives, called to their eternal home, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*
7. For the personal intentions we hold in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord, hear our prayer.*



**Financial Report**

Offertory (Oct 3)	\$ 1,222.00
Cemetery Sunday (Sep 19)	50.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	1,610.00
Shrine	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,082.00</b>



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**October 10-16, 2021**

**Sunday, October 10**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Wisdom 7:7-11
- Responsorial Psalm – **Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 4:12-13
- Gospel – Mark 10:17-30

**Monday, October 11 – Thanksgiving Day**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 1:1-7
- Responsorial Psalm – **The Lord has made known his salvation.**
- Gospel – Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 12**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 1:16-25
- Responsorial Psalm – **The heavens proclaim the glory of God.**
- Gospel – Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday, October 13**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 2:1-11
- Responsorial Psalm – **Lord, you give back to all according to their works.**
- Gospel – Luke 11:42-46

**Thursday, October 14**

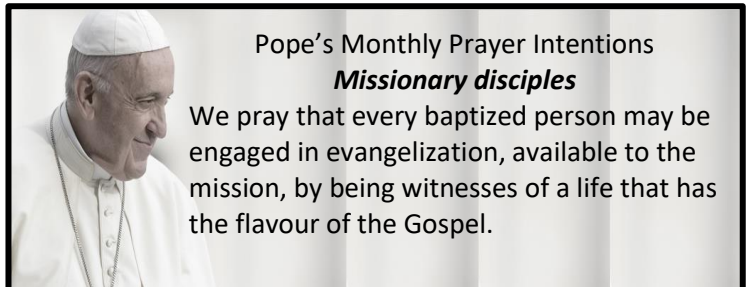
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 3:21-30
- Responsorial Psalm – **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**
- Gospel – Luke 11:47-54

**Friday, October 15**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 4:1-8
- Responsorial Psalm – **I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**
- Gospel – Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday, October 16 – World Food Day**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 4:13, 16-18
- Responsorial Psalm – **The Lord remembers his covenant forever.**
- Gospel – Luke 12:8-12



Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions  
***Missionary disciples***

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**October 11-16, 2021**

**Monday, October 11**

No mass intentions today.

**Tuesday, October 12**

No mass intentions today

**Wednesday, October 13**

† All Souls in Purgatory by Elaine Goldhawk

✠ Special Intention for Matthew , Natalie, & Noah O'Rourke by Mike & Diane Pepe

† Susan Cabral by Cabral-McKeand Family

† Bill Broad by Pierrette Broad

**Thursday, October 14**

† All Souls in Purgatory Especially Priests & Religious by Elaine Goldhawk

† Repose of the soul of Daphanae Singh by Jem Betshart

✠ Bill Broad by Pierrette Broad

† Susan Cabral by Cabral-McKeand Family

**Friday, October 15**

† All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of FO.S.S. by Elaine Goldhawk

† Susan Cabral by Cabral-McKeand Family

✠ Special Intention for Kate & Paul McKeand by Cathy Clayton

† Bill Broad by Pierrette Broad

† Garnet Lozon by George & Vivian Lozon

**Saturday, October 16**

† All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of FO.S.S. by Elaine Goldhawk

† Susan Cabral by Cabral-McKeand Family

† Bill Broad by Pierrette Broad

✠ Special Intention for Pynenburg Family by Bert Pynenburg

✠ Special Intention for Justin Johnson by Patti Johnson



A World Food Day (October 16<sup>th</sup>) has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of

hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."



**FROM THE CWL.....**

*Happy fall to everyone and with fall comes that time of the year when we ask our members to renew their dues. The dues remain \$22. You may use the CWL envelope in your offertory envelopes or place payment in an envelope marked CWL dues. Please include your name and telephone number and your e-mail address along with the payment. The earlier the payment is made the easier it is for our volunteers to get the information to the proper channels.*

*To keep everyone safe we are still not allowed to hold in-person meetings. That doesn't mean that we can't be active. First, as women of faith we can continue to pray for our church, our priests, our parishioners, our members and especially for an end to this pandemic. We must remember always to be kind. Is there someone who needs a call to see how they are doing or just to say hello?*

*We have been unable to hold our usual fundraising events since the pandemic. That means our ability to donate to our charities has been greatly diminished. Annually we give to the following organizations:*

***Right To Life Kent; Save A Family Plan; C-K Community Living; C-K Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Catholic Missions in Canada; C-K Hospice; Chatham branch of Can. Mental Health Assoc.; Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; St. Vincent de Paul; C-K Women's Centre; Farmtown: Courage for Freedom.***


*Perhaps as a CWL member you may wish to donate to one of our charities on behalf of the CWL. If so please make myself or our treasurer aware so that we may keep a record (sometimes that is easier than cooking or baking but not as much fun).*

*I know that our CWL is comprised of many clever and innovative members. If anyone has any ideas on how we may raise funds in order to continue to support the above charities please contact anyone on the CWL executive. We would love to hear your ideas. In the meantime, stay safe and may Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for all of us.*

*Christine, President St. Pats CWL*

# October 2021

\*Refer to the second attachment for the Prayer of the Day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 <b>Peace of Heart</b>	11 Thanksgiving Day  <b>A Prayer for the Way to Peace</b>	12 <b>Prayer on the Anniversary of a Deceased Person</b>	13 COVID Vaccine Walk-In Clinic (3-8pm) at the Buxton Museum for anyone born before 2009. <b>The Beatitudes</b>	14 <b>A Prayer for Salvation</b>	15 <b>St. Teresa of Avila</b>	16 World Food Day <b>Shine Through Me</b>

## St. John Neumann

Mar 28, 1811 - Jan 05, 1860  
(age 48)



John Nepomucene Neumann CSsR was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained and later joined the Redemptorist order and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He was of small stature, never robust in health, but in his short lifetime he achieved a great deal.

He had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States. He laid the foundation of the Catholic school system in the U.S.; introduced the Forty Hours devotion; promoted devotion to the Eucharist; founded a new religious institute—the Third Order of Saint Francis of Glen Riddle. In just seven years, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages.

As a bishop, Neumann was untiring in visiting his vast diocese. His life was dedicated to serving his parishioners and expanding the Church in the US.

He is a Roman Catholic saint, canonized in 1977.

St. John Neumann is invoked as a patron of sick children and of immigrants.

## St. Teresa of Avila

28 March 1515 – 4 or 15 October 1582  
Also called **Saint Teresa of Jesus**,



St. Teresa of Ávila was a **Spanish Carmelite nun** who lived in the 1500s. She was a noblewoman who felt called to convent life in the Catholic Church. St. Teresa was a prominent Spanish mystic, religious reformer, author of spiritual writings and poems, theologian of the contemplative life and of mental prayer.

She earned the rare distinction of being declared a Doctor of the Church, but not until over four centuries after her death. She founded numerous convents throughout Spain and was the originator of the Carmelite Reform that restored a contemplative and austere life to the order.

### Prayer:

Saint John Neumann, you helped organize Catholic education in the United States. Please watch over all Catholic schools and help them be a model of Christianity in their actions as well as their words. Amen

## Who We Are



In 2007 St. Mathew's Parish, Alvinston closed and the parishioners donated their outdoor statues of the Stations of the Cross to Our Lady's Shrine here at St. Patrick's. they also gave their Lady of Fatima Grotto and two large Church Bells. These were dedicated by Bishop Fabbro on August 15, 2008.

The Shrine and gardens are maintained by volunteers.

During Shrine Days Mass is celebrated in the centre area located in the midst of the twenty mysteries of the Rosary Trail. This area is well-lit during evening Masses.

The Shrine offers children's workshops in the spring and fall. Groups from out of town have visited the grounds as do many pilgrims who come by car. It is truly a place for young and old alike at all times of the year.

We pray that the Shrine will continue to be an instrument by which people will be led to a true devotion to Our Blessed Mother and to a deeper love of her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(to be continued...)

The funniest thing about this message is that by the time you realize it doesn't say anything its too late for you to stop reading it



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## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the church. This involves approximately one hour/ week on a rotating basis with other volunteers. If you can help, call the office (519-689-7760).

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**  
**October 10-16, 2021**

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**Sunday, October 10 - Peace of Heart**

Almighty and Eternal God, give me, I beseech You, the great gift of inward peace. Command the winds and storms of my unruly passions. Subdue, by Your grace, my proneness to love created things too much. Give me a love of suffering for Your sake. make me forbearing and

kind to others, that I may avoid quarrels and contentions. And teach me constantly to seek after and to acquire that perfect resignation to Your Holy Will which alone brings interior peace. Amen.

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**Monday, October 11 - A Prayer for the Way to Peace**

Father of love, hear my prayer.  
Help me to know Your Will  
and to do it with courage and faith.  
Accept my offering of myself,  
all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.

May my life be spent giving You glory.  
Give me the strength to follow Your call,  
so that Your Truth may live in my heart  
and bring peace to me and to those I meet,  
for I believe in Your Love.

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**Tuesday, October 12 - Prayer on the Anniversary of a Deceased Person**

O Lord,  
the God of mercies,  
grant unto the souls of Thy servants  
the anniversary day of whose burial we are keeping,  
a place of solace,  
of peaceful rest,  
of glorious light.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**Wednesday, October 13 - The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall possess the earth.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are they who hunger and  
thirst for justice,  
for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who suffer persecution  
for justice' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when men reproach you,  
and persecute you,  
and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil  
against you, for My sake.

**Thursday, October 14 - A Prayer for Salvation**

Precious Blood and Word of God, You are my eternal salvation. Lost in sin, You liberated me. You lifted me from perdition. Treasuring my feeble soul, You excused my constant frailties. Forever, I am indebted to You. Your cost can never be repaid, For You bought my freedom with Blood. I will always seek You out my Lord, You are my beloved Deliverer! You are the Lamb of God!

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**Friday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila**

O Saint Teresa, seraphic Virgin, beloved spouse of thy crucified Lord, thou who on earth didst burn with a love so intense toward thy God and my God, and now dost glow with a brighter and purer flame in paradise: obtain for me also, I beseech thee, a spark of that same holy fire which shall cause me to forget the world, all things created, and even myself; for thou didst ever avidly desire to see Him loved by all men. Grant that my every thought and desire and affection may be continually directed to doing the will of God, the supreme Good, whether I am in joy or in pain, for He is worthy to be loved and obeyed forever. Obtain for me this grace, thou who art so powerful with God; may I be all on fire, like thee, with the holy love of God. Amen.

(S. Alphonsus M. de' Liguori) An indulgence of 300 days. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this prayer is said devoutly every day for a month.

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**Saturday, October 16 - Shine Through Me**

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your Fragrance everywhere I go. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your Presence in my soul: let them look up and see no longer me--but only Jesus. Saint John Neuman

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