



October 19, 2025



**29th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

Today's
readings

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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**PRAY
ALWAYS.**



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 18 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Edward, Dorothy & Vincent Jarabek by Family

Sunday, October 19 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Children

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, October 20

8:00 AM † Anna & George Josay by Loving Family

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, October 23

8:00 AM † Josephine, Quirino Ciccarelli & Rosetta & Frank Ciccarelli by Marge Talarico

Friday, October 24

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, October 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Kathleen C. Kelemen by Bob Kelemen

Sunday, October 26 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Anthony Volpe by Rosina Volpe

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — October 25 & 26, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	D. Harkins S. Surdyn J. Brown	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	S. Campus T. Todd J. Todd	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	E. Yatchyshyn W. White K. Imbrescia	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, October 20 — Team #1 — B. Geis

Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

FAITH THAT TRANSFORMS THE HEART: TUESDAY, OCT.14
WEEK 28, YEAR 1

ROMAN 1:16; PSALM19; LUKE 11:37-41

Every child of God has a specific mandate to witness to Jesus in the world. We are ambassadors of Christ, sent to bear His light wherever darkness tries to reign. The Christian life is not meant to be hidden or silenced, but to radiate the transforming power of the Gospel.

Today, St. Paul declares with courage and conviction, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” These words remind us that the Gospel is not a mere story or slogan; it is a living power that changes hearts, heals wounds, restores broken lives, and brings people to salvation.

St. Paul describes the state of some Romans of his time, and this is the state of many people today. He says they suppress the truth and exchange it for lies; they worship creatures instead of the Creator; they know God but do not honour or give Him thanks; they are futile in their thinking and their hearts are darkened.

We are warned today not to become like this, and secondly, to witness to people who are in this state, for they need the message of the Gospel to save them. Sadly, we often become ashamed of the Gospel because of shame and fear.

Shame:

Some of us are ashamed to identify with Jesus in public. We keep quiet when the Holy Spirit prompts us to speak, pray, or defend the truth because we fear ridicule or rejection. But St. Paul reminds us that the Gospel is not a cause for shame, but the very power of God. Are we ashamed to make the sign of the cross in public? To pray with someone in need? To speak about our faith among those who mock religion?

Remember what Jesus says in Mark 8:38: “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father’s glory.”

Fear:

At other times, we are afraid to witness to Jesus because of what we might lose —friends, reputation, comfort, or peace. Yet Jesus, in today’s Gospel, shows us that truth must never be compromised. Though He was a guest at a pharisee’s table, He did not dilute the message. He spoke plainly, revealing that outward purity without inner conversion is hypocrisy. Jesus calls us to courage, not diplomacy, in matters of faith and truth.

So today, dear friends, let us take home these three messages:

1. Let the Gospel shape our lives.

The Gospel is not a symbol to decorate our lives but the force that transforms them by influencing our choices, our speech, and our actions. Let us live our faith openly and joyfully and not allow shame or fear to silence our witness. The world needs courageous Christians who will stand for truth, justice, and love.

2. Clean the inside first.

Conversion begins within. Jesus calls us to a purity of heart that comes from repentance and mercy. Holiness is not about appearance but about authenticity.

3. Avoid the modern idols.

Pleasure and pride are today’s false gods. They promise satisfaction but leave the soul empty. Let us worship the Creator, not His creation, and let God remain first in our lives.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us the courage to witness to You in truth and love. Purify our hearts from fear, shame, and hypocrisy. May Your Gospel take root within us and transform our thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to live with authenticity and joy, so that through us, the light of Your truth may shine in our world. Amen

**FR. ANTHONY ONOKO
SENDING YOU A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of this new week. Bless our parish families of St. John the Baptist, St. Sebastian, and Epiphany of Our Lord.

Bless our homes, our work, our studies, and our daily journeys. / Keep us safe from harm, strong in faith, joyful in hope, and generous in love.

Grant that in all we do, /we may seek Your will and glorify Your Name. / May the light of Christ shine through us this week, bringing comfort to the troubled, peace to the anxious, and encouragement to the weary.

Through Christ our Lord. / Amen.

May our Blessed Mother, Mary, Help of Christians, intercede for us. / Amen.

Wisdom Nuggets: The Catechism of the Catholic Church says. *"Prayer is the life of the new heart."* Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven and earth. Have you said a prayer today?

Weekly Collection Oct. 13			
Votive Candles:	151	End of Year:	300
Utility & Energy:	68	Online :	1,022
Accent:	9	Total Collection:	\$7,003
Advent:	16	Retired Religious:	9
All Saints:	13	World Mission:	25
All Souls:	33	Poverty Relief:	5
Children & Adult	5,391	Total Collection:	\$7,042

From Fr. Anthony:



My dear parishioners, welcome to the month of October, it is a month the Church dedicates to our blessed mother Mary. Traditionally it is a time to renew our love for the recitation of the holy rosary, and to seek our mother’s maternal intercession for our church, our families, ourselves, and our parish communities. Please, I encourage you to make this time a time of deeper Marian devotion by:

1. Meditating on the mysteries of Christ’s life through Mary’s eyes
2. Praying the rosary every day
3. Uniting our intentions with our blessed mother, especially for peace in our world in our homes and in our hearts.
4. By meditating on the rosary, our blessed mother leads us closer to her son Jesus Christ. May this month be for us a season of grace filled with renewed love for our blessed mother. Amen.

New month blessings to all of you.

Groups

Catholic Daughters of America will meet on Tuesday, **October 21 in the Epiphany Church Hall. The rosary will begin at 6 p.m. and the meeting immediately following.** Members are asked to bring their Trunk or Treat donations.

Cheeseball Sale

CDA Court 776 are selling cheeseballs for the holidays. Cost is \$10.00. **Orders are due by Tuesday, Oct. 21.** Call Regent Debbi Genemore at 724-708-8335 to order. Pick up is Friday, November 14 between 1 p.m and 3 p.m in the Epiphany Church Hall.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 9 & 10. All orders must be in by **Sunday, November 23.** Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
____ lbs.	____ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked “Sausage Order” and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Jason at 724-454-8688. Please make checks payable to the **Knights of Columbus 954**