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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times September 29, 2025

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 12:00p.m. Noon, 5:00p.m. (Anticipated), 7:00p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 8:00a.m. (EF: Latin), 10:00a.m., 12:00p.m.

Weekdays: 12:00p.m., 7:00p.m. (Español: lunes, martes, jueves, viernes)

Holy Days: 12:00p.m., 6:00p.m. (English) 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 4:00p.m. - 4:45p.m. or
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Baptism 1st and 3rd Sunday

Baptism Meeting: Thursday, prior to

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Fri. following the

12:00 pm Mass until after the 7:00pm

Every Sat. following the 12:00pm

1st Saturday at 10:00 am until after the

12:00pm Mass

DEVOTIONS AND NOVENAS

Sacred Heart: Fridays 12:00pm

Miraculous Medal: Mondays 12:00pm

Bilingual Marian Devotions: 1st Saturday

10:00am



Monday, September 29th

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

12:00 pm For the Souls in purgatory

Bishop Schneider

7:00 pm +Por las almas del purgatorio

Tuesday, September 30th

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm Spec. Int. for Eric & Stephanie Burghoffer

by Parents

7:00 pm Para los enfermos de nuestra parroquia

Wednesday, October 1st

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm Spec. Int. for Bishop Strickland

For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 2nd

The Holy Angels

12:00 pm Health Int. Gabriella Granatell *by Doris Winter*

7:00 pm Por nuestros sacerdotes, Papa Leo XIV y los religiosos

Friday, October 3rd

First Friday

12:00 pm +Joe Coan *by Joe & Roberta Holmes*

+Joseph Harrington *by his daughter*

7:00 pm Por la conversión y paz en el mundo

Saturday, October 4th -First Saturday

Saint Francis of Assisi

12:00 pm +Joe Coan *by Vidal Family*

5:00 pm Memorial Mass

7:00 pm 7 Intenciones Especiales por Hortencia Facuse
por *el Apostolado de Sagrado Corazón*

Sunday, October 5th

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Spec. Int. for Elke Pelaez

For the Souls in Purgatory

10:00 am Regina & Leone Milanese *by Agnolet Family*

+Marissa Sigona *by mother*

12:00 pm +Pedro Mulero *por Antonio Mulero*

+Timoteo Flores *por Antonio Mulero*

September 21, 2025

1st Collection-\$3,825.00

Memorial Intentions for 5:00 p.m. Mass for the Month of September

- ❖ Alfonso & Aurelia Bisa
- ❖ Anne & Bob Cordaro
- ❖ Dec. Mem. of the Terranova/Candela Fam.
- ❖ Deceased Mem. of Di Pietro-Vidal Families
- ❖ Dolores Scucci
- ❖ Domenick Di Bernardo
- ❖ Dominick & Inez Barcia
- ❖ Ennio Scarduffa
- ❖ Fr. John Connolly
- ❖ Gregory Sr. & Nancy Nosal
- ❖ Jane Huddy
- ❖ John M. & Charlotte Bagatti
- ❖ Joseph & Molly Crocco
- ❖ Joseph Lipari
- ❖ Leo, Jean & Mary & Leo III Horant
- ❖ Louise Marinari
- ❖ Mamie & Samuel Kitt
- ❖ Marie & Henry F. Marrocco Jr.
- ❖ Sallyann Chiappone

Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, September 28, 2025



Thank a Priest!



From the Pastor's Desk

Lazarus in the World Today

The Gospel this weekend presents the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The rich man enjoys all the blessings of prosperity: a fine home, rich foods and many possessions. Lazarus, on the other hand was a poor man lying at the door of the rich man, suffering greatly. The Gospel relates that Lazarus would have been grateful for the scraps of food that fell from the rich man's table.

Both men die. Lazarus carries off to the bosom of Abraham whereas the rich man suffers in torment in the netherworld. Why was the rich man condemned to torment? Was it because he was rich? No, the rich man is not punished for being rich, but rather because he chose to ignore the suffering of a poor man in need. Lazarus was invisible to the rich man, though he was seen by him every day begging at his door. The rich man was condemned to torment because of his indifference. As the Gospel continues, we find that the rich man wishes to be freed from his suffering, so he asks God to send Lazarus to him with water to cool his burning tongue and to his father's house to warn his brothers of his suffering in order for them to change and not suffer the same condemnation. In this we see that the rich man sees Lazarus as disposable, one who can only be used in order to relieve his own suffering.

Once, on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, the bus driver took us on a tour of the majestic buildings of our nation's capital. Then the bus took a sudden turn, and it was as if we were in a completely different world! Before our eyes were run-down tenement slums and such adject poverty that it was hard to imagine that we were in the same city. Many times, it is hard for us to conceive how such poverty and need can exist in the richest and most powerful country in the world. The fact is that we do not need to go to Washington, DC to see this for this very dichotomy exists right here in our own area and is before our every eye every day!

Lazarus is here. He is in the homeless man or woman who sleeps outdoors in the freezing cold of winter. Lazarus is in the immigrant, the unwed mother, the drug addict, the hungry children, the poor and the sick and destitute. As Christians we are called to help in alleviating their suffering, and we pray today for the grace and strength to be able to do this! We know and believe that one day, our Lord will come in His glory at the end of history, but in reality, Jesus is present now, in the lives of the countless persons we see each day around us. Lazarus is begging at our door! We are Christ's Body, His living Church. Unlike the rich man for whom Lazarus was invisible, may we open our eyes and hearts to help alleviate the suffering of the Lazarus in our world today. Let us all remember that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do not only for them, but for Christ!



Mass Readings for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 29:

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12: 7-12ab

John 1: 47-51

Tuesday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Timothy 3: 14-17 or Zechariah 8: 20-23 Luke 9: 51-56

Wednesday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Isaiah 66: 10-14c or Nehemiah 2: 1-8 Luke 9: 57-62

Thursday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 or

Exodus 23: 20-23 Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

First Friday, October 3:

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Baruch 1: 15-22 Luke 10: 13-16

First Saturday, October 4: St. Francis Of Assisi

Galatians 6: 14-18 or Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29

Matthew 11: 25-30 or Luke 10: 17-24

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2025

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Sobre la Palabra de Dios

Lázaro en el Mundo de Hoy

El Evangelio de este fin de semana nos presenta la parábola del hombre rico y Lázaro. El hombre rico disfrutaba de todos los bienes de este mundo: una casa lujosa, banquetes exquisitos y muchas posesiones. Lázaro, en cambio, era un hombre pobre que yacía en la puerta del rico, sufriendo enormemente. El Evangelio relata que Lázaro se habría sentido agradecido con tan solo las sobras que caían de la mesa del rico.

Ambos mueren. Lázaro es llevado al seno de Abraham, mientras que el hombre rico sufre tormentos en el lugar de castigo. ¿Por qué fue condenado? ¿Acaso fue por ser rico? No. El rico no fue castigado por su riqueza, sino porque eligió ignorar el sufrimiento de un pobre necesitado. Aunque veía a Lázaro cada día en su puerta, lo trataba como si no existiera. Fue su indiferencia la que lo condenó. Más adelante, el Evangelio nos dice que el rico, en medio de su tormento, pide a Dios que envíe a Lázaro con un poco de agua para aliviar su lengua, y que lo mande también a casa de su padre para advertir a sus hermanos y evitar que ellos sufran la misma condena. Incluso en ese momento, el rico ve a Lázaro como alguien desechable, útil solo para aliviar su propio sufrimiento.

En una peregrinación al Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C., el conductor del autobús nos llevó primero a recorrer los majestuosos edificios de la capital. Pero, de repente, el autobús dio un giro inesperado, y parecía que habíamos entrado en otro mundo. Ante nuestros ojos aparecieron barrios marginales en condiciones deplorables, con una pobreza tan profunda que costaba creer que seguíamos en la misma ciudad. Muchas veces nos resulta difícil comprender cómo puede haber tanta necesidad en el país más rico y poderoso del mundo. Sin embargo, esta misma realidad existe aquí, en nuestra propia comunidad, ante nuestros ojos cada día.

Lázaro está aquí. Lo encontramos en el hombre o la mujer sin hogar que duerme a la intemperie en el frío invierno. Está en el inmigrante, en la madre soltera, en la persona adicta, en los niños hambrientos, en los enfermos, en los pobres, en los marginados y abandonados. Como cristianos, estamos llamados a aliviar su sufrimiento. Hoy pedimos al Señor la gracia y la fortaleza para hacerlo.



Lecturas de la Misa para la Vigésima Sexta Semana del Tiempo Ordinario

lunes, 29 de septiembre:

Santos Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael, Arcángeles

Daniel 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Apocalipsis 12, 7-12ab

Juan 1, 47-51

martes, 30 de septiembre:

San Jerónimo, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia

2 Timoteo 3, 14-17 o Zacarías 8, 20-23

Lucas 9, 51-56

miércoles, 1 de octubre:

Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús,

Virgen y Doctora de la Iglesia

Isaías 66, 10-14c o Nehemías 2, 1-8

Lucas 9, 57-62

jueves, 2 de octubre:

Los Santos Ángeles Custodios

Nehemías 8, 1-4a. 5-6. 7b-12 o Éxodo 23, 20-23

Mateo 18, 1-5.10

Primer viernes, 3 de octubre:

Misa Votiva del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Baruc 1, 15-22, Lucas 10, 13-16

Primer sábado, 4 de octubre:

San Francisco de Asís

Gálatas 6, 14-18 o Baruc 4, 5-12. 27-29

Mateo 11, 25-30 o Lucas 10, 17-24

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario,

5 de octubre de 2025

Habacuc 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4, 2 Timoteo 1, 6-8. 13-14

Lucas 17, 5-10

Religious Education Classes

O.C.I.A. Classes

Friday, October 10, 24, 2025

at 10:30 am in the Connolly Center



ESL Adv. Class-Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm Connolly

Center **Classes begin on September 29, 2025**

ESL Beg. Class-Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm Connolly Center

Classes begin on September 30, 2025

Rosary Society Oct. Dinner Ticket Sale-after weekend

Masses in September

Eucharistic Adoration Honoring the Month of the Holy

Rosary-Sunday, October 5 at 11:00 am

Blessings of Animals-October 5

Rosary Society Induction Mass-12:00 pm followed by dinner.

Rosary Society

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and as such the Rosary Society is sponsoring their annual October dinner on **Sunday, October 5th after the 12-noon mass**. This is also our new member Induction mass.

Dinner will be served in the Connolly Center.

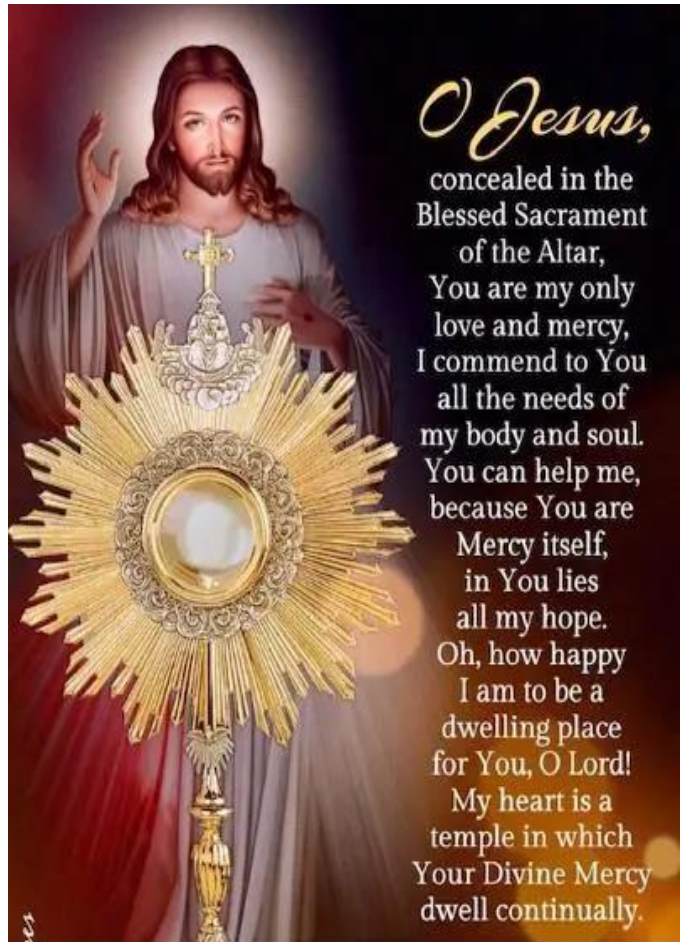
Tickets are \$40 and will be sold the next 3 weekends after all masses. Only 60 tickets will be sold due to the limited space.



Sociedad del Rosario

Octubre es el mes del Santo Rosario y el 7 de octubre es la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario y, como tal, la Sociedad del Rosario patrocina su cena anual de octubre **el domingo, 5 de octubre después de la misa de las 12 del mediodía**. Este es también nuestra misa por los nuevos miembros. miembro Misa de inducción. La cena se servirá en el Connolly Center. Los boletos cuestan \$ 40 y se venderán los próximos 3 fines de semana después de todas las misas. Solo se venderán 60 boletos debido al espacio limitado.

Eucharistic Adoration



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. To honor Our Lady, we will have Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, October 5 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

Come spend time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Rosary for peace in our families, our Church, and our world.

Let's unite in prayer and devotion as we grow closer to Mary and Her Son during this special month.

First Friday, October 3/ First Saturday

October 4: Eucharistic Devotion, sign-up sheets in the vestibule.



Primer viernes 3 de octubre / Primer sábado 4 de octubre:

Devoción eucarística, las hojas de inscripción para los tiempos de adoración están disponibles en el vestíbulo.

Blessing Of Animals, Sunday, October 5, after all

Sunday Masses: bring your pet for a special blessing in honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast is October 4



Bendición de animales, domingo 5 de octubre, después de todas las misas dominicales: traiga a su mascota para una bendición especial en honor a la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, cuya fiesta es el 4 de octubre



MONTH ONE – Developing Baby **Spiritual Adoption Program**

“My heart started beating today!” During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby’s tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby’s mother to give him the most precious gift of all -- the gift of life.

Let us pray that the Lord of Life will touch the heart of the baby’s mother, so that she may give him the most precious gift of all: the gift of life.

Oremos para que el Señor de la Vida toque el corazón de la madre del bebé, para que le conceda el regalo más precioso de todos: el don de la vida.

2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

As stated in this year’s Diocesan Ministries Appeal theme “Three Countries, One Family of Faith,” the impact of the Appeal can be felt in every corner of our Diocese. For instance, the Appeal helps support the following ministries and programs in Sussex County: Group home for adults with disabilities, Sparta; Meals on Wheels program for seniors; Partnership for Social Services in Franklin which includes a food pantry, clothing thrift shop, friendly visitors program for seniors, community education, referral services; treatment services for individuals struggling with addiction; aging services; services for veterans and their families; veterans clothing closet; family referral and information for loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and case management for over 200 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you to all who support this important work! Lives are transformed through your generosity. Next week, in our bulletin, the work of the Appeal in Morris County will be highlighted. Please consider making a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal at www.2025appeal.org

Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos 2025

Como se afirma en el tema de la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos de este año, con “Tres Condados, Una Familia de Fe,” el impacto de la Campaña se puede sentir en cada rincón de la diócesis. Por ejemplo, la Campaña ayuda a apoyar los siguientes ministerios y programas en el Condado de Sussex: Hogares comunitarios para adultos con discapacidades en Sparta; “Meals on Wheels” programa de alimentos a domicilio para adultos mayores; “Partnership for Social Services” Asociación de Servicios Sociales en Franklin, que incluye un Banco de alimentos, área de ropa, programa de “Friendly Visitors” visitantes amistosos para adultos mayores, educación comunitaria, servicios de orientación para acceder a otros programas; Servicios de tratamiento para personas que luchan con una adicción; Servicios para adultos mayores; Servicios para veteranos y sus familias; Área de ropa para veteranos; Servicios de orientación e información a familias para sus seres queridos con discapacidades de desarrollo e intelectuales; Administración de casos a más de doscientas(200) personas con discapacidades de desarrollo e intelectuales. Gracias a todos los que apoyan esta importante obra! Se transforman vidas gracias a tu generosidad. La próxima semana en el boletín, compartiremos sobre la obra de la Campaña en el Condado de Morris.

Por favor considera hacer un donativo a la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos 2025 al www.2025appeal.org



Madonna Santissima dei Miracoli

By Angelo Castronovo

September 8, exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the church celebrates the liturgical feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day in 1530 on the outskirts of the village of Mussomeli, Sicily a man known only as a poor paralytic was seeking refuge under a tree when he found himself cured of his terrible ailments. The formerly paralytic man could hardly hide his jubilation. It didn't take long for the inhabitants of Mussomeli to be alerted to his mysterious healing. Upon investigation of the location of the healing, citizens of this mountainous village in the Caltanissetta Province observed the image of Our Lady impressed upon a rock. These faithful people immediately gave thanks to God and the intercession of the Blessed Mother for the miracle that had occurred in their presence and thus began the local devotion of La Bedda Matri, Maria Santissima dei Miracoli or Our Lady of Miracles.

A simple shrine was built over the rock that bears the image of Our Lady. As the village of Mussomeli grew into a town, so did the devotion to the Blessed Mother under this title. Through her intercession, many more miracles were reported. In the sixteenth century, Madonna di Miracoli was named the patroness of Mussomeli. In the eighteenth century, Friars of the Dominican Order arrived and replaced the simple shrine with a magnificent Baroque church. While the friars named the church San Domenico (St. Dominic) it was also established as Il Santuario Maria SS. dei Miracoli (The Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles.) The rock that bears the miraculous image of the Blessed Mother remains at the foundation of the church in the crypt below. In the nineteenth century, the original statue of Our Lady of Miracles which was a simple Madonna and Child was replaced by the current statue. This image depicts the paralytic making his supplications to Our Lady while she appears crowned with the Child Jesus in her arms. She is surrounded by three cherubim, one of which stands at her side bearing the coat of arms of Mussomeli. This magnificent statue stands over the altar of the shrine church and is carried in procession through the town every

year on the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. It is the most joyous day of the year for the people of Mussomeli.

With the arrival of the twentieth century, much of Italy had fallen on hard times. People began to seek a better life for their families in foreign lands. Many of the citizens of Mussomeli departed their ancestral town and groups of them settled in England and the United States. They entrusted their future to the protection of The Blessed Mother and as an expression of faith and gratitude, devotion to Our Lady of Miracles continued in the immigrant communities where the Mussomelese established their new lives. Societies of Maria SS. dei Miracoli were established in London and Surrey England, Manhattan and Buffalo New York, and Garfield and Passaic New Jersey. Statues of Our Lady of Miracles were recreated by these societies where her feast is still celebrated on September 8 in many of these locations.

In 1921, two similar statues were crafted by Joseph Giuffi of New York. One was for the society in Passaic which was chartered out of The Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Madonna and Child portion of that statue remains in the church today. The other Giuffi statue was crafted for the Garfield Society which was chartered out of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows. The feast was celebrated there for many decades with a festival and procession where the statue was carried through the streets surrounding the church.

As members of the society aged and passed away, the feast and other society activities ceased. The statue remained in the church until the parish was merged with Church of Our Lady of Mount Virgin in 2017. The church was deconsecrated and leased to a school at that time. "La Madonna" the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Miracles lost her home of nearly a century. Out of his devotion to the Blessed Mother and his appreciation for the beauty and quality of this statue, Msgr. Joseph F. Ambrosio, Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Newark purchased the statue from the patrimony of the Archdiocese of Newark. He stored it in the upper sacristy of his church anticipating restoration and use for future devotion. Sadly Monsignor passed away in 2020. In 2024 the statue was taken to Buffalo where it was restored by Swiatek Studios, a firm that previously restored the Buffalo statue. Restoration was completed in 2025 and the statue was delivered back to New Jersey by Swiatek on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Fr. Robert W. Wisniewski, Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Clifton agreed to provide a new home for "La Madonna." This location is very significant as Sacred Heart Church, the oldest Italian National Parish on the region is located directly across the Passaic River from the former Church of Our Lady of Sorrows. Many of the former parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows have now joined Sacred Heart Parish. While not all of these parishioners are Mussomelese, many of them remain devoted to Our Lady of Miracles and consider her a powerful intercessor.

