

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF October 4 2026
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday Of Ordinary Time
 Feast Of St. Francis Of Assisi
 Respect Life Sunday

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be no (8:30 AM) daily mass.

<u>Monday 8:30AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday 8:30 AM:</u>	Charles Hankinson (Anniv)	<i>By: The Restly Family Reunion</i>
<u>Wednesday 8:30 AM:</u>	Ken Wambaugh (B’day)	<i>By: Family</i>
<u>Thursday 8:30 AM:</u>	Claudine Plush	<i>By: The Plush Family</i>
<u>Friday 8:30 AM:</u>	Barbara Kemple Hart	<i>By: Family</i>
<u>28th Sunday In Ordinary Time:</u>		
<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	Peter Radzvin (B’day)	<i>By: Linda, Justen, and Tristan</i>
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Robert Murphy (B’day)	<i>By: The Family</i>
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Kathleen Thompson	<i>By: Dick & Arlene Fuller</i>
<u>Sanctuary Candle:</u>		<i>By:</i>

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin Optional Memorial Of BL. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Galatians 1:6-12/PS Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c (R/.5)/Luke 10:25-37 Ephesians 3:14-19 (740-7)/ PS Psalm 103:1 (739-6)/Matthew 11:25-30 (742-4) Isaiah 52:7-10 (719-5)/PS Psalm Mark 16:15 (721-8)/Matthew 28:16-20 (724-4)
Tuesday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Bruno, Priest Optional Memorial Of BL. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Galatians 1:13-24/PS Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 (R/.24b)/Luke 10:38-42 Philippians 3:8-14/PS Psalm 40:5a/Luke 9:57-62 1 Kings 19:4-9a, 11-15a (737-5)/ PS Psalm cf. Psalm 16:5a (739-3)/Matthew 19:27-29 (742-9)
Wednesday:	Memorial Of Our Lady Of The Rosary Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/PS Psalm 117:1bc, 2/Luke 11:1-4 Acts 1:12-14/PS Psalm Luke 1:49/Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Galatians 3:1-8/PS Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 (R/.68)/Luke 11:5-13
Friday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Denis, Bishop, And Companions, Martyrs Optional Memorial Of St. John Leonardi, Priest Galatians 3:7-14/PS Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 11:15-26 2 Corinthians 6:4-10/PS Psalm 126:5/Matthew 5:13-16 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7/PS Psalm 96:3/Luke 5:1-11
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Galatians 3:22-29/PS Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R/.8a)/Luke 11:27-28
Sunday:	28th Sunday In Ordinary Time Isaiah 25:6-10a/PS Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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Mass Schedule:
 Mon: No Mass Tues: 8:30 AM Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:
 Mon :8:00 AM-3:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-3:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM –3:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:
 Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Parish Mission Statement
 St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God’s gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ’s challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John’s News & Upcoming Events:
Twenty-Seventh Sunday Of Ordinary Time
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Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Month October 2026:
Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. To learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life visit https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month

A Prayer for Life:
Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen



Blessing of Animals:
The blessing of pets for the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi will take place today Sunday October 4th at 1:30PM in the circle in front of the Church.

Rosary Rally to honor Our Blessed Mother:
The Christian Mothers would like to invite everyone to join in prayer with our CCD students on October 11th for our annual Rosary Rally. Father Mark will have a special service in between the 8 and 10:30am masses in the church. We look forward to praying with you! Please note that this will count as a Discipleship event for those preparing for Confirmation.

Operation Christmas Child:
My name is Doris Werner. We will once again be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Ministry. These boxes will be sent to children in countries around the world. The main purpose is to introduce these children to Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes and information can be found on the table in the back of Church. We ask that you please include a \$10 donation to help pay for shipping. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (814)-733-4611 or 814-937-5122. All items are due at the latest by Sunday November 08, 2026. Thank You!

Per the Cemetery Guidelines-
All seasonal decorations are to be removed from the cemetery by October 19th. American and Military flags will remain on graves until after Veterans Day.

Women At The Well:
There is a Women At The Well group forming here at St. John’s. Come and learn how to pray Lectio Divina – praying with that Sunday’s Gospel. We meet Monday morning at 9:00 AM in the Church Basement. For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary The Word Rosary means “Crown of Roses”

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Delmas Brick Jr., Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Tom Bezila, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Tim Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Sara Cairo, Larry Clarr, Deb Cornell, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Kathy Diamond, Peg Diehl, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Rick Earley, George Faidley III, Connie Fake, Tim Felten, Debbie Fisher, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Patty Ann Gardner, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Larry Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth Heider, Nickole Herdman, Sandra Herzing, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Jeff Horn, Tina Hoover, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Bob Kemerer, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Katie Koontz, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Bill Lankey, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Ralph Leister, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Chase Lester, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, Norma Jean Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Susan Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Angie Matey, Joseph Matey, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Abe Mills, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Tina Maddy Ostravich, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, M.P., Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Karissa Riberdy, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Debbie Rowan, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Kayleigh Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Riley Grace Sweeney, Rosalie Swingle, Leo Suhrie, Sherry Suttmilller, Carol Taylor, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Shirley Varchetti, Julianne Viselli, Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, George Whipple, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Gary Wolfhope, Dorothy Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope

If you added a person’s name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

Table with 3 columns: Sunday Loose: \$566.00, Sunday Adults: \$1985.00, Total Sunday: \$2551.00. Row 2: Retired Priest and Medical: \$592.00, Heating Oil Fund: \$330.00. Text: We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Please place items in the bins in the back of church.

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying “cornerstone” where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For October
For Mental health ministry
Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Healing Mass:

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday, October 6th at 7 pm**, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Alan Thomas will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry, Sacramental Anointing of the Sick and confessions will follow Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

All Saints Parish Boswell- Tamburitzans:

All Saints Parish in Boswell will sponsor a performance by the Tamburitzans folk ensemble from Pittsburgh on **October 11 at 2:00 p.m. at North Star High School in Boswell**. Tickets are available for purchase by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551.

Marian Celebration Planned at Johnstown Parish

The annual Marian Celebration will be held on **October 18th at 3:00 p.m.** at **Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown**. The gathering will include the praying of the Rosary and then Mass with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist

Our Lady Queen Of Angels, Central City:

OLQA Monthly Bingo - Please join us at the Activities Center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City) for a **special event \$1,000 guaranteed Jackpot Bingo on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm**. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. Wear something Halloween to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate. Come in costume to be entered to win \$200.

Hearing God’s Voice Workshop:

Jonna Schuster, nationally known speaker, author and Director of Catholic Revival Ministries will be leading the “Hearing God’s Voice” Workshop, on **Saturday October 24th, from 9am to 3:30pm at St. Catherine, Duncansville**. The workshop will include Jonna’s keynote addresses, group discussion, Adoration-Holy Hour, praise and worship, and lunch will be provided. Free will offering. Students are free. The workshop is a collaborative effort of Holy Spirit Ministry, the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, OMOS Prayer Ministry, Railroad City Catholics, and St Catherine’s. All ages are welcome! To register email at holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or call 814-207-9110. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice.” Many Catholics desire greater confidence in recognizing God’s voice. This workshop offers practical, biblical guidance for growing in confidence and intimacy with the Lord.

Catholic Charities Education Workshop:

Catholic Charities is pleased to offer an educational workshop on effective communication on **Saturday, November 14, 2026, at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to register please call 814-535-6538**. Lunch will be provided. Participants will gain practical tools and communication skills that can help build stronger relationships, minimize conflicts and misunderstandings, and foster more positive interactions in daily life.

Stewardship Reflection October 4th- The 27th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God. Our Second Reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted – the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to “have no anxiety at all.” How are we to do this? He tells us, “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately. So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God’s glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Matthew 21:42

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Teachers Needed ASAP:

A Religious Education Teacher is needed for the **4th and 5th Grade Class and the Confirmation Class which consists of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade**. If interested in teaching please contact the office ASAP so you can get setup for Clearances and Virtus Training. The person teaching must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 20th.

Office Of Youth Protection- “Empowering God’s Children Lessons For Youth:

Youth protection Lessons for students in our Religious Education Programs will need to be completed and turned into the Office **NO LATER THAN December 31, 2026 (For All Grades)** which then will be recorded ONLINE!! Unless they are recorded online, they are considered incomplete. Year after year, many are not completing these until the last minute and we are chasing around students up to the end of their session. **Since both St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and the Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown** gets either an in-person or paper audit **EVERY** year, this information is needed in order to get it prepared for the reports. The lessons will be emailed to the parents for each child (s) grade level in the upcoming weeks. The email address that is on file for religious education will be the email the lessons are sent to. If you don’t receive these lessons please call the office to ensure correct contact information is on file.

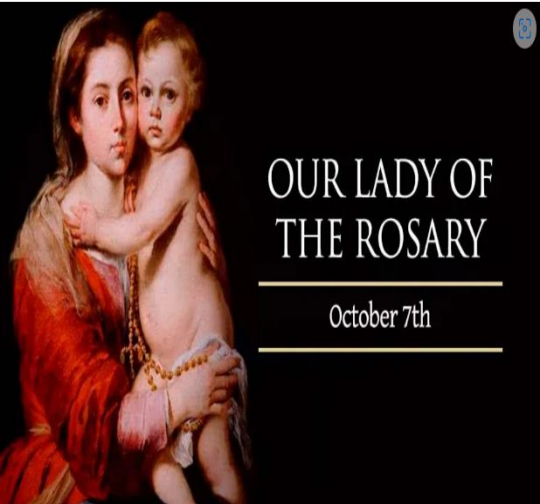
2026-2027 Confirmation Retreat Schedule for Grades 9 to 12:

Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	December 6, 9, 13, 2026
Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	March 7, 10, 14, 2027
Gifts And Fruits of the Holy Spirt	3 Zoom Sessions	Oct 18, 21, 25, 2026
Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirt	3 Zoom Sessions	Jan 10, 13, 17, 2027
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	November 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 2026
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	Feb 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 2027
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	Apr 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 2027

Students need to attend one zoom session for each retreat. Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabult. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne Thibault of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. For more information call Sr. Suzanne at 814-263-4177 or by email BethanyYouthCenter@gmail.com

Country Store Chairperson(s) Needed:

With much consideration, Christopher and Brittany Clark have informed the church of their decision to step down from overseeing **The Country Store** at future Fourth of July celebrations. Chris and Brittany are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside members of our congregation over the last nine years. As Chris and Brittany step down, **a new chairperson will be needed ASAP** to lead The Country Store so this cherished part of our celebration continues to thrive in the years ahead.



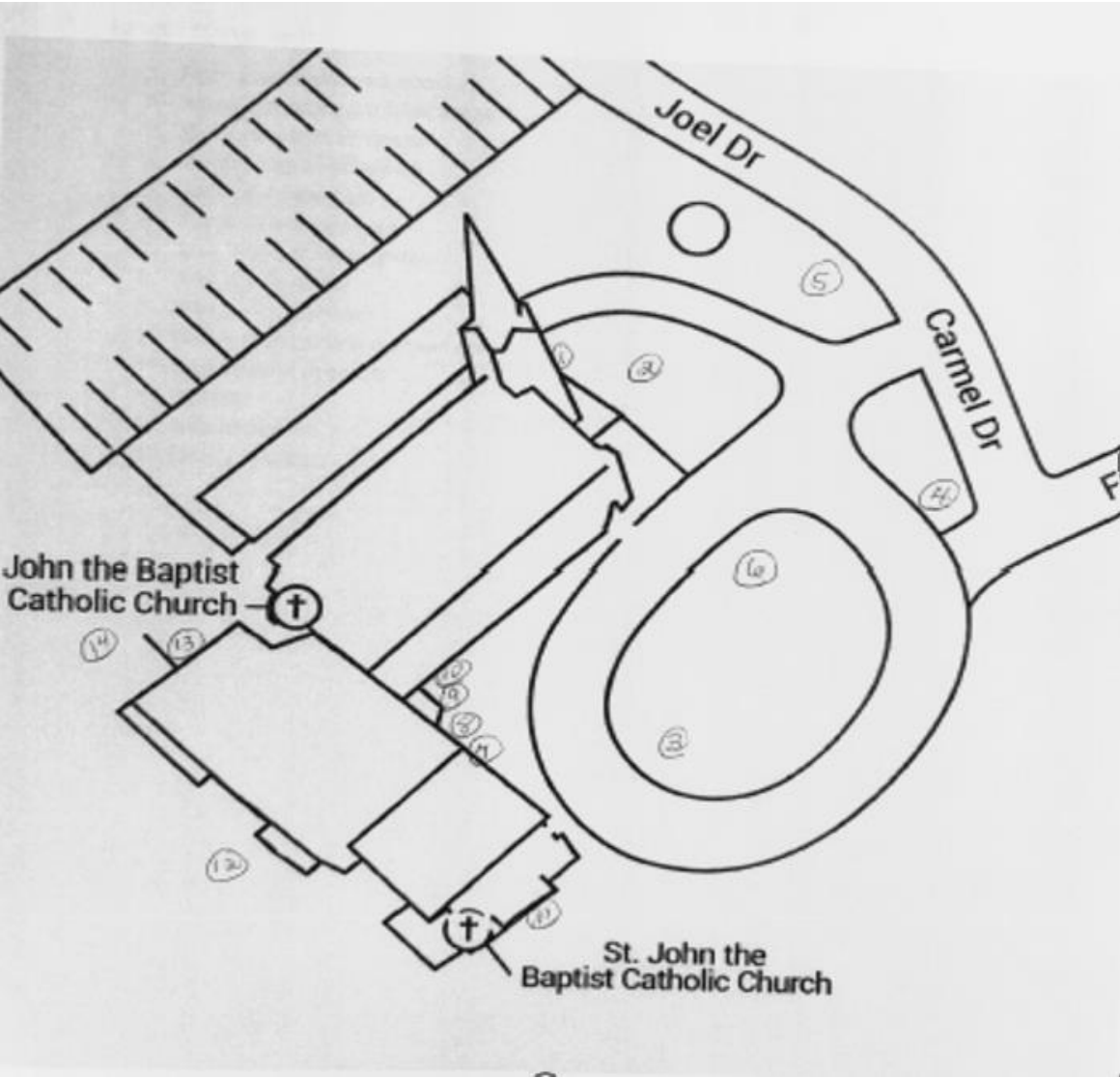
This Wednesday October 7th is the Feast Of Our Lady of the Rosary. Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Mary’s. Soon a mystery of Jesus’ life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary’s giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers interested in the care of our flower gardens. This could be one person or a group of people committed to keeping the designated area free of weeds. You would provide your own supplies. We have an area where weed debris can be disposed. We would like to start this fall so we can prepare for winter and be ready for spring. Contact Tracey May at 814-279-8847.

Church Flower Beds:

- 1. Right side main front door
- 2. Stone cross bottom front steps
- 3. Statue at circle driveway
- 4. Planter sign at entrance
- 5. Second retreat sign
- 6. Circle driveway pipes
- 7. Area 1 – left of rectory door
- 8. Area 2 – left center
- 9. Area 3 – right center
- 10. Area 4 – right side basement door
- 11. By screened in porch
- 12. Fire Pit
- 13. Side of Portico
- 14. Front of Portico



St. Francis of Assisi

1182–1226

Feast Day: October 4

The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, Francis experienced a profound conversion after going to war for Assisi, being imprisoned, and enduring a debilitating illness. He renounced his family and riches and lived a life of radical poverty and service because he believed Christ had asked him to. In response to God’s call a new mendicant Order of Friars Minor sprung up, or Franciscans, and other branches of the order such as the Poor Clares and the Franciscan Third Order. Pope Pius XII said Francis could be called “a second Christ,” and in 2013, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio took this medieval saint’s name when he was elected pope. Francis is the patron of animals, environmentalists, merchants, Catholic Action, and Italy. We are blessed to have Franciscans in our parish.

True and Perfect Joy- From the writings of St. Francis of Assisi:

The same (Brother Leonard) related in the same place that one day at Saint Mary’s, blessed Francis called Brother Leo and said: “Brother Leo, write.” He responded: “Look, I’m ready!” “Write”, he said “what true joy is.” “A messenger arrives and says that all the Masters of Paris have entered the Order. Write: this isn’t true joy! Or, that all the prelates, archbishops and bishops beyond the mountains, as well as the King of France and the King of England (have entered the Order). Write: this isn’t true joy! Again, that my brothers have gone to the non-believers and converted all of them to the faith; again, that I have so much grace from God that I heal the sick and perform many miracles. I tell you true joy doesn’t consist in any of these things.” Then what is true joy? I return from Perugia and arrive here in the dead of night. It’s winter time, muddy, and so cold that icicles have formed on the edges of my habit and keep striking my legs and blood flows from such wounds. Freezing, covered with mud and ice, I’ve come to the gate and, after I’ve knocked and called for some time, a brother comes and asks: ‘Who are you?’ Brother Francis,’ I answer. ‘Go away!’ he says. ‘This is not a decent hour to be wandering about! You may not come in! When I insist he replies: ‘Go away! You are simple and stupid! Don’t come back to us again! There are many of us here like you-we don’t need you!’ I stand again at the door and say: ‘For the love of God, take me in tonight!’ And he replies: ‘I will not! Go to the Crosiers’ place and ask there!’ “I tell you this: If I had patience and did not become upset, true joy, as well as true virtue and the salvation of my soul, would consist in this.

Spaghetti Dinner:

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday October 18th from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM.** The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) **\$10**, Children (5 -11) **\$5** Under 4: **FREE**. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

TAKEOUT ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

Orders:

Adult

Child

Pickup Time:

Please return back to parish office.