

**OCTOBER 14, 2018**  
**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**CANONIZATIONS**

This weekend Pope Francis will canonize two remarkable men as the newest saints of the Church. The first is Pope Paul VI, who succeeded Pope Saint John XXIII when he died in 1963. Paul led the Church through the final sessions of the Second Vatican Council, which had been begun by Pope John. He initiated the liturgical reform and the new form of the Mass that emerged after the Council was known as the Mass of Pope Paul VI. In 1968 the Holy Father released the encyclical entitled *Humanae Vitae*, which upheld the traditional teaching of the Church on the use of contraceptives and laid out the theological basis for that teaching. He is also known for being the first Pope to travel to Israel and to the United States. While here, he celebrated a large open air Mass at Yankee Stadium in New York and spoke before the United Nations.

The other person to be named a saint of the Church is Archbishop Oscar Romero. Romero was from El Salvador and, as a priest, had been unremarkable in many ways. But once he was made a bishop, he became a changed man. He began to see the oppression of his people by the government and their death squads. Also, he saw that anyone who opposed the policies of the government often died or disappeared. He began to speak out about this oppression and the poverty and injustices faced by the people. In doing so, he became a target of the government. They accused him of being a Communist. He said, "When I fed the poor, they called me a saint. When I questioned why the poor were poor, they called me a Communist. Eventually, his voice became so loud that the rulers needed to silence him, and he was murdered while saying Mass in the Cathedral in San Salvador. He died on March 20, 1980, as a martyr of the Catholic faith.

These two new saints are very different in many ways, but each was a faithful shepherd of the flock of Jesus Christ. Each suffered deeply because of their faithfulness but remained faithful when they could have chosen an easier path.

May we be strengthened in our own faithfulness as we honor these two remarkable men.

**PRAYER, FASTING**

Bishop Foy has asked all priests to join with him in acts of prayer and fasting over the next year as an act of reparation for the evil that has been done to young people and other vulnerable adults by clergy, and for the cover-up of those crimes by some bishops. Specifically, he is asking that we join with him on the third Thursday of each month, at 4 pm, in the Cathedral, for a Holy

Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This Holy Hour is open to all of the faithful, and those who can are encouraged to join us at that time. The first Holy Hour will be this Thursday, October 18.

He is asking all of the priests to fast and to abstain from meat on Fridays over the next year. That is not mandated for the laity, but all are invited and encouraged to join us in this act of penance or some other act of sacrifice offered up for the sake of the Church.

Finally, he is asking that the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel be included at the end of all Masses, asking for protection of the Church, especially the young and the vulnerable from all evil. We have already begun that practice here at Mother of God. I had asked the bishop to allow this practice, as I do believe that the Church is under attack from the Evil One.

**THE ROSARY**

We continue to make our way through the month of the Holy Rosary. I encourage everyone to pray the rosary daily as a beautiful and powerful reflection on the lives of Jesus and Mary. If we follow the weekly schedule for praying the rosary (Sunday—Glorious Mysteries, Monday—Joyful Mysteries, Tuesday—Sorrowful Mysteries, Wednesday—Glorious Mysteries, Thursday—Luminous Mysteries, Friday—Sorrowful Mysteries, Saturday—Joyful Mysteries) we will be constantly immersed in meditation on the Gospel and the promises of resurrection and glory for ourselves.

As we pray the Hail Marys, we are not to focus on the words themselves but on the mystery that is being considered. Take a few moments before beginning the decade to imagine the scene that is named by the mystery. Picture the scene as fully as possible. For instance, in the Agony of the Garden, see Jesus at prayer, see the pain and fear that he is feeling, see the Apostles sleeping, oblivious to what is going on. Do you identify with the pain of Jesus? Are you facing decisions that frighten you, that will require more of you than you are willing to give? Do you identify with the Apostles, failing to take time to pray and to accompany Jesus?

Is there someone for whom you would like to offer this mystery? We are called to pray for others, to intercede for them, and the rosary is a great way to do this. We can offer the entire rosary for a particular intention, or we can offer each mystery for a separate intention. Perhaps we will call to mind all of those for whom we wish to pray before we begin our rosary and offer it up for all of them together. Pray the rosary in whatever way works for you.

Individual praying of the rosary has great benefits, but as Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." The rosary lends itself to group prayer, and that may be where most of us have experienced it most often. I encourage couples to pray the rosary together, families to pray the rosary

together, friends to pray the rosary together. One of my heroes in the priesthood, Father Patrick Peyton (known as the Rosary Priest), famously taught, "The family that prays together, stays together."

### **SAINT THERESA OF JESUS**

Saint Theresa of Jesus, also known as Saint Theresa of Avila, was a Carmelite sister from Avila, Spain, in the sixteenth century. She became, with Saint John of the Cross, a great reformer of the Carmelite Order, leading it back to its contemplative roots. Theresa has been declared a Doctor of the Church because of her writings on prayer and on the spiritual life. Her writings include her autobiography, *The Way of Perfection*, and *The Interior Castle*, each of which is recognized as a classic work of spiritual insight and teaching.

We celebrate the feast of Saint Theresa on Monday, October 15.

### **SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH**

Ignatius was born in 35 AD and died in 108 AD. Born just after the death and resurrection of Christ, his life was simultaneous with the life of the early Church. We do not know much of his life, except what is mentioned in a set of seven letters that come down to us from Ignatius. These letters let us know that he was a bishop and contain his teaching on the divinity of Christ and on the unity of the Church. He is recognized as one of the Fathers of the Church, one of the great writers and teachers of the first five centuries of the Church.

The feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch is celebrated on Wednesday, October 17.

### **SAINT LUKE**

On Thursday, October 18, the Church honors the Apostle and evangelist, Saint Luke, the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostle. As such, he is responsible for about a third of the New Testament. Luke was a Gentile convert to Christianity, and Saint Paul refers to him as "our dear and glorious physician," so it seems that he was a doctor. As a companion of Saint Paul and a friend of Saint Peter, it seems that it was from these two that he learned the faith. Some believe that he knew the Blessed Mother as well and received the stories that he included in his Infancy Narratives from her.

### **THE AMERICAN MARTYRS**

The Church will honor Saints John de Brebouf and Isaac Joques and their companions on Friday, October 19. They are known as the American Martyrs. Jesuit missionaries from France, they went into the Canadian territories to preach the Gospel to the Native Americans there, especially to the Hurons. After many years of ministry, the missionaries were martyred by the enemy tribe of the Hurons, the Mohawks.

### **RCIA**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If so, we have begun the convert instruction classes, which are commonly known as the RCIA. They meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the Saint Aloysius Center. You can call the parish office to learn more or just show up at the class.

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **TODAY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY**

**COLLECTION:** Envelopes are available in the pews and the back of Church. Collectors will be at the doors following each Mass. This collection funds the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of operations for the Mother of God Conference. The advertised robust economy has not caught up to residents within our parish boundaries, and the number of requests for food, utility and rent assistance has continually increased. Through your continued generosity, we have been able to respond to most emergency requests. We thank you in advance for making this outreach ministry possible.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TURKEYFOOT TROT**

**5K RUN/WALK:** Gather friends and family for this enjoyable Fall healthy outing on Sat. Nov. 17. Some of the proceeds raised by MOG participants will benefit our parish outreach ministry. The run starts at Thomas More College. Pre-registration forms are available on the rail of Our Lady of Perpetual Help altar in the back of church.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT DRIVE:**

Please save outgrown and no longer needed coats for the annual SVDP coat drive to benefit those in need NKY. Both children and adult coats are welcomed. Receptacles will be available in the back of church.

*Congratulations to John Carpenter on receiving the honor of being the first prize winner of the BMTG intercontinental piano competition 2018 Artist B. So happy for you, John!*

#### **TODAY: FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER:**

Have a great lunch and watch today's Bengals-Steelers game on wide screen TVs at PeeWee's Place, 2325 Anderson Rd., Crescent Spring at 1 pm. Mother of God has a team supporting this outreach ministry to homeless families. If you would like more information or would be interested in joining this ministry, contact Frank and Vicki David, our team coordinators. 859-802-9816 or [Francisvicki2017@gmail.com](mailto:Francisvicki2017@gmail.com).

**CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST!** We will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a parish gathering on Sunday, October 21. Hope you can join us for brats,

beer, and other Oktoberfest fare immediately after 11:30 Mass!

**HOLD THE DATE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.**

New Parishioners Brunch for both old and new parishioners. More information to follow. Questions, call Peggy Price 859-341-5399.

**PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL** will hold its Fall Flea Market on Saturday, October 20, from 7 am until 1 pm. In addition, the Flea Market will be open from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, on Saturday, October 20 and from 10 - 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 21. We are located at 625 Pike Street in Covington. Free admission and free parking. We will be accepting donated items (no clothing or mattresses, please) on October 16-19, from 9 am until 3 pm. If you have any questions, please call the school at 859-431-5153. Thanks in advance for your support!

**MOTHER OF GOD MEMORIAL TRUST FUND:**

In your kindness, please consider making any bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.

**PRO-LIFE INFORMATION**

**October is Respect Life Month**, and you may have noticed that last Sunday we had a table set up by the Perpetual Help altar with empty baby bottles. We did this last year to help Care Net Pregnancy Centers. We may have someone from Care Net speak with us again this year but we felt we might as well set them out now, hoping that you remembered from last year. There are four Care Net Pregnancy Centers in the area available to help someone who is pregnant and is seeking help. The money contributed to Care Net is used to help these women. Last year we did very well. You can take a bottle, add any extra change you might have and return the bottle to church. You may also put in a check made out to Care Net in the bottle instead of the coins. Thank you very much.

**Washington March for Life:** The Pro-Life office at the diocese has a family bus going to Washington for this event that would include an overnight stay in Washington and transportation up and back. You'll find that information on the table with the baby bottles as well as being posted on the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps.

**40 Days for Life:** The fall campaign has just begun in front of the Planned Pregnancy Center on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati. They are seeking volunteers to commit to an hour of prayer and fasting between 7 am and 7 pm. If you are interested in getting involved, you

can contact Carole Lonneman at [clonneman@fuse.net](mailto:clonneman@fuse.net), or call her at 859-291-8935.

**PARISH KITCHEN:** Please help Parish Kitchen, a ministry of Catholic Charities, by providing warmth for the homeless this winter. NEW sleeping bags or NEW twin blankets may be delivered to:

Parish Kitchen M-F, 8 am – 11 am  
141 W. Pike Street (Pike & Russell) Covington, KY or  
Catholic Charities, M-F, 9 am – 5 pm  
3629 Church Street, Latonia, KY 41015  
Questions? Contact Maria Meyer at 859- 581-7745 or  
[mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org)

**NOTICE:** Hearing-impaired devices available. Please see an usher if you need one.

**HOMEBOUND?** Do you have someone who needs to see a priest or needs Communion brought to them at home or in a nursing home? If so, please call the office at 291-2288 so Father can arrange a visit to them.

**THE MESSENGER:** If you are a registered parishioner at Mother of God Church and are NOT receiving the free Catholic newspaper, *The Messenger*, please call the office at 859-291-2288.

**ARE YOU A PARISHIONER?** Interested in becoming a parishioner of Mother of God? We're interested in you! We will have registration available after all Masses throughout the summer in the back of church. Please stop by our table to fill out a registration form and have any questions answered. We're glad you're here!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is available at Mother of God Church every Thursday after the 12:05 pm Mass and concludes with Benediction at 5 pm. Would you be willing to spend time in prayer with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Please call our parish office at 859-291-2288 if we can count on you for a regular time each Thursday afternoon. Or just come in to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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| <b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b> | <b>10-7-18</b>    |
| Envelopes                | \$7,732.00        |
| Loose                    | \$672.50          |
| Online Giving            | \$187.98          |
| <b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>  | <b>\$8,592.48</b> |

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**MISSION:** Mark your calendars for St. Joseph, Camp Springs Parish Mission led by Msgr. Bill Cleves on

**Wednesday, October 17.** This evening of reflection will begin at 6 pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a sermon, followed by a period of silent prayer and an opportunity for confession and conclude with Mass and a homily. All are welcome to attend, so please invite your family and friends! Address is 6833 Four Mile Road, Camp Springs KY 41059

**WHITE MASS:** The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys requests the honor of your presence at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Diocese of Covington White Mass. The White Mass gathers the faithful to pray for God's blessings upon all who labor in the healing ministry of the Church, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, chaplains, mental healthcare workers, and all men and women religious and catholic laypersons serving in the healthcare profession. A special blessing will be extended to the faithful who care for God's people with compassion. Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

**MORNING OF MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT** Saturday, October 27, at 9 am to noon. Presented by Sr. Kimberly Porter, OSB, and Lynn Molitor. The Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery invite you to a half-day of peace and rest for body, mind and spirit. No prior experience is required. Fee is \$20. Register with Sr. Dorothy Schuette at [dorothyosb@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyosb@gmail.com) or 859-739-7520

**WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR LADIES AGES 18 - 108!!** Joy in the Journey – Preparing for Advent Saturday, November 10 - 8:30 am - 5 pm, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017, in the church undercroft. "Re-discover the Blessings of Advent!" \$25 includes continental breakfast, lunch and appetizers. Register online at [catholiceventsny.blogspot.com](http://catholiceventsny.blogspot.com) by Friday, November 2, to receive a \$5 discount. Contact Laura McGlinchey at email [lmcglinchey@gmail.com](mailto:lmcglinchey@gmail.com) or phone 859-443-6981 for additional information.

**OCTOBER 20 -MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Bring a friend and join us for great food and company while a gifted local speaker shares his story. Come hear John Sherman's compelling story of coming to the Catholic Church. John has been featured on EWTN's *The Journey Home* and is the director of Development at the Dynamic Catholic Institute. Please join us on Saturday, October 20, 6:30 am, at Charity Hall, 320 Poplar Street, Bellevue, KY 41073. Divine Mercy Parish Phone: 859-261-6172 Fax: 859-261-0016

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 14

St. Vincent De Paul Quarterly Collection

### Monday, October 15

6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. (SAC)

7:30 pm Knights of St. John (Hall)

### Tuesday, October 16

6:30 pm RCIA (SAC)

### Wednesday, October 17

Bus trip to Keeneland

### Thursday, October 18

11 am and 6:30 pm Bible Study (Church)

12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration

4 pm Holy Hour at Cathedral

### Sunday, October 21

Octoberfest after 11:30 Mass (Hall)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| October 21 | 9:30 am  | Joey Schulte           |
|            | 11:30 am | The Lueke Family       |
| October 22 | 12:05 pm | Theresa Hicks          |
| October 23 | 12:05 pm | Raymond & Julia Grogan |
| October 24 | 12:05 pm | No Mass                |
| October 25 | 12:05 pm | Jim O'Brien            |
| October 26 | 12:05 pm | Celine Schoening       |
| October 27 | 12:05 pm | Bob Cetrulo            |
| October 28 | 9:30 am  | Rosemary Sketch        |
|            | 11:30 am | Eric Brown, II         |

## HYMNS FOR 9:30 am MASS

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| 541      | O God, Beyond All Praising                                  |
| Response | "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!" |
| 607      | I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say                              |
| 733      | At That First Eucharist                                     |
| 702      | Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above                             |

**SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER 14, 2018:** Wisdom 7: 7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10: 17-30.

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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| Les Miley          | Hannah Donoghue |
| Tom Heidrich       | Pam Neal        |
| Ralph Kunkemoeller | Dan Lewin       |
| Shirley Hensley    | Margie Huesman  |
| Fr. Ray Hartman    | Tom Donoghue    |
| Fr. Ralph Hartman  | Jill Felix      |
| Kelly Bowman       | Greg Scanlon    |
| Robert Shircliff   | Nancy Salzer    |
| Ed Salzer          | Connie Gillum   |
| Rachel Hub         | Christy Egan    |
| Pat Wiedemann      | Jack Kearns     |
| Marie Braun        | Richard Kearns  |
| Brent Garten       | Mary Lou Wilson |
| Al Haven           | Jim White       |
| Sheryl Hodge       | William Freddie |