



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.”

- Lk 21:15

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 11/02/25.....	\$3,125.00
Weekly collection for 11/09/25.....	\$3,022.00
Weekly budget goal.....	\$3,425.00
Difference (11/02/25).....	\$300.00
Difference (11/09/25).....	\$403.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal.....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date.....	\$30,845.00

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

November 25th 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

*THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026

Faith Formation: ALL students will meet for class in the Faith Formation bldg. on Sunday, Nov. 16th following 9:15 am Mass.

Book of the Beloved Dead In preparation for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, a special **Book of Remembrance** will be available in the back of the Church. **Throughout the month of November**, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our Church so that all of the names you write in the book will be included in our prayers.

In Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jody L. Reed, Mark A. Gagliardi, Gerald V. Klaiber, and Lena C. Volpe.**

May God grant them eternal rest.

THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to place at the altar after the homily. These donations will be given to the Christian Food Bank in St. Marys. Thank you for your generosity!

A Family Perspective: Parenting is challenging with so many conflicting voices and influences. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely give testimony and trust that He will provide the "wisdom" needed to be good parents. Remember, you are not alone in this journey; a loving Father is standing with you.

CEMETERY Just a reminder to please remove any old flowers or decorations that were placed on your loved one's grave. Clean-up of the cemetery is beginning. Any old/faded flowers left on graves will be discarded. Thank you.

Music in Church:

St. Gregory the Great and St. Cecilia

Music played from an organ, guitar, or piano, accompanying the choir and congregation, can always lift up our hearts during the Mass. In fact, the Vatican II documents, Constitution in the Liturgy Number 118, says: "Religious singing by the people is to be skillfully fostered, so that, in devotions and sacred exercise, as also during liturgical services, the voices of the faithful may ring out." (pg. 314 Saint of the Day, L. Foley, OFM)

The earliest style of music in the church started with the Gregorian Chant. Saint Gregory is responsible for the Gregorian Chant being sung at Mass. This is why it is called "Gregorian Chant." He did a lot of work in reforming the Mass. Saint Gregory was especially outstanding in his teaching of church doctrine and in his preaching at Mass that drew large crowds to hear him speak. Gregorian Chant was one of the first music that was sung to the musical notes written on paper with horizontal lines and separated by measures that are vertical lines. Modern musical manuscript has come a long way since those early times. But, we are grateful for Saint Gregory the Great and his work, and caring people after him, who supported the instrumental accompaniment, as well as Gregorian Chant during the Celebration of Mass.

Next, I share with you about the life of Saint Cecilia. She is known to be the patron saint of musicians and singers. It is important to know though, that most of Saint Cecilia's life is a great witness of heroic Christian preaching and bringing people to be committed to their Christian faith, including her husband, Valerian. This was a very difficult task during the persecutions of the second and third centuries in the city of Rome where she lived. Before her own death as a martyr, she converted Valerian's brother and hundreds of other people as well. This is a wonderful Christian example, people will say. But, where does her love for music come in?

Certainly Saint Cecilia, through her prayers and devotion, through her tender, loving and merciful words when she preached, and her very life that was being transformed into Christ, she was doing what the Canticle of Isaiah 42 reads: "Sing a New Song to the Lord." She was constantly being made new in Christ. Certainly Saint Cecilia's life rang out with the melody of joy, like a harp and the harmony of proclamation, like a trumpet. Possibly singing the Psalms and other Sacred Scripture passages may have kept her brave and determined to "finish the race" and "keep the faith" like Saint Paul says. (2 Timothy 4: 7) Her feast day is on November 22nd. In visual art of Saint Cecilia, she is holding a viola or playing an organ.

No matter what instrument any of us may play and no matter if we are a base, tenor, baritone, alto, or soprano voice range, asking our patron Saint Cecilia to pray for us can be a great boost of confidence in us to play and sing at our very best through the prayers of Saint Cecilia. Ask her to pray for you TODAY!

God Bless!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18: 35-43 (497)
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Louis Chiappelli III	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i>	2 Mc 6: 18-31 Lk 19: 1-10 (498)
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31 Lk 19: 11-28 (499)
Thursday, November 20, 2025 No Mass			Weekday	1 Mc 2: 15-29 Lk 19: 41-44 (500)
Friday, November 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno Zambanini 5th anniversary	daughter Rita and family	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59 Lk 19: 45-48 (501)
Saturday, November 22, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	1 Mc 6: 1-13 Lk 20: 27-40 (502)
Saturday, November 22, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Jim Long	Elyse Long and family	Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	(see below)
Sunday, November 23, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	2 Sm 5: 1-3 Col 1: 12-20 Lk 23: 35-43 (162)

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We Offer Thanks by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Father, we thank thee for this food, for health and strength and all things good. May others all these blessings share, and hearts be grateful everywhere.

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy Care, and for Thy Bounty everywhere; for this and every other gift, our grateful hearts to Thee we lift.

For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy Goodness sends, We offer thanks.

Amen.

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