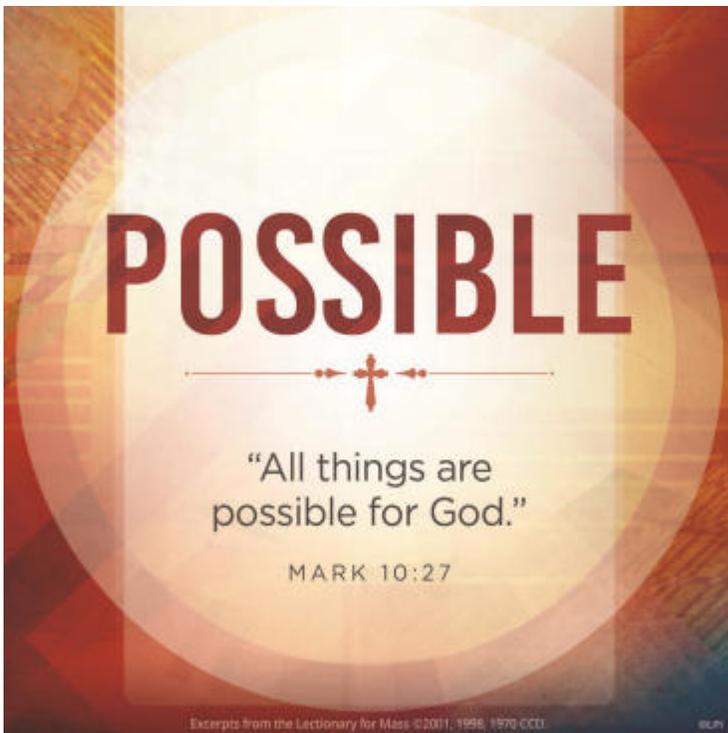




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10 OCTOBER 2021—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**FAMILIES  
OF PARISHES**

**South Oakland Family 5 Events  
Everyone is Invited**

**Tuesday, Oct. 26 7-9pm**

**Family Gathering at Transfiguration**

**Sunday, Oct. 31st 3:30pm**

**Installation Mass for Our Family's Pastors  
at Our Mother of Perpetual Help—Ferndale**

***Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Family Pastor***

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*Oak Park Worship Location, Rectory, and Parish Office 13500 Oak Park Blvd. • Oak Park, MI 48237*

*Ferndale Worship Location 241 Pearson St. • Ferndale, MI 48220*

**Office Hours: M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Parish Office Phone Number: 248.545.2310 / Parish Fax: 248.545.2312**

**Parish Email: omophparish@gmail.com / Parish Website: www.omoph.org**

**Mass Schedule : Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park and 11:00 am in Ferndale**

**Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale**

**Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will replace the 9am Mass)**

**Sacraments: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation** Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310  
**Marriage—Must be active and registered members of the parish for at least 6 months prior to scheduling**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

**First Communion and Confirmation** Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at 248.533.5424



**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

**Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Msgr. Bernard Kearns (1986)

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Special Intention for Mike by Jerry and Fran Kollenberg

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Frances Pollino by Family

Vincent Meo by Family

Jean Duplessis by 50+ Club

Frank Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach

Rose Whitehead by Barbara Schoenbach

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Randy Wilson by Jerry and Joyce Bone

Soul of Syliva-George Saylon and for all souls  
by Sally-Leo Diaz

Living and Deceased members of the Kemling  
and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

**Monday, October 11, 2021**

Rev. Lee J. Laige (1993)

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**9 am - Ferndale**

Msgr. John J. McCabe (1945)

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

Rev. Loren F. O'Dea (2015)

**Thursday, October 14, 2021**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rev. William J. Roosen (1992)

**Friday, October 15, 2021**

Most Rev. Patrick Cooney (2012)

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Msgr. Walter R. Hardy (1974)

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Special Intention for Mike by Jerry and Fran Kollenberg

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**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

## Prayer REQUESTS

### **Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith, Judy Chmielewski, Margaret Devereaux, Michelle Ciambelli Milewkovic

### **Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military**

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

## **UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS**

**OUR MISSION**—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

**OUR VISION**—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out  
our mission and vision?***

**FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**  
**OCTOBER 10 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**"WHAT MUST I DO TO SHARE IN EVERLASTING LIFE?" (Mk 10:17-30)**

Jesus is setting out on a journey when a man runs up to him and kneels down before him and asks him, "Good teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?" Jesus asks the man, "Why do you call me Good? No one is good but God alone." Something about Jesus touched this man's being to come to Jesus and ask him such a question. Jesus goes on with, "You know the commandments" and Jesus lists off some of the commandments. The man replies that he has kept these commandments since childhood. Jesus looks at the man with love and tells him he must do one more thing to share in everlasting life. Jesus commands him, "Go and sell what you have and give to the poor; you will then have treasure in heaven." Jesus continues, "After that come and follow me." Because of Jesus' command the man's face fell and he went away sad because he had many possessions. The man got his question answered about what he must do to share in everlasting life but sadly would not accept Jesus' command to obtain everlasting life. Jesus' command to sell everything, to have no wealth, reverses a common Jewish mindset that wealth was a sign of God's favor on that person. This man ran to seek Jesus and even knelt before him in reverence and homage yet could not give up his worldly possessions which would stand in his way to share in everlasting life.

Jesus tells his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God" and "It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (There is not a gate in Jerusalem called the "needle's eye." The reference is to a narrow and low pedestrian passageway. For a camel to pass through such a passageway, its load must be unload and then stoop down to go through the passageway.)

The disciples now overwhelmed and exclaimed to each other, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looks at them and tells them, "For man it is impossible but not for God. With God all things are possible." Jesus' answer to his disciples is that no man can save himself. Man is saved wholly by the grace of God. What is needed is to remove those obstacles to God's grace. The man had many obstacles to remove to be open to God's grace. Peter tells Jesus, "We have put aside everything to follow you!" Jesus then gives his word to the disciples and stresses the rewards of those who will sacrifice all for me will receive everlasting life.

This week think and pray on what obstacles in your daily life will keep you from God's grace and everlasting life. A thought, there is an "off" mode on many devices!

**OCTOBER 11 -MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN XXIII "GOOD POPE JOHN"**

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born November 25, 1881, in Sotto il Monte, Bergamo Province, Italy. He was the fourth child of thirteen children born to his peasant sharecropper parents. Angelo was their first son. At age 12 Angelo entered the local diocesan minor seminary. He was called to active military service from 1901-1902. Angelo Roncalli then returned to his seminary studies and was ordained a priest in 1904. Fr. Roncalli was then appointed secretary to the new bishop of Bergamo. Fr. Roncalli was reactivated into military service during World War I from 1915-1919 as a military chaplain and stretcher-bearer. Next, he was appointed as spiritual director of the local seminary and in 1921 appointed Italian President of the Society of the Propagation of the faith.

Fr. Roncalli was to begin his career as a Vatican representative. In 1925 he was appointed Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria and was consecrated a bishop; next he was appointed the Archbishop Apostolic Delegate to Turkey. It will be in his assignment in Turkey that he would help in saving thousands of refugees and especially Jews from Nazis in Europe during World War II. He was then appointed Apostolic Nuncio to France in 1944 and in 1953 appointed Patriarch of Venice and elevated to the College of Cardinals.

October 9, 1958, Pope Pius XII died. After the 11th ballot of voting for a new pope, Roncalli was chosen on October 28, 1958. He was elected as a short-term "stop gap" pope by the voting cardinals. Angelo Cardinal Roncalli took the name John XXIII. He continued with his motto, "Obedience and Peace."

John XXIII is best remembered for calling the pastoral Vatican II Council to "update" the Catholic Church in 1959 with the first session beginning October 11, 1962. Pope John would die June 3, 1963, from stomach cancer and peritonitis before the second session of the council was to begin. Pope John XXIII issued eight encyclicals with "Mater et magistra" (Mother and teacher) (1961) and "Pacem et terris" (Peace on earth) (1963) as his two most influential encyclicals. His "Journal of a Soul" tells of Angelo Roncalli's spiritual development from age 14 until his last days before his death.

When Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, he was five-foot-two and 200 pounds plus. It took some fast tailoring and pins to fit him into a papal cassock for his first "Urbi et Orbis" to the people. As pope, he would sneak out of the Vatican in a black cassock and walk the streets of Rome. He would make unannounced visits to the local children's hospitals and cause quite a dismay to the staff. He visited prisoners at Rome's prison and told the inmates, "You cannot come to me, so I come to you." In 1962 Pope John offered to mediate talks between the USA and the USSR during the Cuban Missile Crises. Time Magazine, January 4, 1963, publication named John XXIII "Man of the Year." John XXIII would be the first pope to be named "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

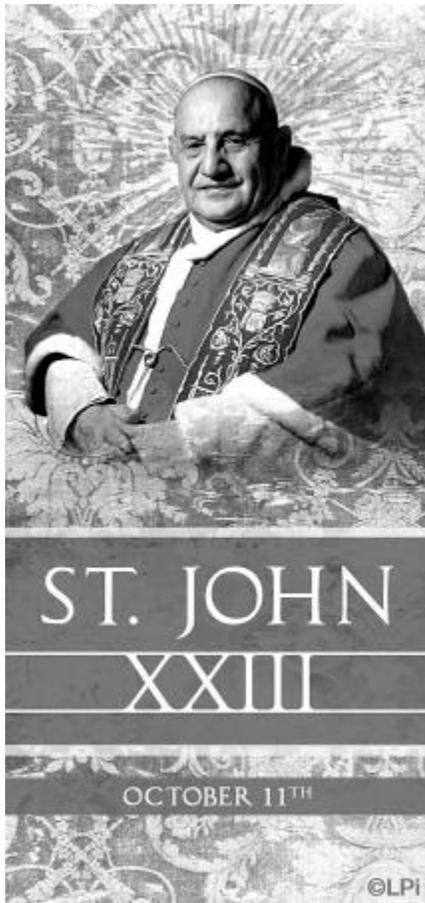
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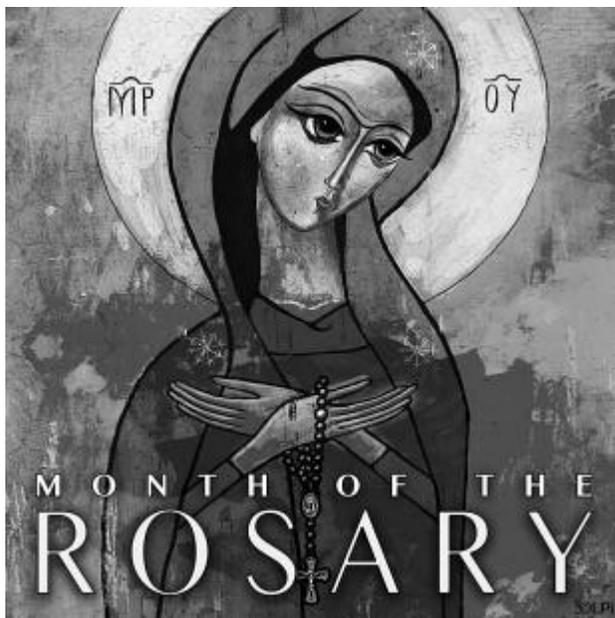
John XXIII was beatified in 2000 and canonized in 2014. His feast day, Oct. 11, which recalls the beginning of the first session of the Vatican Council II in 1962.

Words of "Good Pope John"

- Anybody can be pope; the proof is that I have become one.
- Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.
- Justice before charity.
- Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.
- The rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection.
- Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.



*By Leonard Piasta, FFC Chair*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 10, 2021**

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  
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46  
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12  
 Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 10, 2021**

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day  
 Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr  
 Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
 Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM  
 Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
IF HEAVEN WAS LIKE HARVARD**

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Visit the Pray the Rosary Page <https://www.omoph.org/pray-the-rosary> on our website  
You will find information and videos you can use to pray the Rosary at home**

**SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:**

	Sept. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$11,969	\$41,552
Offertory Amount	\$14,683	\$44,266
Over/(Under) Prior Year	<b>(\$5,423)</b>	<b>(\$13,388)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$4,009)</b>	<b>(\$16,483)</b>
Week of 09-26-2021 Offertory total: \$2,714.00		
On-line giving totaled \$2,985.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$11,697.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of September deposits totaled \$14,682.75.		
The 2021 CSA Goal for the parish is \$37,746.00		
As of 9-26-21: 109 Pledges received; 201 fully paid		
Total pledged:	\$56,285.66	
Total Paid:	\$67,140.66 [approx. 178% of goal]	
Refund to date:	\$29,394.66	
Refund due parish:	\$175.00	
Refunds issued:	\$29,219.66	

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**UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS**

**On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19. As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:**

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances.

More information is available at: [aod.org/emergencyresponse](http://aod.org/emergencyresponse)

**CLIMATE EMERGENCY: HOW DO WE RESPOND AS PEOPLE OF FAITH?**

*“Bring the whole human family together for we know that things can change.” Pope Francis, Laudato Si #13*

With these words and more, we hear Pope Francis challenge the entire Church and world to make concrete actions on behalf of the health of the planet. Fr. Charles Morris from Madonna University will discuss the specifics of the Laudato Si Action Platform laid out by the Vatican. Fr. Morris will also share his personal journey of moving from faith to action through his involvement with Michigan Interfaith Power & Light. All are welcome. Sun., Oct. 24th, 2-4 pm St. Thomas More Parish, 4580 Adams Rd, Sponsored by the South Oakland Justice & Peace Committee

**IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...** *“Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems.”*

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