October 1, 2023 — Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name." - Philippians 2:9



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil......4:30pm Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel) Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday...... 3:30-4:00pm

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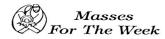
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



Monday, October 2 (Chapel)

9:00am - Dorothy Morley Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Tuesday, October 3 (Chapel)

9:00am - Rose Smith - Deanna Lottman

Wednesday, October 4 (Church)

6:30pm - Alexander Blaz - Family

Thursday, October 5 (Chapel)

9:00am - Barbara & Charles McHugh - Patrick McHugh

Friday, October 6 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Saturday, October 7

4:30pm - Don Cordy - Cordy Family

Sunday, October 8

8:30am - Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Clayton & Frances Walter - Family

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Richard & Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Bob & Joyce Lark, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Christopher Miller & Family, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, Philip Myers, Rhonda Norman, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, David Rafter Jr., Colleen Ray, Gabriel Resar, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Dick & Nancy Webber, Ezra Weller, Daniel White, Pat Wittine, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at <u>info@olapgrafton.org</u> to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at **www.olapgrafton.org**. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11

or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-

56

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-

62

Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk

10:1-12

Friday Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-

16

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk

10:17-24

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time

ls 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;

Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at **jblaz@olqpgrafton.org** by the following dates:

Sunday October 8 by 5:00pm Monday, October 2 Sunday October 15 by 5:00pm Monday, October 9

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

Every October the Catholic 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 to the end of their lives, and every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. There will be bulletin inserts as well as articles throughout the month for you to reflect on and pray on.

This will be a critical month as we take the principles of Respect Life and defeat the November abortion amendment. The month of October is also the Month of the Rosary and we had already scheduled a Living Rosary on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6:30pm but now we will add the intention of defeating the abortion amendment. Also there will be adoration on Wednesday, October 18 as well as Wednesday November 1 where in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament we can pray that we may be an agent of preserving the sacredness of life through our voting and our influence on others.

As part of Respect Life Month there will also be an opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after Masses on the weekend of October 14/15**. Anyone who is in need of physical healing or who are 'advanced in years' as well as those in need of emotional or spiritual healing are invited to be anointed after each Mass.

There is an overlap with *The Season of Creation* and *Respect Life Month*. The Season of Creation began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation) and October 4 (Feast of St Francis). It is designated as a time for Catholics, and all people of faith, to renew our relationship with our Creator, with all God's people, and all creation. The <u>Pet Blessing on Monday, the 2nd corresponds with The Season of Creation as we gather at 6:30pm to bless God's creatures.</u>

Because our faith is so personal it can be intimidating to participate in something with others that nurtures our faith. We don't feel that we compare with others. I see this in RCIA as well as any of the adult education opportunities, such as the series on "Living out the Eucharist" video series on Wednesday evenings. If you missed last Wednesday, you can still come this week and join in. We meet on <u>Wednesday at 7pm in the Gathering Area</u> of the church. The same with those who are seeking to become Catholic through the RCIA process. If you missed last Monday's session, you are welcome to come and see if this is where God is calling you. We meet on <u>Mondays at 7pm in the parish hall</u>.

Parish Council will be meeting this Thursday where they will welcome three new council members. Replacing the three whose terms were completed are Andrew Carden, Christian Roig, and Vincent Zemanek. Please keep them as well as the entire Council in your prayers as they seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead our faith community.

---Fr. John

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection is dedicated to enriching the lives of women as they are inspired to grow in relationship with the Lord and each other. This year's theme is "Let yourself be loved." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Event details: **Saturday, October 21**st from **8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** at Magnificat High School Register at https://www.clecatholicwomen.org/

MASS COORDINATORS

We are in need of mass coordinators for all masses. It is a very rewarding ministry. A training session will be held in November. Date will be posted in our bulletin.

If you are interested and have questions please call Bonnie Scallon at (440) 309-0094.

SYMPATHY to the family of *Marge Dombrosky* who passed away recently.

May she rest in the peace of Christ.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY PIG RAFFLE

Winning ticket to be drawn at the Holy Name Society Kielbasa Dinner on **Saturday November 11th**. Winner to be notified if not present.

1 ticket for \$10 3 tickets for \$25

Half a Pig to include: Ham, Pork Chops, Loin Roast, Boston Butt, Picnic Roast, Spareribs, Bacon, Sausage All Custom Cut

OUR LADY'S GUILD & HOLY NAME SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT!!

Wednesday - October 11

Hall opens at 6:00pm Bingo begins at 6:30pm

50/50 / Pull -Tabs Food & Drink Available



DO YOU KNOW?

How about deepening your understanding of the Eucharist as a part of the Eucharistic Revival? We are offering a 3-part series "Forming our Liturgical Lives: The Meaning of Living out the Eucharist." Beginning Wednesdays (Oct 4 and 11) we will be showing a short video (less than 30 minutes) followed by a discussion on the meaning of the Mass. Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland in conjunction with the Worship office of the Diocese, brings this video series to parishes to renew us in our worship and in living out the divine life of Christ. We will be meeting in the Gathering Area at 7:00pm, following 6:30pm Mass for one hour. This one hour will enrich your life and your participation at Mass.

Twenty -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Understanding Father

Jesus must have shocked the priests and elders when he said that prostitutes and tax collectors would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. But Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.

--Tom Schmidt



PRAYER SHAWL

We will be meeting this Saturday, October 7th at 10:00am in the church hall.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our ministry, please stop in, grab some yarn and get to know our lovely talented ladies. We can also answer any questions you may have.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our ministry, please contact the church office. Prayer shawls or lap blankets have been given out for the following events: baptisms, weddings, someone facing surgery, in a nursing home or someone who simply needs to feel God's peace and comfort.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Behlke 440-935-3344 or Kathy Smeltz 419-544-2491 or Sue Schniegenberg 440-926-1610.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY October 6, 2023 Fr. Lucas Laniauskas

The First Friday Forum meets at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College on the 1st Friday of the month for lunch at 11:30am followed by a speaker at 12:00noon. We are finished and out the door at 1:00pm. Join Fr. John at OLQP's table of 8. Cost is \$23 per person and it would show our support to the Forum. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table. **Reservations** are due Monday, October 2nd at 12:00noon.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Wednesday Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

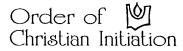
Friday Saint Bruno, Priest & Blessed Marie-Rose

Durocher, Virgin

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Saturday

HEALING RETREAT 2023 Bethesda House of Mercy

Women suffering after an abortion are invited to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton. October 20-22, 2023. Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture. For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at reachout@bethesdahouseofmercy.org



RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.

FLU SHOTS



Pharmacist Jason Buga from Discount Drug Mart will be available to administer flu shots this Sunday, October 1, **2023 from 8:00am-12:30pm.** Two vaccines will be available: the standard,

quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 7-64 years and the high-dose, quadrivalent vaccine for individuals aged 65 and older. Discount Drug Mart will attempt to bill the vaccine to your insurance so please bring any current insurance information. The cost of the vaccines is \$30 for the standard dose and \$70 for the high-dose. In an effort to maintain social distancing, vaccines will be administered in the Parish Hall on an appointment basis. Please reserve an appointment time on OLQP's` website for your family and fill out an administration form and vaccination pre-screening form for each individual receiving a vaccine prior to your appointment. Forms will be available in the hall at the time of your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are taken first so there may be a slight wait time. We will be located in the Parish hall next to the kitchen. Any guestions or concerns, call Linda Wolfe at 440-387-3751 or email Jason Buga at jbuga@discountdrugmart.com.



WILL OF GOD

The will of God will not take you where the grace of God cannot keep you. --Unknown

PET BLESSING



On **Monday, October 2nd** there will be a blessing of the animals **at 6:30pm**. Please gather around the water feature near the front doors of the church. The pet blessing is for all animals, great and small! If your pet is not good in crowds, you may still come and pick up a prayer card and medal to take home for your pet.

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen





RADICAL SOLIDARITY

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: "Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at: www.pray54ohio.org

PROTECT THEM BOTH PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

October brings about many fun events! As we all settle into the routine of fall, may we be gently guided and supported in prioritizing. We know schedules are frantic and are very grateful to all who attend our events. Be on the lookout for information on the Living Rosary and Chili Cookoff (aka Fall Festival)!

PSR is off to a great start! It is always so nice to see the smiling faces return to the Hall. This year, we have over 60 families registered. With over 100 students, we are near bursting at the seams, and are grateful for the Catechists who have stepped up and answered the call.

Thank you to those families who have turned in their PSR Registration fee. As a reminder, the fees are: \$40 for one child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for 3 or more children enrolled. Our Guardian Angel fund is available for those in need of financial assistance. Connect with Elizabeth with any questions.

PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

Share your thoughts with Parish Council! There is a quick two question survey available in the Gathering Area for you to complete and **return by October 1**. You can also find the link on our website. Thank you for helping us make this community shine!

PARISH FESTIVAL

The numbers are in! I'm happy to report that we made a net profit of \$12,766.12! A big THANK-YOU to everyone who stopped by or bought tickets or volunteered. Without your support, none of this would be possible. Put your thinking caps on for next year. We want to hear your ideas!



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Sept 23/24	: \$7,123.51		
E-Giving:	\$4,015.20		
Total:	\$11,138.71	\$12,551.00	(\$1,412.29)
YTD:	\$156,983.47	\$163,163.00	(\$6,179.53)



Sunday, October 1

8:00am-12:30pm - Flu Shots

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

Monday, October 2

6:30pm - Pet Blessing

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, October 3

7:30pm - K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, October 4

7:00pm - Living Out the Eucharist Series

Thursday, October 5

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00pm - Sr. Potluck Luncheon

7:00pm - Parish Council Mtg.

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

10:00am - Prayer Shawl Mtg.

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, October 8

9:35am-10:50am - PSR



MONTHLY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us for the next potluck luncheon on **Thursday, October 5**. **Lunch is at 12noon in the parish hall**. Chicken will be provided - please bring a dish or dessert to share and a donation to cover main dish. Speaker will be Shelley Reddy with an educational talk on Medicare; we'll learn some valuable information! <u>All</u> are welcome, please spread the word and bring a friend! Sponsored by Seniors Ministry. Any questions, call Margie or Ray at 330.418.7722.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Bracken & Marybeth

Hollingsworth who were recently married.

May they continue to grow and reflect the love of God for us.



Wedding Banns

III - William Hendrickson & Lindsey Browske

Our Lady Queen of Peace's Sunday Bulletin

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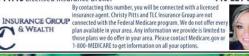


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