

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

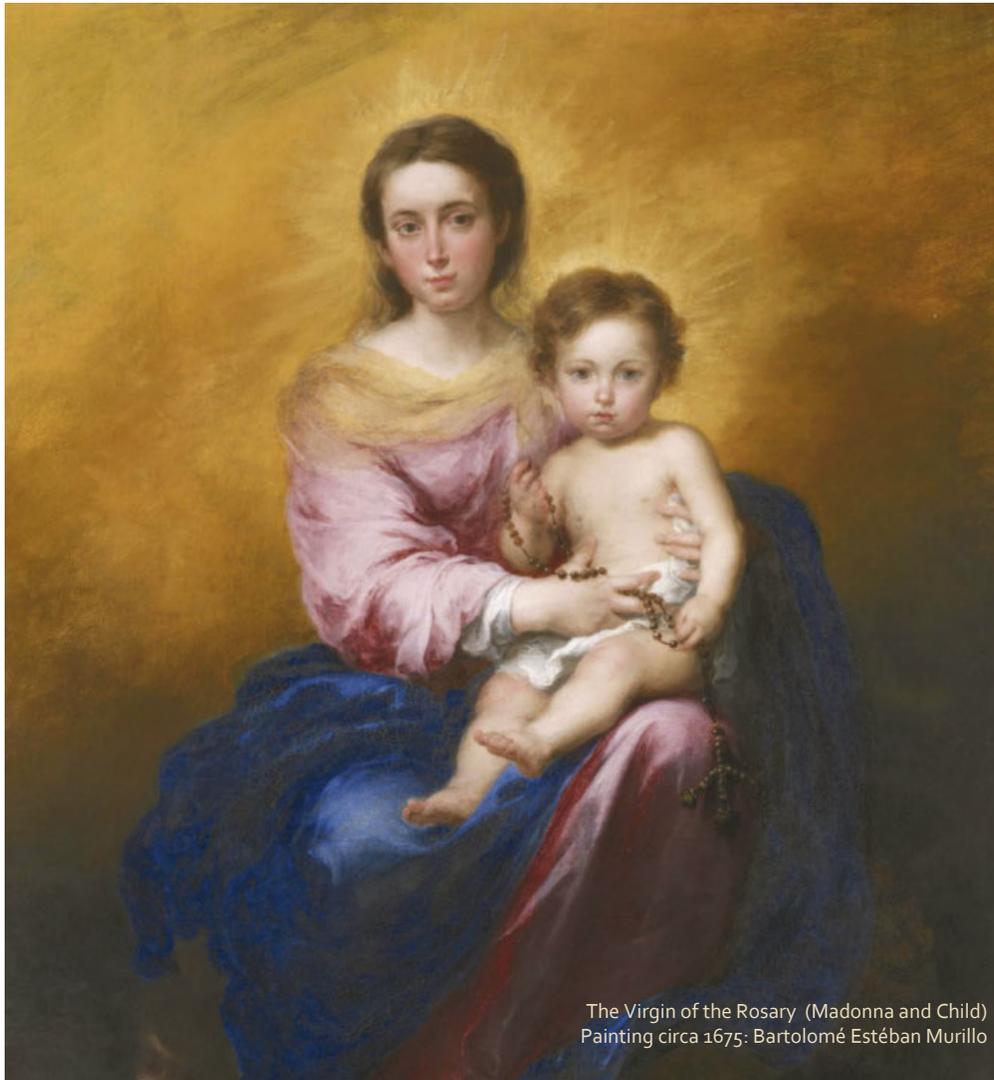
Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**Marriage:** By appointment. Contact the office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required.

**Baptism:** By appointment. The diocese requires instructions for parents or guardians.

**Religious Education (PSR):** Sundays during school term 9 - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.



The Virgin of the Rosary (Madonna and Child)  
Painting circa 1675; Bartolomé Estéban Murillo

## MEDITATION AND THE ROSARY



October is the month of the most holy rosary with a memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7. During this time of Eucharist Revival, it is especially important to understand the rosary as a powerful meditative tool that turns our minds to the life of Christ.

While meditation grows in popularity as a means to better mental, physical, and spiritual health, many people, including

Catholics, overlook the rosary as a meditative tool. It is sometimes seen as too simple and therefore as superficial. The rosary is simple, but the gentle repetition of its prayers makes it an excellent means to moving into deeper meditation. It gives us an opportunity to open ourselves to God's word and to refine our interior gaze. By focusing on the lives of Christ and Mary through meditation on the mysteries, we learn about ourselves in relation to God.

Mary herself is an excellent model for the daily practice of meditation. She received the word of God through Gabriel. She pondered God's word in her heart. She took in the events around her, capturing them internally and carrying them within her like a treasure. This is the essence of meditation—receiving God's word and making it our treasure.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

4:00 p.m. Robert Shutler†  
*Roger & Kathy Rine family*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8:00 a.m. Frank & Regina Halley†  
*Mary Ann Henderson*

10:00 a.m. Hess Family, living and deceased  
*Rose & John Hess*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

8:00 a.m. Joanna Bierce†  
*Libby Magnone*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Skrzypek family  
*Carolyn Gordon*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

8:00 a.m. Jim Conner†  
*Miller Family*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

8:00 a.m. Robert Shutler†  
*Barbara Ferrell*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

8:00 a.m. Millie Mysliwiec†  
*Jim & Diana Barker*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

4:00 p.m. Semon Prado†  
*Danny Prado*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:00 a.m. Mary Nadolski†  
*Nadolski Family*

10:00 a.m. Joe Curia†  
*Curia family*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our pilgrims spent much time in Lourdes, France, where Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858. Nightly candlelit rosary processions attract hundreds of pilgrims, who walk in and meditate upon the footsteps of St. Bernadette. The processions are as meaningful as Masses at the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes. Above right: SFX parishioners Bridget Scarbin (left), Linda Miller (center), and Susan Board in procession. Above far right: St. Jude parishioner Mary Ruth Horton (center) sings Immaculate Mary while behind her fellow parishioner Nancy Cunningham (left) and Pam Campbell from St. James in McMechen (right) follow.



Left: The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, the chapel built at Bernadette's insistence. Our group attends Mass here.

Prayer REQUESTS

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

**Recently Sick:** Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Suzy Lunau, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Phil Remke, Chester Sobutka, Earl Richards, Lewis Bee.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP BRENNAN RESPECT FOR THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

As Catholics throughout the world prepare to celebrate "Respect Life" month beginning Oct. 1, Bishop Mark Brennan is releasing a letter Sept. 30 about respect for the lives of mothers and children. The letter also responds to the recent law signed by Gov. Justice regulating the practice of abortion in West Virginia.

*Says Bishop Brennan in his letter: "My brothers and sisters, our Church is both pro-child and pro-woman. As the pro-life movement long ago realized, seeking only to limit or eliminate abortions is not enough. We must also provide support to mothers before and after they give birth and to their families."*

Copies of the letter will be in the back of church Sept 30, which also is the time you can read the letter or view a video version at [dwc.org](http://dwc.org). Scan the QR code to view the video on your personal device also beginning Sept. 30.



Please join Bishop Mark throughout October and beyond as we work together to uphold the right to life and promote the welfare of families.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week in memory of

*Jim Conner*

from his sister,  
Linda Miller

## Diocesan Rosary Congress

Wheeling area parishes are taking part in the national Diocesan Rosary Congresses Oct. 1-7. Each parish will hold Eucharistic Adoration as well as host an evening service at 6 - 7 p.m. that includes praying the rosary and Benediction following.

- **Saturday, Oct. 1:** St. Michael Church (1225 National Rd.)
- **Sunday, Oct. 2:** Chapel of Mary & Joseph (Wheeling University)
- **Monday, Oct. 3:** Corpus Christi Church (1518 Warwood Ave.)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 4:** St. Vincent de Paul Church (2244 Marshall Ave.) [Adoration begins at 10 a.m.]
- **Wednesday, Oct. 5:** Our Lady of Peace (690 Mount Olivet Rd.)
- **Thursday, Oct. 6:** St. Alphonsus Church (2111 Market St.)
- **Friday, Oct. 7:** St. Joseph Cathedral [Adoration begins at 1 p.m.]

Let us come together to seek the protection and intercession of the Blessed Mother.

**FORMS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY** candles will be in the church and online Oct. 1. Candles are \$5 each, and deadline to order is Oct. 20.

The parish provides to families candles for parishioners who passed away between Nov. 2 of last year and Nov. 2, 2022.

## OFFERING SEPT 18, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,365.00
Loose Offering	\$435.00
Church Repair	\$45.00
Candles	\$38.00
Memorial	\$30.00
Online Giving	\$426.65
Attendance	216

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**NAMI OF GREATER WHEELING** will again join St. Michael Parish during mental health awareness week to host an interfaith service to pray for individuals and families living with mental illness.

The ecumenical service is 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, which is the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding.

### WE'RE ALL IN FOR HOMEMADE:

Homemade pasta. Homemade meatballs. A choice of traditional sauce or pesto. Add a salad, bread and butter, and a dessert. Free water, coffee, or iced tea if you eat in. This is our kind of spaghetti dinner fundraiser! Come enjoy this veritable feast Sunday, Oct. 16, at St. John Parish Fellowship Hall, 700 Main St. in Benwood, from noon - 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids under 4 years old eat free. Get a great meal while benefiting the needs of the St. John parish community. Call 304-905-8036 for carryout and delivery.

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SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
LIFELINE**

## SCHEDULES OCT 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. Saturday

**Lector:** Danny Prado

**Eucharistic:** Julie Fecat

**Servers:** Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

**Lector:** Rose Hess

**Eucharistic:** John Hess

**Servers:** Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday

**Lector:** Loretta Remke

**Eucharistic:** Phil Remke

**Servers:** Please Volunteer

### Sacristy

Jenny Ingram

Daunel Gump

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS**

All services 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Check our news item for listings of area parishes that are participating.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**ALL SOULS DAY CANDLE ORDERS START**

\$5 each | Find forms in the vestibule and online. Orders due by Oct. 20.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**PARISH CELEBRATION - FEAST OF ST. THERESA OF CHILD JESUS**

4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner afterward in the Church Hall | Sign up by Monday.

**OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 7**

**NAMI MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

\$5 each | Find forms in the vestibule and online. Orders due by Oct. 20.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

5:00 p.m. | This is Assisi's Feast day.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**MASS BOOK OPENS**

| Forms will be in the vestibule and on the church's website soon.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**ST. JOHN'S SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Noon - 5:00 p.m. | \$10 for adults; \$5 for children; kids under 4 free. Fellowship Hall, 700 Main St. Call 304-905-8036 for carryout and delivery.

## ONGOING CALENDAR EVENTS

**MONDAYS UNTIL OCT. 31**

**NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE**

7:00 p.m. | Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling. Reflections are based on the Holy Eucharist.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY - CONVERSION**

First three weeks in September - first three weeks in November. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. OR Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Church Hall | 304-810-4380 reaches Mary.

**FOURTH MONDAY EACH MONTH**

6 p.m. | Bereavement Group. St. John's Church, Benwood. Fellowship Hall. Next meeting Oct. 24.

**WEDNESDAYS**

11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. | Line Dancing With Lottie at the Moundsville VFW.

**The 2023 Mass book opens Oct. 15.**



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