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St. Thomas the Apostle Church

OCTOBER 12, 2025

SERVED BY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:30 am
Tuesday: 12:15 pm with
11:30 am Reconciliation
Thursday: 7:30 am
Friday: 12:15 pm with
1:00 pm Adoration
Saturday: 5:00 pm with
4:00 pm Reconciliation
Sunday: 7:30 am | 10:30 am | 5:00 pm

† Reconciliation also by appointment.

† Baptisms, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), and Matrimony please contact the Parish Office for info.

† Anointing of the Sick offered the first Tues. of the month after 12:15 pm Mass or by request.

† Please call the parish office to notify of persons who would like a visit or home Communion.

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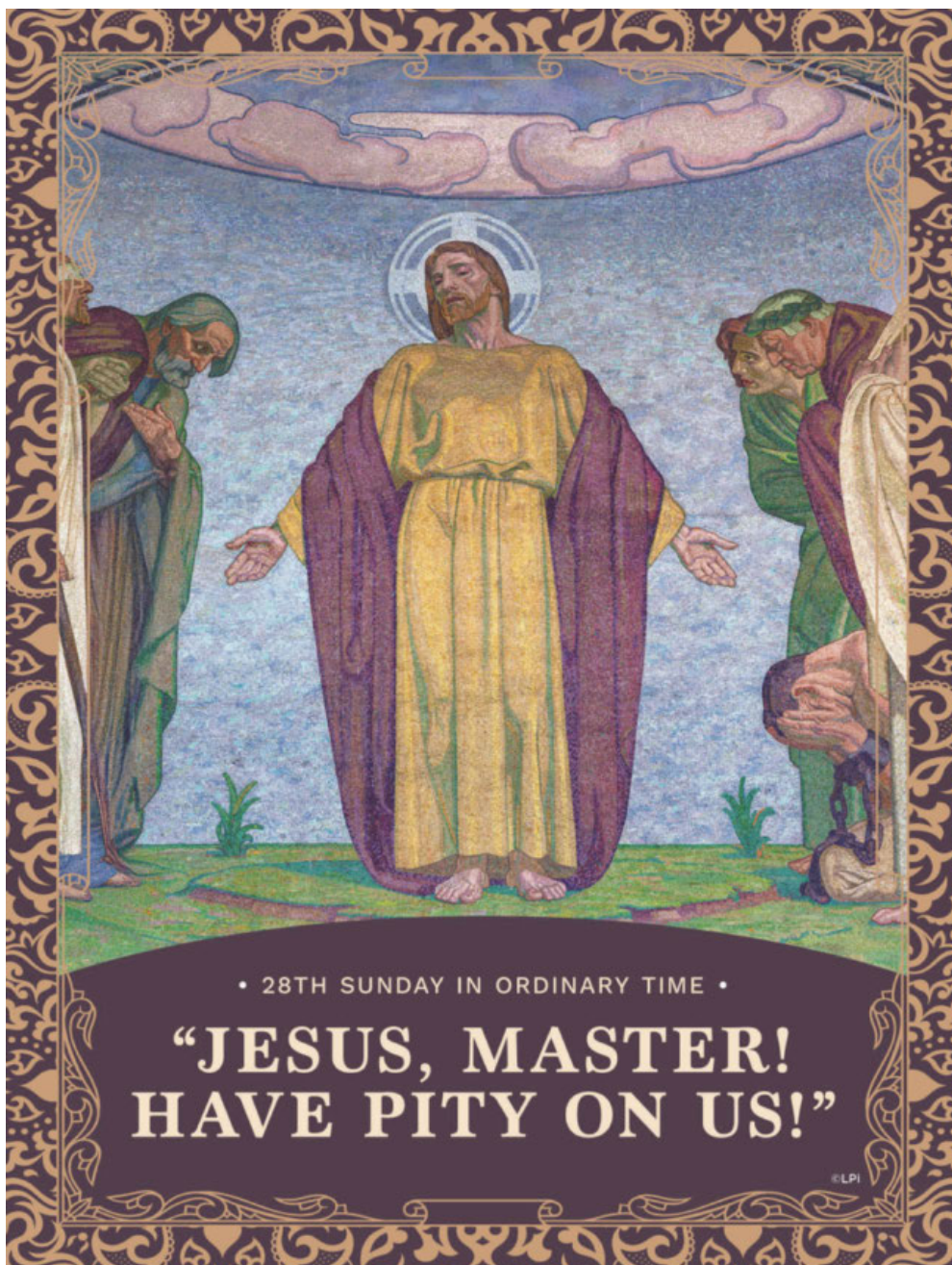
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

To proclaim and celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in a community of faith, to respond to the Spirit by recognizing the gifts of each individual and by encouraging their use in Christian service to others and to spread the Word to others by the witness of our lives in order to encourage growth in our relationships with God and with one another.

PARISH TRUSTEES

Joseph V. DiStefano and Robert Ricchiuti



PARISH MINISTRIES

St. Thomas Parish,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus confronts the scribes and Pharisees with direct words that cut to the heart: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed." I remember learning about St. Bruno, whose feast we celebrated just a few days ago on October 6. He was a brilliant scholar and teacher in 11th-century France and admired by many for his wisdom. Yet, when he felt God calling him to leave behind the comfort and prestige of academic life to live a life of silence and prayer, people thought he was out of his mind! His choice was to follow God's call, which is always to seek holiness over honor. Unfortunately, this wasn't understood by most of his contemporaries.

His story reminds me about how easy it is to admire the saints after they're gone while forgetting about the courage it took for them to follow God when it was unpopular or inconvenient. It's the same with Jesus' warning to the Pharisees that challenges us to do more than build memorials to the saints of the past. It really calls us to recognize the prophets and holy witnesses among us today, right now, and to have the courage to follow the truth, even when it unsettles our comfort. May we not only build memorials to the prophets of the past, but live courageously the message they proclaimed.

Two big things to focus on this month, and then a million little things!

#1: Remade for Mission: This is a diocesan-wide effort from now until April to consider one fundamental question: what is our mission from Jesus Christ, and how do we fulfill that mission? (I guess that's two fundamental questions!) The mission of Jesus and his Church is simple and beautiful: the salvation of souls. Our destination is not an earthly one, it is a heavenly one, and the mission of the Church is to make Christ present on this earth and guide us to heaven. What goes into fulfilling that mission? Lots of things! Sacraments, ministries, clergy, church buildings, finances, time, etc. "Remade for Mission" is a look at how we are best using our resources to fulfill the mission.

The next step in this process is a series of synod listening sessions. Our network is us, St. Lucy/St. Bernadette, Christ the King, and St. Matthew's. We'll be rotating around the four churches for these sessions from now until April. Most of them will be on a week-night, but the first one is **Saturday, October 18 from 12-2pm at St. Matthew's** in Voorheesville. *The invitation is open for anyone to come to pray, listen, and contribute to these important conversations.*

#2: The Annual Gala is this coming Friday, October 17, and we're celebrating the 70th year of education at St. Thomas School. Thanks to so many of you, we have sold out just about all of our tickets! If you're not able to be there, I would encourage you to make a donation in support of one of our honorees. We have many incredible honorees (listed at www.stthomas-school.org/gala) and they deserve our sincere thanks for all the ways they have contributed to our school and parish! Thank you for your support!

A million other things: Diocesan Appeal is in the works, this is Respect Life month as we focus our prayers for the support of life in all forms and stages, it's the month of the Rosary, Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, and Discipleship Formation classes are off and running. Make sure you're subscribed to the Weekly Updates that come out each Friday on Flocknote, and you can watch the Monday Message on Facebook and Instagram.

I'm away this week in Orlando to present at a conference for canon lawyers from the United States and Canada. My topic is about boundary considerations with adults and how that intersects with potential consequences and delicts in Canon Law. Therefore, no Mass or Confession on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, October 13-16. I'll be back late on Thursday night.

Peace to you,

FR. MATT

MENS GROUP

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Thomas Men's Group will be on Oct. 14, from 7:30 -9:30pm in the Lower Lounge below the sacristy. All men of the parish are invited. We will be going through Lesson 17 from "Signposts: How to be a Catholic Man in the World Today." For more information and to join the group, please go to stthomas-church.org/mens-group.

TUESDAY DRIVES

Gentle reminder; no Tuesday Drive this Tuesday Oct. 14. See you next week on Oct. 20.

518 FRASSATI (AGES 21-39)

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Starting in the month of October, 518 Frassati (St. Thomas YA)'s Wednesday weekly 7pm lectio divina meetings will be held in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria. As always, if you have any trouble finding the group you can text Casey at (518) 669-9574 or Julie at (518) 414-4070. For more info & to join the mailing list, email 518Frassati@gmail.com.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH OFFICE

NO DAILY MASS

There will be no Daily Masses or Confession on Monday, October 13, Tuesday, Oct 14 and Thursday, Oct 16.

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new parishioner Jenna Vinoya.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observation of Columbus Day. Reminder that there will be no Daily Mass as well.

LADIES OF CHARITY COAT COLLECTION

With the cooler weather arriving we are reminded that many among us find it difficult to obtain a warm winter coat. We ask that you please go through your closets to find unneeded coats, jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens and scarves! We need both adult and children's sizes. A box for your donations will be in the Gathering Hall October 4-12. The Ladies of Charity will be distributing them to families on Saturday, October 18. Many families will be warmer this winter due to your generosity and we thank you! If you have any questions, please call Sandie Flynn, 518-221-1027.

"VOTIVE CANDLE" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In addition to the votive candle holders in the church, we now have smaller votive candle holders on either side of the statue of Mary, in the Mary Chapel. If you are able to give about an hour every few weeks or so, we would appreciate your help. The need is for someone to replace the used candles and make sure the area has the needed supplies. Please call Louise Schrecongost in the parish office if you are able to serve in this ministry. We thank you in advance!

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

HALLOWEEN COSMIC BOWLING

Join in on the FUN! Oct. 25, 9:15-11pm at Dellanes! Dress as a Saint for an extra HOPE hour! Twenty dollars will be collected at the door to cover 2 games of bowling, pizza & a drink! In addition, donations will be accepted at the door for our Advent Night of Service Projects. Bring a friend! Families Welcome! Sign up today on our YM webpage.

SAINTS + SNACKS + SERVICE + MINISTRY FAIR

is set for Oct. 26, 11:30-12:30pm! Join us for donuts, popcorn, games & learn how you can get involved in the many ministries we have in our parish! Want to host a Ministry table... contact Mary Ann at HOPE@stthomas-church.org

WELCOME BACK!

MS and HS Confirmation Prep Discipleship Formation Classes begin this week on Oct. 13. All parents or guardians are asked to join with their child for our first session, meeting in the Church. Please bring your Rosary! Monday classes will begin on the holiday, Oct. 13. We thank all of our faithful volunteers for stepping up to be Catechists, Assistant Catechists & Gatekeepers. We look forward to continuing our journey of HOPE together.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED, PLEASE DO SO TODAY!

Questions reach out to Colleen Harrigan, Discipleship Formation Secretary charrigan@stthomas-church.org or Hope@stthomas-church.org

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR NIGHT

Next Sunday, October 19 following the 5pm Mass, 6-7:15pm in the Gathering Hall. Bring your sponsor, parent & friend! If your sponsor is unable to join please invite a parent to join you! RSVP on our Discipleship Youth Ministry Page.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING SEPTEMBER 27-28

Total Weekly Collection: \$11,696.00
Includes E-giving: \$2,377.00
Includes Loose Cash Gifts: \$2,283.00
Tithe (5% of Offertory): \$584.80
Total Number of Gifts: 262

***Special Collection** next week-end, World Mission Sunday, is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in its over 1,124 mission territories. Learn more at onefamilyinmission.org/wms

PUEBLO TO PEOPLE

46 ROSARIES

We invite you to pray 46 Rosaries to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe! Pray a Rosary each day from October 28 -Dec. 14. Join us as we honor our Lady a couple days early, coming together on Sunday October 26 at 6pm in the chapel for a Bilingual Rosary. Hospitality will follow. Bring a friend! 46 corresponds to the number of Stars surrounding the image of our Lady of Guadalupe found on St. Juan Diego's tilma. Stop by the Gathering Hall for a copy of the Daily Star Meditation! Mary Star of Wonder... Pray for us!

EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

OCIA: October 12, 9:00 am | Conference Room

Choir Rehearsal: October 12, 9:45 am | Mary Chapel | New members welcome!

Childrens' Liturgy of the Word: October 12, 10:30 am Mass

Sunday Hospitality: October 12, 11:30 am | Gathering Hall

Young Adult Group "518 Frassati": October 14, 7 pm | School Cafeteria and Gym | Ages 21-39

Men's Group: October 14, 7:30 pm | Lower Lounge

Rosary: October 15, 11 am | Mary Chapel

Choir Rehearsal: October 15, 7 pm | Church | New members welcome!

"The Chosen" Season 5 Viewing: October 16, 6:30-8 pm | Church | Episode 7

Reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures Group: October 17, 10:30 am | Gathering Hall

Senior Luncheon: October 17, 12:45 pm | Gathering Hall

Eucharistic Adoration: October 17, 1 pm

For more information visit our website!



Many thanks to all of our faithful Tuesday Drive friends for filling 20 Fall Blessing Bags for our home-bound. Thank you for your gifts of encouragement in letting others know we are thinking of them and praying for them! Special shout out to our young disciples for making cards/tags and for coming in on their day off to pack our bags. Special thanks to all of our Clynkers for recycling cans and bottles and being apart of our Hannaford Community Cash Program! Your deposits paid for our reusable bags! Left over goodies will be shared with area food pantries.

PARISH MINISTRIES

CREATION CARE

STOP! DON'T THROW IT OUT

The Repair Café Organization of Hudson Valley (RCHV) offers an opportunity to give new life to a multitude of items from clocks to dolls, to tools, jewelry, small appliances and more. Dedicated to limiting waste and fostering sustainability, Repair Cafés are organized and staffed by skilled volunteers who engage attendees in learning how to perform future repairs for their items. RCHV events take place not only in the Capital Region, but also throughout counties in the Hudson Valley. Follow this link www.repaircafehv.org/our-repair-cafes for a calendar of café dates, times and locations, as well as more information about the Repair Café movement. Together we are hope for Creation.

PASTORAL CARE

LUNCH OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for more volunteers to make and serve lunch for the Bethlehem Seniors program on October 20. People interested may contact Julie Bablin 518-439-4951 or jbablin@stthomas-church.org. We usually get rave reviews for the meals we prepare. We will probably have a meeting the first week in October to plan the meal. We usually serve the meal then eat together. After the meal there is entertainment or an educational presentation.

ST. THOMAS ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be on October 17, meeting at 12:15 for Mass and then enjoying lunch together. Please reserve your spot by October 13 or to cancel, contact Christine Corson at 518-439-3286. If possible, please bring a non-perishable food item. Parishioners, could you help us out this month with brownies?

COMMUNITY GOOD NEWS

NUNSENSE

The Theatre Institute at Sage (TIS) will bring the musical comedy NUNSENSE to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on October 25 and 26. We will meet the hilarious Little Sisters of Hoboken that weekend for an interactive and exciting show! Come meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun from Brooklyn, Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. All tickets are \$18. Performances take place at 7:30pm on October 25 & 2pm on October 26. Doors will open at 7pm & 1:30pm. All performances will take place in the School Auditorium 42 Adams Place, Delmar NY 12054. Tickets may be purchased at theatre.sage.edu. Purchasing tickets in advance of the show is highly encouraged, as tickets sold at the door will be limited. For more information call the Theatre Institute office (518-244-2248).

GRATITUDE & TRUST: LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite all Catholic, single women ages 18-45 to join them on Sunday, November 9 to reflect on the lives of Dominican Saints and learn from their deep reliance and friendship with God. This free virtual mini-retreat retreat will be from 2-5pm and will include presentations, prayer, and faith sharing. For more details, please contact Sr. Mai-dung

Nguyen, OP, call or text 405-248-7027 or mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org To register for this mini-retreat, go to <https://oppeace.org/2025-november-mini-retreat-registration-form/>.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, November 14-16 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service & a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential & offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, & compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more info or to register contact: Pat Mousaw 518-222-1160 rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com

UNLEASHING LOVE 2025 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Diocese of Albany October 18 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. The event will include presentations from Danielle Bean & Sr. Susan Zemgulis, OP, Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, Adoration, Rosary, lunch, & snacks. Early registration is \$40 per person until October 6, includes lunch. College age & younger women are free but must register. Info & registration rcda.org/UnleashingLove

FALL CONCERT

Bethlehem Senior Chorus on Friday, October 17 at 2pm in Town Hall.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE!

Our annual wreath sale has started! Delivery before Thanksgiving - order now and be prepared to decorate early! Beautiful holiday evergreens fresh from the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy an aromatic combination of noble fir, incense cedar and berried juniper. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching. Purchase 1 wreath for \$30 or 2 for \$55. Make checks out to St. Thomas the Apostle School, drop off to the school or in the drop box at the School table in the Gathering Hall.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?

It's amazing what happens when you make faith a part of a child's everyday learning experience. At St. Thomas the Apostle School, our teachers and staff partner with families to instill the same values in our students that they learn at home. Through dedication and effort, we prepare each student to achieve excellence both academically and spiritually. We live our faith with families and the community who, in partnership, define our ministry. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact 518-439- 5573 or office@stthomas-school.org.

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BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS SHOPPING PASS IS NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!

Wednesday, October 22 is the one-day in-store only event, Boscov's offers its biggest sale of the year, 25% OFF its lowest sale prices. Stop by the school to purchase your pass for \$5 or after the 12:15pm Mass on 10/14 and 10/17.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 17:11-19



GOSPEL

Jesus cured 10 men who had bleeding sores all over their skin. As they walked away, they noticed that they were cured. Their sores were gone and their skin was smooth. Nine of them ran to show their families and friends. They were happy. Only one man went back to thank Jesus for curing them. God loves you. Thank him for your family and friends. Thank him for healing you and giving you everything you need.



PRAYER

Lord, please remind me to say, "Thank you."



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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Dear Lord,
Every day is full of blessings from
Your generous hands. Thank You for
waking us this morning, filling our
lungs with breath. Thank you for the
ways You are healing our past, work-
ing in the present, and opening pos-
sibilities for the future. Amen.

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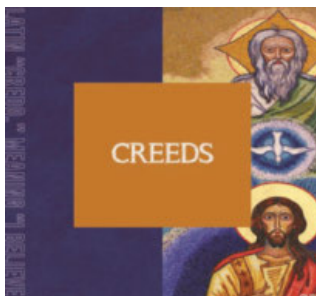
CATHOLIC CULTURE

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

CREEDS

Most Catholics can recite at least portions of the Nicene and Apostles Creed by heart — but though these are perhaps the best-known two creeds of modern times, Church tradition has yielded many more. A creed (from the Latin “credo,” meaning “I believe”) is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition attributes authorship of the Apostles’ Creed to Christ’s 12 Apostles. The Nicene Creed originated at the first worldwide ecumenical council in Nicaea in 325 AD. The Athanasian Creed is another famous statement of belief approved by the Church, this one focusing particularly on the matter of the Holy Trinity. All approved creeds fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) and the need for Christians to “always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 5:00 PM

Rock A. Graziade (40th Anniversary)
requested by his son, Michael, &
daughter-in-law, Karen
Daniel McCarthy
requested by his family
Lonnie Tomlin (9th Anniversary)
requested by Carol Tomlin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 7:30 AM

Helen M. Dwyer
requested by Robert & Patricia
Ricchiuti
Ruth DePaoli
requested by the Ciancio Family
Bill Joynt
requested by his family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 10:30 AM

John Kutski
requested by Barbara Othote
Donald Russo
requested by his sister & family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 5:00 PM

For the People

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

NO DAILY MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

NO DAILY MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

NO DAILY MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 12:15 PM

Mom (45th Anniversary)
requested by her sons
Patrick & Mary Scalzo
requested by their family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 5:00 PM

Edward Kahlert
requested by Jean Abatto
Jim Pedlow
requested by his family
Ghassan Bader
requested by his daughter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 7:30 AM

Joseph & Anna Sgambelluri
requested by Robert & Patricia
Ricchiuti
Rev. John F. Connolly
requested by Robert & Patricia
Ricchiuti

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 10:30 AM

For the People

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 5:00 PM

John Bobak (Living Intention)
requested by his family
Mary Richards (4th Anniversary)
requested by Anne Young

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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