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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26– September 27, 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm ; **Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 2:00pm-3:30pm



All Masses and Confessions are in the Gym

My Dear People,

The feastday of a beloved modern-day saint, **Padre Pio**, was this past Wednesday, the 23rd. Since Padre Pio died in 1968, there are people still living who interacted with him. In fact, I have met some of them! Padre Pio had many extraordinary spiritual gifts. By extraordinary, we mean 'out of the ordinary', like having the *stigmata*, the wounds of Christ, on his hands, feet and side. This was examined many times medically and was unexplainable on a natural level. He had the **gift to read hearts** in the confessional, he could tell people their sins, and know if they were concealing something. He **bilocated**, meaning there were times where he was seen by multiple people at the exact same time in different places. Most canonized saints do not have these gifts.

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Daily Mass This Week
Thursday 10/1 at 6:00 p.m.
Confessions before from 5:00pm-5:45pm



*The Triumphant Statue of Saint Michael
in front of Saint Michael's Church in Rochester*

Emergency Anointing of the Sick: (607)481-1113

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September Sunday Vigil	26	4:00pm	† Margaret Duffey by Kathi Gronski
		5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27	8:00am	† Bridget Lee by Father Walter
		10:30am	† Lisa Franchi by Her Friends
Monday, September	28	8:00am	No Mass
Wednesday September	30	6:00pm	No Mass
Thursday, October Saint Thérèse of Lisieux	1	8:30am	† Clate and Madeline Walker by Joe and Linda Shine † Gilbert De Angelis by The Family † Philomena Wengrznek by Mary Lynn Zuder
Friday, October	2	12:15pm	No Mass
Saturday, October Sunday Vigil	3	4:00pm	† Richard Capo by Kathi Gronski
		5:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Kohut Family by Rich and Andrea Ketchum † Marge Duffey by The Family Joe and Sabrina O’Connell for their 35th Wedding Anniversary by The Family
Sunday, October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	4	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
		10:30am	† Martha and Warren Benjamin by Their Daughter Elaine
Week Ending: 9/19/2026-9/20/2026		<u>Confession Times This Week:</u>	
Regular Weekly Offering: \$8,359		Thursday(10/1): 5:00pm-5:45pm	
Second Collection: \$1,553		Saturday(10/3): 2:00pm-3:30pm	
Online Giving: \$4,311.50			
Total: \$14,223.50		<i>Please note that the weekday confession times may change from week to week.</i>	
Mass Attendance:		<u>MEMORIALS: 9/26/2026-10/3/2026</u>	
4:00pm: 54			
5:00pm: 192			
8:00am: 149			
10:30am: 223			
Total: 618		Bread and Wine: Stephen Gronski by Kathi Gronski	
		Sanctuary Lamp: Stephen Gronski by The Family	
<i>May God reward you for your generosity! These funds allow us to meet our needs, pay our conscientious staff, and serve the spiritual needs of the Parish.</i>			

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Yet, the life of Padre Pio was not exempt from suffering. His own path to follow Christ on the inside was very ordinary. Some years ago, a friend gave me a book of his letters to his spiritual director, and they show a man doing his best to follow Jesus and to carry his crosses. In fact, Padre Pio's mystical gifts were often the source of suffering for him, as it alienated him from his fellow Franciscan friars, or made him a celebrity.

I have shared with you before his beautiful prayer after Communion. If we didn't know who wrote it, would we ever associate these sentiments with a man who seemed to 'float' and be so united to God? The saints are human. The life of God is in them in a powerful way because of their generosity and fidelity, but this divine life does not take away their humanity. It does not numb them to struggles, or make them superhuman. Padre Pio may indeed have been given truly superhuman gifts, but these were *gifts* from God, and did not render him immune from our common, fallen condition. He had to hope in God as much, if not more, than most of us. Fr George Rutler, a well known author and speaker, would say that we mistakenly view the saints as either superhuman or subhuman. He means that we think they float and are already in heaven, or that they don't have the normal feelings and experiences of a regular man or woman.

Nevertheless, it's precisely this cooperation between God's grace - the new life in Christ- and their human strengths, weaknesses, and experiences, which make the saints so beautiful *and so helpful* to us.

This heartfelt prayer shows us how much the saints knew they needed Jesus. A lesson for all of us, no matter where we are in our spiritual life, or however long we may have lived it...

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me Lord, because I am weak, and I need Your strength, so that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.

Stay with me Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in Your Company.

Stay with me Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of Love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile.

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You.

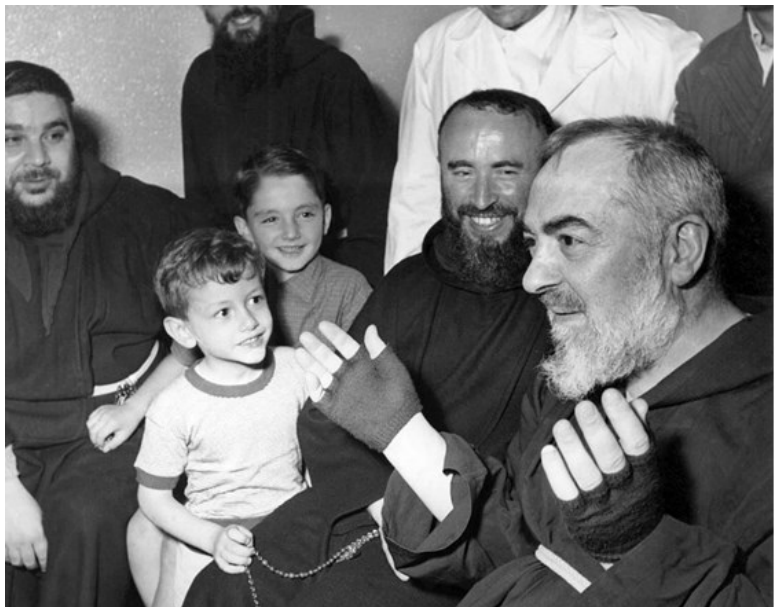
Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to you, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence, oh yes, I ask this of You.

Stay with me Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

*With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity.
Amen.*





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Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road
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August 15, 2026
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites the Church throughout our nation to observe Respect Life Month, an opportunity to renew our commitment to uphold the sacred dignity of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God. This year's theme, "**Mary, Mother of Life,**" calls us to contemplate the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by her joyful "yes" to God's plan, welcomed the Author of Life into the world. As the new Eve and Mother of all the living, Mary reminds us that every human life is a precious gift entrusted to our care. Through her loving intercession, may we grow ever more faithful in protecting, accompanying, and cherishing every human life from conception to natural death.

I warmly invite every parish, school, ministry, and family throughout the Diocese of Rochester to join in the celebration of Respect Life Month this October. Together, let us witness to the Gospel of Life through prayer, education, compassionate outreach, and acts of charity toward all who are vulnerable, including mothers, children, the elderly, the sick, and all whose dignity is threatened.

As a diocesan family, I ask each parish to host a **Holy Hour and Rosary for Life** on **Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** During this hour of prayer, let us place before the Eucharistic Lord our petitions for the protection of every human life and entrust our efforts to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At that same time, I will lead a Holy Hour and Rosary for Life at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**, and I invite all who are able to join me there. Whether gathered at the Cathedral or in your own parish, may our united prayer become a powerful witness of hope and a sign of our communion as one diocesan Church.

I also encourage every parish to celebrate **Respect Life Sunday** on **October 4, 2026**, making use of the many liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral resources prepared for this year's observance. These resources offer meaningful opportunities to deepen our understanding of the Church's consistent ethic of life and to inspire our communities to live out Christ's call to love and serve one another.

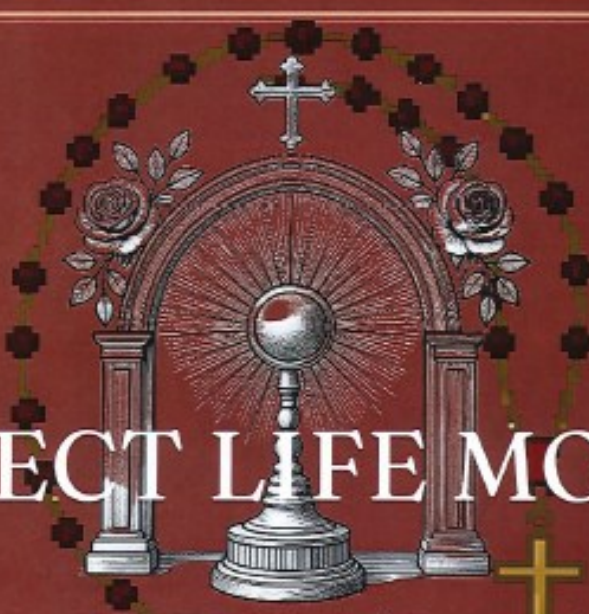
Our witness to the dignity of human life begins in prayer and is strengthened through acts of mercy, accompaniment, and advocacy. May this Respect Life Month renew our commitment to building a culture where every person is welcomed, protected, loved, and valued.

As we turn to Mary, Mother of Life, may she lead us ever closer to her Son, the Author of Life, and obtain for us the grace to be faithful disciples who proclaim the Gospel of Life with courage, compassion, and joy. Thank you for your generous participation in this important observance. Be assured of my prayers for you and for your parish communities.

United in a common mission, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ John A. Bonnici
The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici
Bishop of Rochester

In keeping with Bishop Bonnici's request, we will pray a rosary at noon on Saturday October 3rd in the gym. The gym will remain open for prayer afterward.

A decorative graphic featuring a rosary with a central cross at the top and a golden cross at the bottom right. In the center is a monstrance containing the Eucharist, set against a background of a sunburst and flanked by two roses.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Diocesan Holy Hour and Rosary for Life

Saturday, October 3, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester

with The Most Reverend Bishop John S. Bonnici



Cemetery Clean-Up

The Summer Cemetery Clean-Up is scheduled for October. We kindly ask that all decorations, flowerpots, and personal items be removed from gravesites by **October 9th**.

Any remaining items after this date will be removed and discarded as part of the clean-up process.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations & Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Rochester

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. STEPHEN

Genesee

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Spencerport

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY

Genesee

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

Penfield

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER

Horseheads

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Ithaca

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm

Mass Book Is Still Open!

Mass requests are again being accepted for the remainder of the year.

Due to the flexible schedule we will only be accepting requests for the weekend Masses and Wednesday Masses.

This however, does not guarantee that the weekday Mass will always be on Wednesdays, but, this is the most consistent day for Mass during the week.

If you have already requested Masses for 2026, you may expect to receive a phone call from our office about rescheduling,

**We appreciate your flexibility in this manner.
Know that, even if your Mass is moved to a time where you cannot
physically attend, the Mass is still of infinite value and you are united
to it through charity.**



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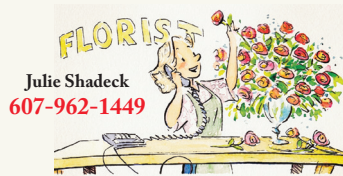


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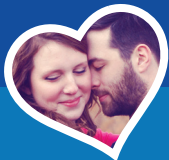
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