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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m. SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m. John Kinney (RIP) by Diane Kinney

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mary & Gene Klark WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Martin & Carol Flautt by Paula & Mark Coleman

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 a.m. Mark Enke (RIP) by Joe & Ginny Prusaczyk

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 - Saint John XXIII, Pope

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the

Klark - Boling Families by Mary & Jean Klark

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:00 p.m. Bernard Lukco (RIP)

by the Albright/Lukco/Fletcher Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:15 a.m. Larry Looker (RIP) by Dale & Linda Panko

10:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of

St. Edward Parish

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.

OCTOBER 12/13 LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Cheryl Boggess, Steve Blubaugh8:15 a.m. Selma Lesher, Sarah Rundell

10:45 a.m. Catherine Burczak, Rose Ann Stevenson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Dave Conway, Anna Hofer, Cliff Kirchner,

Leann Kirchner, Karen Kolbe

8:15 a.m. Dave Burd, Lori Corder, Rick Corder,

Jane Dougan, Bill Hoekstra

10:45 a.m. Noelle Gremling, Frances Hiebel,

Richard Hoben, Kathy Kiebel, Joe Krempel, Robin Krempel, Annie Lach, Sydney Lerda,

Maria Lewis

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 6, 2019 – YEAR C

PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.: Surrexit Christus (Taizé)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: All Creatures of Our God and King

(#537, vs. 1-3)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior

(#911)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 95: If today you hear his voice... (p. 219) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 220)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Beautiful Savior (#198)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN:

Mass of Christ the Savior (#914, 916, 918)

LAMB OF GOD: Mass of Christ the Savior (#919) COMMUNION: Seed, Scattered and Sown (#355)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 Choir): Ubi Caritas (Hurd)

Refrain: *Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.* (Where charity is true, God is there.)

CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Let All Things Now Living (#588)

POSTLUDE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Finale: Organo Pleno (J. Correll, b. 1942)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Michael Flanigan 8:15 a.m. Steve Schlicher 10:45 a.m. Kayce Long

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Sarah Carpenter, Andrew Coffey, John Coffey8:15 a.m. AJ Burd, Andy Sanchez, Luke Sanchez10:45 a.m. Leah Moberg, Peter Moberg, Ethan Gray

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Paula Bevier, Dale Panko

GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Mary Albright

8:15 a.m. Dale & Linda Panko

10:45 a.m. Volunteer

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact our nursery coordinator, Shannon Hughes at 740-404-9427 or dchsmh@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Sunday collection for September 29th was \$9,886.70. The Online Giving total for September 24th-September 30th was \$4,054.00.



You can sign up for our Online Giving program from the St. Edward home page at www.saintedwards.org. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish through Online Giving.

FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with us



Would you like to know what is coming up at St. Edward Church? Please check out the link on our parish website and register for Flocknote. Call the office if you have any questions! Join our Flocknote messaging system via www.saintedwards.org.

WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

☐ This Friday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.. composer David Haas will be giving a free public concert at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. He is the composer of "Blest Are They" and a number of other choral and congregational pieces that have been sung at St. Edward throughout the years.



- Bell Choir rehearsals resume this Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. on the choir loft.
- Children's Choir (1st-6th grade) will resume in November. The choir will again sing for the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass with prelude music starting at 4:30 p.m. The rehearsal schedule is:

November 3, 10: only 4th, 5th, 6th graders November 17, 24: only 1st, 2nd, 3rd graders December 1, 8, 15, 22: everybody – 1st through 6th graders

Rehearsals are on the choir loft. They begin immediately after the 10:45 a.m. Mass and end promptly at 12:45 p.m. To sign up, you can complete the sheet being distributed through PSR or contact Paul directly at music@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our first Super Sunday is coming up for our Confirmandi next week on October 13th! It is a great opportunity for parents and students to prepare together for Confirmation and grow together in faith.

Anyone considering PSR is STILL WELCOME to register! Let us know how we can support your family!

This week's schedule:

Today, Sunday, October 6th **Grades 5, 6, 7, 8:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Pre-K/K: 10:45 - end of Mass

Wednesday, October 9th

Grades 1A. 2A. 3A. 4A: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Grades 1B, 2B, 4B: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 6

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Collection Welcome Sunday - After Masses - Hall PSR - see schedule Choir - 9:30 a.m. - Loft Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Hall

Monday, October 7

Eucharistic Adoration - After 9:30 a.m. Mass until Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - Chapel Unlocking the Mystery Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, October 8

RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Hall Bell Choir - 7:00 p.m. - Loft

Wednesday, October 9

Rosary Makers - 9:30 a.m. - Lounge Centering Prayer - 9:30 a.m. - Classroom 7 PSR – See schedule Santa's Attic Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Hall Men's Faith Sharing - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel & Lounge

Thursday, October 10

Scripture Study - 9:30 a.m. - Classroom 7 Choir - 7:00 p.m. - Loft

Saturday, October 12

Men's Fellowship - 7:00 a.m. - Hall

Sunday, October 13

Feast of St. Edward PSR – See schedule Super Sunday - Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Hall Choir - 9:30 a.m. - Loft Youth Group - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Hall

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in supporting those that are interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact Sarah Rundell, rundells@denison.edu or 614-726-2367. All are welcome to attend our next RCIA session on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

DAILY ROSARY

Please join us to recite the Rosary after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each weekday in the Chapel. We look forward to praying together! Rosaries are available at the entrances of the church.



FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

Come one and all! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! Please join us today at 10:20 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or email ckk1@att.net. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please contact Cindy.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Minister Schedule for October 6th through December 29th has been emailed; is available on our church website under the tab Liturgy/Sacraments on the left; and copies are available in the Sacristy (Altar Server side.) Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION SUNDAY

Conference members will be at the doors of the church to receive your generous donations after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your financial support to help those in need in our area.

EXPECTING A NEW ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY?

Congratulations to you! As you prepare for your child's birth, don't forget to prepare for their Baptism! Expectant parents must attend a baptismal preparation class and choose godparents who fulfill Church requirements. For more information, contact Cheryl Boggess in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Today is Respect Life Sunday. Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating the kickoff of Respect Life Month. Find the reflection on this year's theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," by visiting www.respectlifeprogram.org/reflection.

10 WAYS TO SUPPORT HER WHEN SHE'S UNEXPECTEDLY EXPECTING

Read the full version at respectlife.org/support-her.

Your support may be the only support she receives. As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become

pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother. It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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HEARTBEATS BOTTLES FOR LIFE

Be sure to pick up a **Bottle For Life** as you leave church today. **Heartbeats of Licking County** uses your donations to support their ultrasound imaging program. Mothers who see images of their babies choose life. Please be generous. Return your bottle for life on the weekend of October 26-27. Thank you for your support.



WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome Sunday is this weekend after both Sunday Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts, **sponsored by Pat Belhorn, in memory of Deacon Paul Belhorn.** The Knights appreciate and thank Pat for her generosity.

If your family or business would like to be a sponsor for Welcome Sunday, please contact Scott Scholten at 740-258-3287. All money collected in the donation jug on the donut tables goes toward Knights of Columbus CHARITIES. Your generous donations help us to serve those in need as well as our Seminarians and to promote vocations. We sincerely appreciate your contributions!

STEWARDSHIP

This month, the **Santa's Attic** committee will host the Stewardship Table. This is the group that makes the Santa's Attic sale a success each year for the good works of the Women of St. Edward. Please stop by the table; we would be grateful for men and women volunteers. There are St. Edward Ministry sign-up sheets at the Stewardship table. If you are interested, you may sign up for a parish ministry.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

All new members of the parish, please stop by the Welcome Committee table. The Welcome Committee would like to meet you and give you a small gift from the parish. Also, new families can register.





Women and families that we all know and love are wrestling with thoughts of abortion.

20,000 searches in our community were done on the internet for "abortion" in the last 30 days!

Your gift allows us to provide all services at NO COST:

- ♥ Pregnancy tests
- ♥ Limited diagnostic ultrasound
- ♥ Post abortive ministries
- ♥ Parenting classes

- ◆ Abstinence until marriage program for middle and high school students
- ♥ Material aid through boutiques
- ♥ And much more

When you give to Heartbeats, you are ministering to more than 6,000 women, men, teens, and babies. Last year, 346 women were shown proof of life through a free ultrasound at Heartbeats, and we know of AT LEAST 30 DECISIONS FOR LIFE WERE MADE! We served over 4,300 contacts in local schools through our Relationships Under Construction program, 9 men and women recieved healing through our post abortive ministries, and 28 clients gave their lives to Christ in 2018! We continue to reach His precious people with the support of friends like you who give through our Bottles for Life campaign!



Newark • 740-349-7558 Zanesville • 740-450-5437 For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. -Psalm 100:5 NIV

24 Hour Helpline 1-800-712-HELP

Join us for the 8th Annual Sacred Heart Congress on Saturday, November 16th at St. Michael Church in Worthington, OH from 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Doors open at 7:00 AM, Rosary at 7:30 AM, Mass with Bishop Brennan at 8:00 AM followed by our speakers.



Registration:\$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Scholarships are available. Sign up here or visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org or call 614-468-3959.



LITTLE FLOWER SHOWER

St. Edward is hosting a Little Flower Shower baby shower for Autumn and Anthony on Sunday, October 20th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Autumn is a young lady in Newark raising an almost-3-year-old daughter while caring for her grandparents. She and her husband Anthony look forward to welcoming a baby boy to their family on November 19th. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ as we shower this family and this baby with blessings.

All are invited to attend the shower. Prayers for the health of mom and baby are always appreciated. To volunteer to help with the shower, or donate gifts of new baby items, cash or gift cards, please contact parishioner Marthena Harms at marthenab@yahoo.com or 740-262-5766.



PREPARING FOR ADVENT ~ ADVENT CANDLE SALE

The season of Advent begins December 1st and the Women of St. Edward are here to help you prepare. You will have the opportunity to purchase a 4-piece set of Advent candles for a nominal fee of \$5.00. The candles will be available before and after Masses on October 19/20 and October 26/27. All monies collected will be 100% profit for the Women of St. Edward to meet some of the spiritual, physical and social needs of the parish. Please consider bringing this long-standing Catholic tradition into your home.

NEWARK CATHOLIC ST. JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Newark Catholic 3rd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at the High School on Thursday, October 17th. Bishop Robert J. Brennan will be the featured speaker. Breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the program starting at 7:00 a.m. and concluding by 7:45. The Newark Catholic Ensemble will perform. Please consider joining us by purchasing your ticket at the school office or online at https://www.newarkcatholic.org/giving/prayer-breakfast-registration/ OR tickets will be sold in our Gathering Space the weekends of October 6th and 13th. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many blessings we have been given as a Catholic School and to share the traditions, programs, and practices of our Campus Ministry Program with our community.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake, will be hosting another Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Any parishioner working in a ministry involving children or employed by the Diocese is required by the Diocese to take this workshop and to have a BCI background check completed. If you are interested in taking the class, please go to Virtus.org to register and click on the "First Time Registrant" button or call Pam Klein at 740-928-3264.



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Тімотну 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Share your gifts and blessings by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation. org/development for more information.

CATECHESIS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Come join Fr. Adam Streitenberger at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street on Sunday nights at 6:45 p.m. through December 15th. Tune in to hear the weekly recordings every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 with Fr. Streitenberger on a tour of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Archived on the St. Gabriel Radio website at https://stgabrielradio.com.

FROM THE CATHEDRAL PULPIT

St. Joseph Cathedral presents **From the Cathedral Pulpit**, a series of programs to *Encounter Christ and His Church through Culture, Truth and the Word*, will be held at the Cathedral at 6:45 p.m. and will feature a keynote presentation, music and a light reception. The speakers are as follows: Dr. Ralph Martin – October 19th on "The Universal Call to Mission;" Msgr. Frank Lane – November 5th on "The Centrality of Christ in Evangelization;" and Dr. Mary Healy – December 7th on "Lessons for Evangelization from the New Testament."

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Leadership, Bioethics, Respect Life

The Building a Culture of Life Conference is Saturday, October 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Topics include pro-life public policy, our response to racism, advanced medical directives, prolife youth, and a message from Bishop Brennan. Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, and Greater Columbus Right to Life. Cost: \$25.00 adults and Students \$10.00. **Register by October 14th.** For a list of speakers and to register, visit https://bclc2019.eventbrite.com or call 614-241-2540.

PREPARED FOR TRUE LOVE

Event for Young Adults!

Are you looking for more joy in your dating life? Regardless of your relationship status, join us for desserts to learn how you can build your relationships on solid ground. All are invited! Where: St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. When: October 29th, 2019; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's never too early or too late to prepare for true love! Questions? Contact Catherine Suprenant at csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org.

LIVING I DO

Find a reason to thank your spouse every day, no matter how small. As you do this, also thank God for those qualities in your spouse that spark gratitude. The words, "thank you" will change how you interpret your spouse's actions. As St. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY-POST ABORTION HEALING

"Post-traumatic suffering is the untold story of abortion. Are there many like you who may be waiting to hear a word of hope or healing? Yes. You do not suffer alone." (Mother Agnes Mary, S.V.) Bethesda Healing Ministry invites and welcomes you. There is a light in the window. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.

CLOSER TO HOME ... STEWARDSHIP AT ST. EDWARD

A focus on ministry opportunities at St. Edward...

An invitation to you to be involved

A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,

if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity, and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
Of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

FAMILY ROSARY DAY

The Diocese's annual Family Rosary Day, a time for devotion to our Blessed Mother, is Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP ~ TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life – a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom – is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our Godgiven responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality. – catholicsteward.com

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SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~ Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict (73:3)*

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart."

~POPE FRANCIS ON PRAYING THE ROSARY DAILY

Monday, October 7 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Our Lady of the Rosary

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Meditation: Jesus' story enlightens us about true love for one's neighbor. Above all, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Our love and concern to help others in need must also be practical; good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, is not enough. Also, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love, remembering that God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to each of us.

Prayer: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ you Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus overcame sin, suffering, and death through his victory on the cross. His death brought us freedom from slavery to sin and the promise of everlasting life with God. He willingly shared in our suffering to bring us to the source of true healing and freedom from sin and oppression. True compassion not only identifies and empathizes with the one who is in pain, but takes that pain on oneself in order to bring freedom and restoration. Jesus truly identified with our plight, and he took the burden of our sinful condition upon himself. He showed us the depths of God's love and compassion, by sharing in our suffering and by offering his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. His suffering is redemptive because it brings us healing and restoration and the fullness of eternal life. God offers us true freedom from every form of oppression, sin, and suffering. And that way – the only way – is through the cross of Jesus Christ.

An Additional Contemplation ~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on the Rosary: "The Rosary is a school of contemplation and silence. At first glance, it could seem a prayer that accumulates words, therefore difficult to reconcile with the silence that is rightly recommended for meditation and

contemplation. In fact, this cadent repetition of the Hail Mary does not disturb inner silence but indeed both demands and nourishes it. Similarly to what happens for the Psalms when one prays the Liturgy of the Hours, the silence surfaces through the words and sentences, not as emptiness, but rather as the presence of an ultimate meaning that transcends the words themselves and through them speaks to the heart. Thus, in reciting the Hail Mary, we must be careful that our voices do not "cover" the voice of God who always speaks through the silence like the "still small voice" of a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19: 12). Then how important it is to foster this silence full of God, both in one's personal recitation and in its recitation with the community! Even when the Rosary is prayed, as today, by great assemblies, and as you do in this Shrine every day, it must be perceived as a contemplative prayer. And this cannot happen without an atmosphere of inner silence." (From a reflection on the Rosary given in Pompeii on October 19, 2008)

Tuesday, October 8 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Meditation: The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (ref. 1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (ref. Col. 3:17). When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that the Lord Jesus is also the guest of your home. Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travelers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favorably for his gracious hospitality (ref. Genesis 18:1-10; Heb. 13:2). The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with his gracious presence and fills us with joy.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence. Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord attentively? Does the Lord find a welcomed and honored place in your own home?

Wednesday, October 9 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-4 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

Meditation: Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father truly loves each one of us and he treats us as his beloved children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like

himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught -- with grace, mercy, and loving kindness.

Prayer: O God, who sent Saint Denis and his companions to preach your glory to the nations and strengthened them for their mission with the virtue of constancy in suffering, grant, we pray, that we may imitate them in disdaining prosperity in this world and in being undaunted by any trial. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father (ref. Matthew 11:27). All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (ref. Ephesians 3:14-15). In Jesus Christ we are reborn and become the adopted children of God (ref. John 1:12-13; 3:3). Do you treat others as they deserve, or do you treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. God's grace frees us from every form of anger, spite, resentment, and hatred. Are you ready to forgive others just as Jesus forgives you?

Thursday, October 10 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13 Jesus said to his disciples: "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Meditation: Notice how Jesus used the illustration of a late-night traveler to teach his listeners an important lesson about how God treats us in contrast to the kind of treatment we might expect from good neighbors. The rule of hospitality in biblical times required the cooperation of the entire community in entertaining an unexpected or late-night guest. Whether the guest was hungry or not, a meal would be served. In a small village it would be easy to know who had baked bread that day. Bread was essential for a meal because it served as a utensil for dipping and eating from the common dishes. Asking for bread from one's neighbor was both a common occurrence and an expected favor. To refuse to give bread would bring shame because it was a sign of inhospitality.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: If a neighbor can be imposed upon and coerced into giving bread in the middle of the night, how much more hospitable is God)who, no matter what the circumstances) is generous and gracious to give us what we need 24/7/365? In conclusion Jesus makes a startling claim: How much more will the heavenly Father give! The Lord is ever ready to give us not only what we need, but more than we can expect. He gives freely of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his life and joy. Do you approach your heavenly Father with confidence in his mercy and kindness?

Friday, October 11 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Saint John XXIII, Pope

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:15-26 When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said: "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons

by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, 'I shall return to my home from which I came.' But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that man is worse than the first."

Meditation: You might be wondering what the point is of Jesus' story about a vacant house being occupied by an evil force? Simply that it is not enough to banish evil thoughts and habits from our lives. We must also fill the voids in our lives – "empty time" if you will – with God who is the source of all that is good, wholesome, true, and life-giving for us. Saint Augustine said that our lives have a God-shaped void which only God can fill satisfactorily. If we attempt to leave it vacant or to fill it with something else, we will end up being in a worse state in the end. What do you fill the void in your life with? The Lord Jesus wants to fill our hearts and minds with the power of his life-giving word and healing love. Jesus makes it very clear that there are no neutral parties in this world. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it. There are ultimately only two kingdoms which stand in opposition to one another — the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness which is under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word, we open the door to the power of sin and Satan. If we want to live in true freedom, then our "house" (the inner core of our own true being) must be occupied by Jesus where he is enthroned as Lord and Savior. The Lord assures us of his protection from spiritual harm and he gives us the help and strength we need to resist Satan and his lies (ref. James 4:7).

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, who in the Pope, Saint John XXIII, gave to the whole world the shining example of a good shepherd, grant that, through his intercession, we may with joy spread abroad the fullness of Christian charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When we experience danger in our lives, what kind of protection do you seek? Jesus came to free us from the greatest danger of all — the corrupting force of evil which destroys us from within and makes us slaves to sin and Satan (ref. John 8:34). Evil is not an impersonal force that just happens. It has a name and a face and it seeks to master every heart and soul on the face of the earth (ref. 1 Peter 5:8-9). Scripture identifies the Evil One by many names — "Satan," "Be-el'zebul—the prince of demons," the "Devil," the "Deceiver," the "Father of Lies," and "Lucifer" the fallen angel who broke ranks with God and established his own army and kingdom in opposition to God. Jesus declared that he came to overthrow the power of Satan and his kingdom (ref. John 12:31). Jesus' numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battle with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry (ref. Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1). He overcame the Evil One through his obedience to the will of his Father; your obedience to God's will can achieve the same triumph over Satan and all that is evil.

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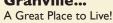
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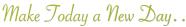
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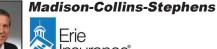
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