

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF September 27 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Priesthood 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>	George Engbert (B’d day)	<i>By: Dick & Cheryle Engbert</i>
<u>Wednesday 8:30 AM:</u>	Cathy Smith (B’d day)	<i>By: Joe, Kristina, Heather, Douglas and Families</i>
<u>Thursday 8:30 AM:</u>	Theresa (Hickey) Karns	<i>By: The Hickey Family Reunion</i>
<u>Friday 8:30 AM:</u>	James Davis (B’d day)	<i>By: Betty Davis</i>
<u>27th Sunday In Ordinary Time:</u>		
<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	George & Evelyn Hickey	<i>By: The Hickey Family Reunion</i>
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Dorma Raupach (B’d day)	<i>By: Mary Jane Smith</i>
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Pat Stoe	<i>By: Jeff & Brenda Hillegass</i>
<u>Sanctuary Candle:</u>		<i>By:</i>

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Wencelaus, Martyr Optional Memorial Of St. Lawrence Ruiz And Companions, Martyrs Optional Memorial Of Bl. Innocent Of Berzo, Capuchin Priest Job 1:6-22/PS Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Luke 9:46-50 1 Peter 3:14-17/PS Psalm 126:5/Matthew 10:34-39 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14/PS Psalm 34:5/John 15:18-21
Tuesday:	Feast Of SS. Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/PS Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4, 5/John 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Jerome, Priest And Doctor Of The Church Job 9:1-12, 14-16/PS Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 (R/.3)/Luke 9:57-62 2 Timothy 3:14-17/PS Psalm 119:12/Matthew 13:47-52
Thursday:	Memorial Of St. Therese Of The Child Jesus, Virgin And Doctor Of The Church Job 19:21-27/PS Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Luke 10:1-12 Isaiah 66:10-14/Matthew 18:1-4
Friday:	Memorial Of The Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5/PS Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab (R/24b) Exodus 23:20-25/PS Psalm 91:11/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Transitus Of St. Francis of Assisi Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/PS Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 (R/.135)/Luke 10:17-24
Sunday:	27th Sunday In Ordinary Time Memorial Of St. Francis Of Assisi Galatians 6:14-18/PS Psalm cf. Psalm 16:5a/Matthew 11:25-30 Isaiah 5:1-7/PS Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (R/.Isaiah 5:7a)/Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

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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:

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priesthood Sunday

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Today **September 27th we celebrate Priesthood Sunday.** Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. This is a day set aside to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Every day, your parish priest works hard helping your parish community to grow and flourish – from the various ministries he oversees to all the Masses he celebrates and Sacraments he administers. On top of the spiritual aspects that need tending, the general business of running a parish – for instance, keeping all the buildings maintained – falls on the shoulders of your Pastor and his staff.

 **HAPPY PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY TO FR. MARK,!**
Fr. Mark Thank You For All You Do and May God Bless You!!



BIG 50 BINGO!
Will be played in the parish hall here in New Baltimore **today Sunday September 27th beginning at 1pm** (Doors open at 11:30 AM Admission is **\$30**. Payouts: Regular Games-\$50 Specials-\$100 Refreshments available.



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

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.

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.

Spreading The Good News:
St. John The Baptist recently received a **\$1,348.15** annual grant from the Grasser-Imgrund St. John Cemetery Endowment Fund for the upkeep of our cemetery. We are grateful to the Grasser-Imgrund Family for creating this fund for our benefit. It is administered by our endowment partner, the Independent Catholic Foundation, Altoona, in an investment portfolio that is completely aligned with the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Learn more about the ICF at www.icfoundation.us

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, 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 Suttmillier, 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.

<u>OFFERTORY</u>		
Sunday Loose: \$426.00	Sunday Adults: \$1551.00	Total Sunday: \$1977.00
Catholic University: \$20.00		
We’re always collecting non- perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Please place items in the bins in the back of church.		

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
In today’s gospel Jesus asked, “What is your opinion?” Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don’t argue over or become divided by “your opinion.”

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For September
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Bedford County Life Chain:

Please join us on **Sunday October 4th between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM** for a silent, peaceful, and prayerful witness for life on **National Respect Life Sunday. Register And Get Your Sign Between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM at the Bedford Elementary School Parking Lot.** The chain will begin at Bedford Elementary and align Old Route 220/ North Richard Street to St. Thomas Catholic Church.

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

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 September 27th- The 26th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Today’s readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life. St Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.” In other words, Paul continues, “Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.” Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others. We are called to a high and holy standard – living as Christ’s disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in ‘baby steps.’ We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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 Spirit	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

Volunteer to take up the Offertory At Mass: During Mass, there’s a little moment that often goes unnoticed. After the collection baskets are passed, there is a very meaningful part of the Mass: members of our parish carry the gifts of bread, wine and the offertory to the priest. **The entire congregation is represented by those who bear the gifts. Through this act, we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God by bearing these gifts! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for the month for families to sign up to carry the offertory gifts up at mass.**

Liturgy and Life Reflection:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of two sons. One son refuses his father's request to work in the vineyard but later changes his mind and goes. The other son says he will go, but never does. Jesus teaches that what truly matters is not merely what we say, but what we actually do. God calls each of us to daily conversion. Like the first son, we may have failed, resisted, or wandered from God's path. Yet God's mercy is always available, and a sincere change of heart can lead us back to Him. The Gospel reminds us that repentance and faithful action are more important than outward appearances or empty promises. As we reflect on our own lives, let us ask:

- Do my actions reflect my profession of faith?
- Am I willing to change when God calls me to a new path?
- How can I better serve Christ through obedience, humility, and love?

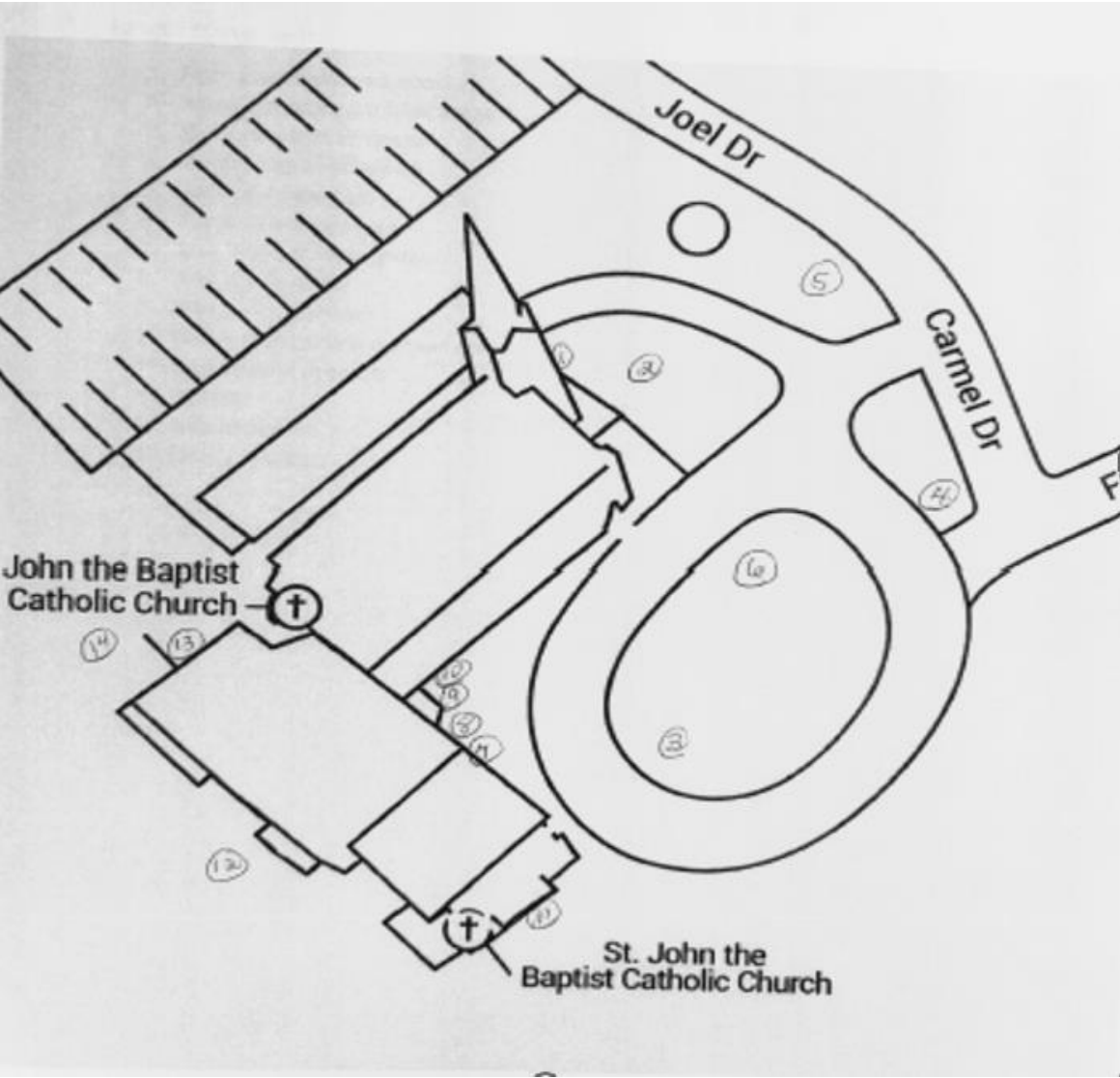
May we imitate Christ, who humbled Himself and was obedient to the Father's will. Through prayer, repentance, and service, may we become faithful disciples whose lives bear witness to the Gospel. *"The one who did the will of his father"* (Matthew 21:31). Let us strive not only to hear God's word, but to live it each day.

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



Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels:

Tuesday (September 29th) is the feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. These archangels, messengers sent by God are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called “the great prince”; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses’ body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel’s visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.

SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels, Pray For Us!

Reflection on SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels :

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God’s protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are the Patron Saints of:

- Death
- Germany
- Grocers
- Police Officers/First Responders
- Radiologists

Saint Gabriel is the Patron Saint of:

- Broadcasters/Communicators

Saint Raphael is the Patron Saint of:

- The Blind
- Travelers

Prayer to the Archangels:

Saint Michael, defend us.
Saint Gabriel, guide us.
Saint Raphael, heal us.
Holy Archangels, pray for us and lead us ever closer to Christ. Amen

Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.