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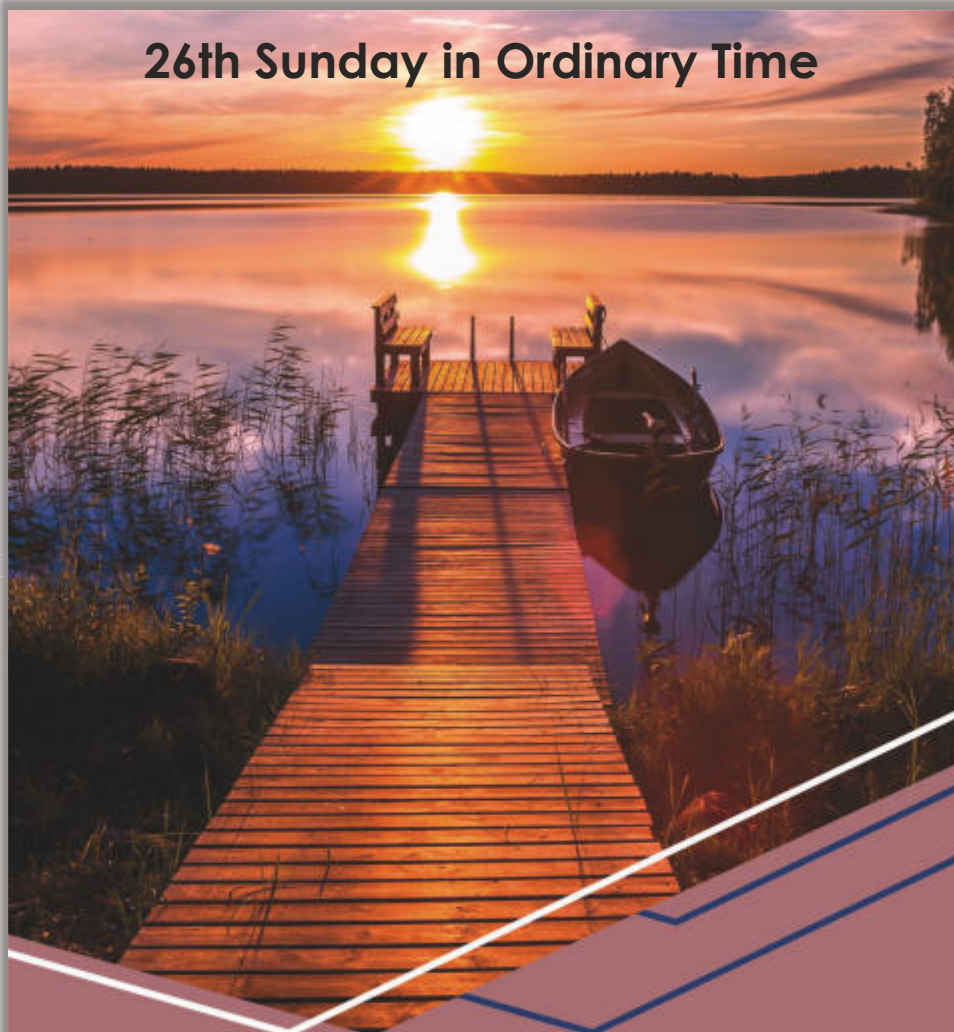
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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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**RESPECT. LOVE. PROTECT.**  
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

### Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."



8:30am Weekdays ~ St. Rose  
7:00pm Wednesdays ~ St. Agnes  
9:30am Tuesdays ~ St. Paul's

# CALENDAR

- SAT 10/2** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Jim Orman - By Margaret Lonnen and Family
- SUN 10/3** 8:00am **SR** Sharon Mooney - By Gabe & Ellie Lohow  
9:45am **SP** Fr. Lawrence (Larry) Gross & Family - By Family  
11:30am **SA** Kathleen Skelly DeVito - By DeVito Family
- MON 10/4** 8:00am **SR** Margaret Hansbury - By Margit Mathe
- TUE 10/5** 8:15am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster  
9:00am **SP** Queen of Peace Prayer Group
- WED 10/6** 9:00am **SP** Rafaela Martinez - By Jack & Theresa Fowley  
4:30-6pm **SR** Adoration & Confession
- THR 10/7** 8:00am **SR** John Mathe's 14th Anniv. - Margit Mathe
- FRI 10/8** 8:15am **SA** Tom Decker - By Decker Family
- SAT 10/9** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Teresa & Richard Nenno - By Family
- SUN 10/10** 8:00am **SR** Torry Blazey Kerr - By Recktenwald Family  
9:45am **SP** Evie Francesca - By Pete Francesca  
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

\*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

## Readings

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## Observances

**Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
**Monday:** St. Francis of Assisi  
**Tuesday:** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin  
**Thursday:** Our Lady of the Rosary  
**Saturday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

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## A WORD FROM FATHER

### Together For Life

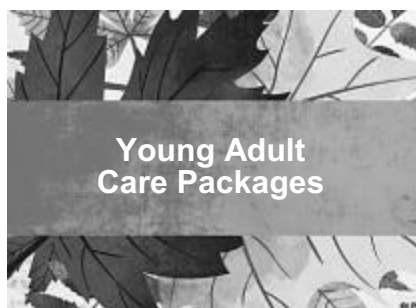
I recently set a personal record since being blessed with my current assignment: three weddings in less than a week! For two of them I was the officiant and Nuptial Mass celebrant, a privilege beyond my ability to describe. Heartfelt congratulations to Julie (Holmes) and Liam Coyne, Cassandra (Tkaczow) and Michael Fischer and their families! The joy of a wedding day and all the preparation leading up to it are truly understood only by those who have experienced it.

We know from Jesus' testimony in today's Gospel passage the incomparable importance of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Through it, and in the precious gift of child-bearing - God willing - we have genuine Hope that the family, as it was intended to be from the beginning, can indeed flourish as the harbor of unconditional love and safety. In Catholic terminology the family is known as the 'Domestic Church' because through it faith is passed on from one generation to the next. Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Religious Education in parochial school or any other programs by which this is accomplished are secondary to the essential importance of the parents in the spiritual upbringing of their children.

For all these reasons and more we need to pray for the vocation of marriage even as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations to the Church. Newlywed or otherwise, marriage is more a commitment to God as it is to one another. In their sacramental life parents return the gift of their children to God in Baptism, First Holy Communion, frequent Confession and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. But it is in the day-to-day ordinary circumstances of life that parents teach their children what it means to be faithful Christians. We offer to God through a humble yet rigorous prayer life the integrity of our relationships, both within the family and in dealing with the outside world. "Let the children come to me" is a comforting thought as we consider our Lord's tender love for all, especially the little ones. It is also an awesome responsibility for parents, and all who support them (grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors), in their mission of cooperation with the Creator that we call procreation.

Till Death Do Us Part,

*Father Michael Fowler*



The Faith Formation Office is accepting names and addresses of young adults who are away from home in college, the military, or at their first job. We will be sending a care package from the parish in October. We are also accepting donations towards postage (\$8 per package) and donations of popcorn, hot cocoa, gum, fun-sized candy or single serve snacks by October 17th.

Please email names and address to:  
Christine.DeVito@dor.org

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

### Question:

What is the Latin translation for Hail Mary?

**Answer:** Ave Maria



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**PRAY FOR**  
*Our Deceased*

- † Gary Romano
- † Michael J. Francesco
- † Mary Repass

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING to the Call

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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#### FINANCIAL UPDATE -- Collections July thru August 21

	<u>21/22 Act</u>	<u>21/22 Bud</u>	<u>% Change</u>
St. Agnes	\$32,575	\$36,908	- 12%
St. Paul	\$16,070	\$20,917	- 23%
St. Rose	\$19,258	\$20,600	- 7%

### Rochester Catholic Men's Conference St. Joseph -- A Man of God

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 7:30am--12:30pm  
Doors open at 7:00am with 8:00am Mass  
with the Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano

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St. Agnes School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for parishioners who would like to volunteer to work with the committee. PTO focuses on supporting the school in their mission to provide "education with heart and soul", specifically we assist with community service outreach and organizing fun events for the students. In September we helped organize a coffee and donut reception for veterans after our annual 9/11 ceremony and hosted a back to school snack, game and social hour for all school families. In October we are planning to assist with Red Ribbon week activities, including planting red tulip bulbs around the school and town, as well as organizing "Trick or Trunk" for the students to celebrate Halloween. Volunteers will need to complete Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) training as required by the Diocese of Rochester to volunteer at the school. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to: Michelle Gerwig at 585-727-7041 or Leslie Ras at 585-738-0945.

Notre Dame Retreat House's

**Day of Prayer ~ Wed., Oct. 13, 2021**

**"The Devil Made Me Do It"**

Presented by: Deacon Eric Bessette, currently serving St. Catherine of Siena in Mendon and The Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford. Eric gave a wonderful day of prayer on Angels back in the fall of 2019 and is now flipping the coin (so to speak) by offering what the Catholic Church teaches about the devil.

Conference 9am - 12pm followed by lunch, free time, confessions and day ends with Mass at 2pm. \$25 fee. Please call 585-394-5700 or email: [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com).



## 4000 Club Raffle

**DONATION: \$30**

**Weekly Prize Drawings  
Begin Tuesday, 9 am | Nov. 9th, 2021  
at the Parish Office**

19 Weeks: 2 Winners - \$30 ea.  
10th Week: 4 Winners - \$50 ea.  
20th Week: 1 Winner - \$1000  
1 Winner - \$500  
8 Winners - \$100 ea.  
6 Winners - \$50 ea.  
2 Winners - \$30 ea.

20th Week drawing at St. Rose - Brendan Hall  
Saturday, March 26, 2022 | 3 pm

*Winners need not be present to win.*

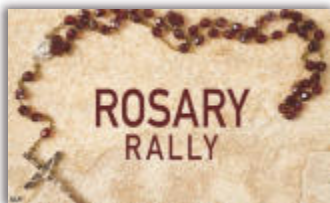
*Only 300 tickets will be sold.  
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Tickets go on Sale September 27, 2021 at the  
Parish Office and after weekend Masses.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, but are  
unable to attend Mass or stop by the Parish Office,  
please text or call Aimee Calhoun 585.721.8621.

**Save the date . . .**

**October 16th, 2021  
12:00 pm  
Harry Allen Park  
Honeoye Falls, NY**



**Our Lady of Fatima**  
traveling statue will  
once again be at  
St. Paul of the Cross  
beginning Saturday,  
Oct. 9th through 15th.

Plan to stop in for a visit.

### Coats for Kids in Livingston County --

The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with  
the non-profit, County-based Focus on the  
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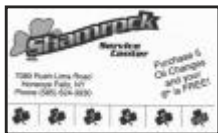
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