

Faith Formation:

General Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting tomorrow, Monday, October 6 for all parents and guardians of children in the Faith Formation Program. This is a very important meeting and therefore mandatory. At least one parent must be in attendance. The meeting begins at 6:45 pm soon after the students have prayed and gone to their various classrooms. Please be on time.

RCIC: Rites of Christian Initiation of Children is a version of RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) for children between the ages of 9 and 17 who for whatever reason have missed celebrating the sacraments of Initiation either fully or partially. Children are supposed to be catechized in order to celebrate these sacraments. If you have children in your household who fall in this category, please contact me as soon as possible. The Office of Faith Formation is in the process of putting together an RCIC class to assist you.

Youth News:

Youth Concert Updates: Youth Group will sponsor a concert on **November 23rd** titled **“An Evening of Thanksgiving and Praise.”** All rehearsals will take place in the church on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Rehearsal dates are September 28th, October 12th, 16th, 26th and November 9th and 16th. The concert will feature various in house and guest choirs and dance ministries. Teens and Young Adults, if you have something to be thankful for then come join us. It is said that when you sing you are praying twice! Contact Mrs. Moore 301-459-4814 at ext 204 or Mrs. Zita Givens 301-451-8394.

Other Items of Note:

Fall Festival and Flea Market: Mark your calendars for Saturday October 11th from 9am until 2pm. Festival Activities include games, crafts, food, square dancing and more! Flea Market spaces are available for \$25 per space. Support our parish and school by donating your new and gently used items to our sale table. For additional information, please contact Misty Oratokhai at 410-286-0396.

Volunteers Wanted! Our parish school is seeking adult volunteers to work with teacher and children in the classroom and to assist with light administrative work. Child protection compliance is required. If you have a few hours to spare each week to help our school continue to provide a quality Catholic education to our students, please contact Pat Wilson at 301-577-9412.

Votive Lights: at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Mother will be available only through November. If you would like a candle burned in honor of, in memory of, for the intentions of, or happy repose of someone, please schedule your request in the rectory.

New Parishioners: Please take a moment to complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found in the back of the church or obtained from the rectory office. You MUST be a registered, practicing parishioner for of six months in order to be eligible to receive or be a sacramental sponsor. Completed forms may be placed in the offertory basket or returned to the rectory.

Current Parishioners: Do you have a new member in your family? Have you changed addresses? If so, please send your updates to the rectory. You may use the Parish Registration Form for your convenience. We have had a noticeable increase in the amount of returned mail. We need your current information for our Parish Census reports and to ensure you receive important parish mailings!



Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 6: Bruno, priest; Bl. Marie-Rose, virgin

8:30 am Arnie Arnister

Tuesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am Joseph Taylor

Wednesday, October 8:

8:30 am Robert Adams, Jr.

Thursday, October 9: Denis, bishop and companions

8:30 am Virginia Craig

Friday, October 10:

8:30 am Barrister Godwin Ezeuko,
Edwin & Virginia Ezenwaka

Sat., Oct 11: Vigil – Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Robert Bello

Sunday, Oct 12: Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Joe Rubenstahl (living)

9:30 am George Johnson

11:30am Peter Fonju (dec); Mary Fonju & Family (living)

Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish:

Phil Ates; Virgie Azarcon; Barbara Brink; Audrey Brown; Linda Bryans; Fidel dela Cuesta; Eleanor DeMarco; Rosita Dietrich; Jerry Edwards; Lisa Farland; Karen Fisher; Francis Greenfield; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardoizzi; David Obi; Peter O’Neill; Thomas Opalski; Joseph Otero; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; Evelyn Pierce; Jose Ocasio Rodriguez; Joe Sico; Walter Stewart; Jean Zanin; Ryan Zawada †**For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq:** Spc. Michael J. Chiddo †**For Our Deceased:** Robert “Ted” Hoke; Jose A. Guevara †**Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, call Tara Guevara at 301-459-4814 or email tguevara@stmatthias.org.**

Saint Francis Of Assisi Prayer for the Animals



We ask you to bless these animals.
By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all the beauty in your creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all of our creatures!
Amen.