ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin



I want to thank Mr. David Monisera, who serves as Director of Safety and **Emergency Management for the Abbey and** School for his safety presentation today. Everyone's safety is one of my top priorities especially as our society continues to deal with violent acts. We mourn the loss of Ms. Rosaline Edekin, who passed away last Saturday. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family, especially her children, in your prayers.

Let us continue to pray for our Pastor/Rector Emeritus Fr. Philip and all in our community who are sick and homebound.

Pax. Fr. Patrick, O.S.B.

WRITTEN BY: CARDINAL TOBIN

THE CHALLENGE OF POLITICS AND **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The world of politics and public affairs often presents a challenge to clear thinking and right judgment. It isn't easy to tell what the right answers are to serious questions that confront us as we seek to make responsible decisions on questions of public policy.

None of us has infallible judgment on social issues. What we do have is a clear and consistent guide to faithful decisionmaking. This guide is, of course, Catholic social teaching based on Sacred Scripture and 2,000 years of informed reflection on issues that are fundamental to living according to God's plan for individuals and communities. The task of faithful citizenship is to apply these basic principles of Catholic social teaching to the concrete circumstances of today.

To help us in this often-complex process, the bishops of the United States have provided us with a useful framework called "Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship" (available online at www.usccb.org). This publication identifies many of the serious issues that are at stake today.

Catholic social teaching does not tell anyone who or what they should vote for, but it does advise us on the moral principles that must be applied to each major issue. Then it's up to us to study the positions of candidates and the platforms of political parties and determine where they stand in relationship to fundamental moral values.

The USCCB's list of critical issues is lengthy:

Human life, including abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other life issues
Promoting Peace
Marriage and Family Life
Religious Freedom
Preferential Option for the Poor
Health Care
Migration
Catholic Education
Promoting Justice and Countering Violence,
Combating Unjust Discrimination
Care for our Common Home
Communications, Media, and Culture
Global Solidarity
And I would add, for emphasis:

Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

Obviously, these are complex issues, and it's clear that no individual candidate or political party today aligns perfectly with Catholic social teaching on every issue. However, we who wish to be faithful Catholics and responsible citizens need to understand what's at stake in each of these issues, and we need to vote according to our informed consciences.

An informed conscience is one that looks beyond political correctness and the ideologies of the left and the right to find the truth. An informed conscience is open to the ideas of others, welcomes serious and respectful debate, and refuses to allow prejudices and emotions to distract us from voting for people and programs that promote the common good. This is the heart of synodality, and it is essential to effective, co-responsible leadership in both civic and ecclesial affairs.

In his message below, Pope Leo XIV echoes his predecessors, Francis, Benedict XVI, and John Paul II in loudly proclaiming the Church's "No!" to war and "Yes!" to peace and fraternity. Quoting Evangelii Gaudium #227, the Holy Father says: "The willingness to face conflict head on, to resolve it and to make it a link in the chain of a new process" is the wisest path, the path of the strong.

Think of all the violence we have witnessed recently. Hateful speech seems to inflame violent action which, in turn, sparks more hatred and anger. It's a vicious cycle spiraling out of control.

Jesus taught us by his own powerful example that nonviolence is the path of the strong. He also reminded us that everyone is a child of God deserving of dignity and respect. Unless we can treat each other with respect, courtesy, and dignity, we will never know peace.

The Church cannot remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice, peace, and economic stability. As Pope Leo reminds us, "Recognizing that the other person is a brother or sister means freeing ourselves from the pretense of believing that we are isolated individuals or from the logic of forming relationships only out of self-interest."

May our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, help us to recognize our common humanity as sisters and brothers in Christ and as members of the one family of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark

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Our Mission is:

- 1.To promote love and fellowship within the community.
- 2.To be responsible for the spiritual and physical needs of the community.
- 3.To build and rebuild the Faith of our fellow Christians.
- 4.To demonstrate involvement and commitment in God's work
- 5. To use our diversity for the service of God and the good of all people.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, especially to the Benedictine Monks, of Newark Abbey, Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, and Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill.

www.newarkabbey.org www.bensisnj.org www.ssjphila.org www.newarkpriest.com www.nrvc.net

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM, 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:45 AM

October 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

JJames Akli Godwin Omokaro Kwame Yeboah Michael Odih Michael Adjei Lisa Lovell Maureen Okeke Fr. Philip Waters. OSB

If you know anyone among us who is sick or homebound please let the church staff know.

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC

On Saturday October 18th will be the Archdiocese of Newark Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine. Cost is \$50 per person. Please see Anastasia Amoakoh or Teresa Nwaneri for more information.

AIR CONDITIONING FUNDRAISER

Total donated so far: \$79,330.55. - \$800.00 has been unredeemed. Thank you to all who have participated so far. I encourage those who haven't contributed to please send in your pledges to Fr. Patrick and Sr. Linda. Our target is \$100,000.00.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact Fr. Patrick by email or text in advance if you are requesting an intention for Mass. Please be specific with the intention and the date you are requesting. Also please don't automatically write your intention in the Mass book. Only Fr. Patrick or another monk may do so. Thank you for your cooperation. Here is Fr. Patrick's email pwinbush@sbp.org or 862-241-8688

IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATES

St. Mary's Listening Sessions for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan "We are his Witnesses" Monday November 17, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM and Saturday November 22, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All sessions will be held in the St. Benedict's Prep 1111 Boardroom. As we get closer to the dates we will set up an RSVP for the event.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 5th - TBA

PARKING

Please do not park in front of the driveway on William Street across the street from the Church (Radel Library). This is an active driveway where the monks park their cars underneath the library. Also no one is allowed to park inside of the driveway on either side of the gate. If you are looking for parking you are welcome to park in the parking lot behind the Church. I would kindly ask for everyone's cooperation with this.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday October 17, 2025, for Mary Henrietta Raymond at 11:00 A.M. in the Church.

October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All liturgical ministers please
check the schedule with your
ministry coordinator.

October 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Family Faith Formation Registration 2025-2026 One Sunday a month at 10:00 Mass.

Children K – 8 th Grades have age appropriate

High School Youth have Youth Group. Reminder: At least ONE parent must attend with students of K- 8th Grade. It is not considered FAMILY if only children attend and are not able to accomplish

family table activity. Adult Members offer input and discussion on

timely relevant faith issues.

All parish adults welcome- Adults need not register

Sacramental Guidelines for Children **First Communion/First Reconciliation** Must be in 3rd grade or beyond Must have completed Grade 1&2 years of instruction

Must attend Mass every Sunday, actively participating and know proper Church behavior Must be attending Family Faith Program or **Catholic School**

Must present Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Mary's Church Sacrament of Confirmation Must be in High School

Must have completed Grade 6,7,8 years of

instruction

Must attend Mass every Sunday, actively participating and know proper Church behavior Must be attending Youth Group monthly
Must display BASIC KNOWLEDGE of the Catholic Faith teachings and lived practices Must present Baptismal Certificate if not

baptized at St. Mary's Church **Tentative Calendar for 2025-2026** September 14, 2025

October 19, 2025 November 9, 2025

December 7, 2025 **January 11, 2026**

February 8, 2026

March 8, 2026

April 12, 2026 May 17, 2026

Sacramental Dates will be shared at Parent Meeting

We invite you to join us for Family Faith Formation! Strengthen your faith together and grow in community. Simply click the link or scan the QR code below to get started.

We look forward to growing in faith with



Family Faith Formation 25-26

WhatsApp group

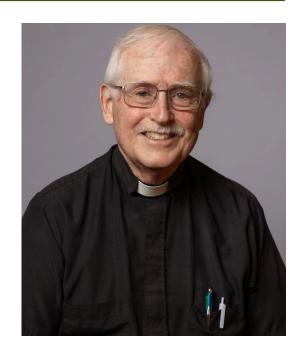


Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HyM639AMjV 79uQGZH0qqci

Congratulations to Father Philip on Retirement!

We thank Father Philip for his years of faithful service to our parish and the Church. His guidance, compassion, and dedication have been a true blessing to our community. As he begins this new chapter, we offer our prayers and heartfelt gratitude. May God bless him in retirement! We also ask for your prayers for Fr. Philip who is currently sick but he is on the mend. May God grant him strength, healing, and comfort during this difficult time.



Monday October 13 Weekday Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32 (467)

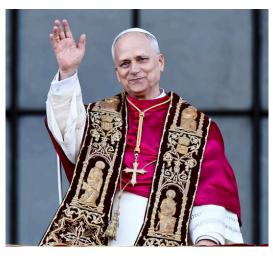
Tuesday October 14 Weekday Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41 (468)

Wednesday October 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1-11 Lk 11:42-46 (469)

Thursday October 16 Weekday Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54 (470) Friday
October 17
Saint Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop and
Martyr
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7 (471)

Saturday October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9 (661)

Sunday October 19 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8 (147)



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

"Everything in God's plan that makes each of us a priceless and unrepeatable good, a living and breathing asset, must be cultivated and invested in order to grow. Otherwise, these gifts dry up and diminish in value, or they end up being taken away by those, who like thieves, snatch them up as something simply to be consumed... We need space, freedom and relationships in order to come to fulfillment and express ourselves. We need love, which alone transforms and ennobles every aspect of our existence, making us more and more like God. It is not by chance that Jesus pronounces these words while he is on the road to Jerusalem, where he will offer himself on the cross for our salvation."

JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION

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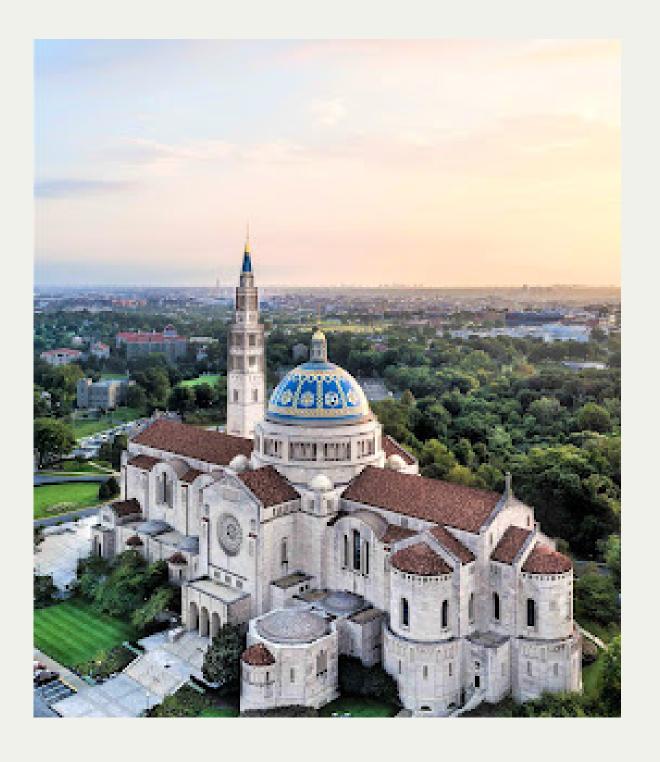


DEPARTURE TIME: 6:30 AM RETURN TIME: 9:00 PM

COST: \$50

LOCATION: BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WASHINGTON D.C



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- PROCESSION OF PARISHES
- ROSARY
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- ORGAN CONCERT
- VISITS TO CHAPELS
- MASS CELEBRATED
 BY CARDINAL
 JOSEPH TOBIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE: TERESA NWANERI AND ANASTASIA AMOAKOH

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OR FILL OUT INFORMATION BELOW

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