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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

## Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am outside & 11:00am**

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

**Confessions:** Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

### Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—10pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email [church@hspalmyra.com](mailto:church@hspalmyra.com).

**Sponsor Forms:** Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

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### Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 12 noon—6pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

## OUR MISSION

*To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.*

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

Many saints have spoken about the power and significance of the Rosary.

1. St. Dominic: He is often credited with receiving the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary. He spread its devotion as a way to combat heresy and convert sinners. St. Dominic emphasized that praying the Rosary was a way to reflect on Christ's life and receive the intercession of Mary.

2. St. Louis de Montfort: In his book *The Secret of the Rosary*, he elaborated on the spiritual benefits of praying the Rosary. He called it "a precious treasure inspired by God" and a way to deepen devotion to Mary and Christ. He believed it was a powerful weapon against evil and a means to achieve holiness.

3. St. Padre Pio: Known for his deep devotion to the Rosary, St. Padre Pio once said, "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." He would pray the Rosary frequently throughout the day, encouraging others to do the same for spiritual strength and protection.

4. St. John Paul II: The Pope had a deep love for the Rosary and called it "my favorite prayer." In his apostolic letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae," he introduced the Luminous Mysteries and highlighted the Rosary as a prayer that allows Christians to contemplate the face of Christ through the eyes of Mary. These saints and many others viewed the Rosary as a powerful tool for prayer, meditation, and drawing closer to Christ through Mary.



*Please pray for the soul of  
Barbara Musko,  
who recently passed*

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**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn for the Living Intentions of Janet Parks (From Maura Nizioł)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn for the Living Intentions of Bernie O’Hern (From Josette)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

9:00am Mass

† Frank Corcoran

7:00pm Threads of Hope

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

3:30pm Cenacle

4:00pm Shine Fitness

7:00pm Folk Group; Knights of Columbus

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

4:30pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Anna Rugalla

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

9:00am Mass

† Ron Swanson

6:30pm Ministry Leads Meeting

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

7:00am Mass

† John Marino’s Anniversary Mass

6:00pm 2nd Quarter Group

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

12noon Rosary at the Square

4:00pm Mass

† Robert Kimmerle

5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

8:30am Mass

For the People of the Parish

9:00am-1:00pm Pancake Social

11:00am Mass

† Bart F. Kaminski

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO PREP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND. PREP CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.**

### Pancake Breakfast Social

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast Social on Sunday, October 13, from 9am—1pm in Agape Hall. There will be no charge, and all parishioners and their families are welcome. The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee, tea, and juice. We hope you will come out to enjoy a good meal, visit with your fellow parishioners, and make some new friends too.

### Disciple Maker Survey

During the fall, Holy Spirit will be conducting a parish survey on discipleship called the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). We need to hear from you! As part of the Diocesan “Called for More” initiative, the survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and our parish’s efforts to help you become the best disciple you can be. The information gathered will be used to plan for the future, so we can become a more faith filled and vibrant community. The DMI will be online from October 15—November 24 (paper surveys will be available for those who need them in the narthex starting October 15). All responses will be confidential. In the upcoming weeks, check the bulletin and our parish website for more information. The information will include how to access the survey online or complete the paper survey. Please consider being a voice in the Church.

### Recitation of the Rosary during October

During the month of October the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before all Masses.

### Adoration for Migrants, Refugees, & Asylum Seekers

Spend an hour with our Lord in adoration on October 13 & 14 to pray for hope in the lives of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. The Church leaders encourage us to pray for all people, and to be the helping hand that God often calls us to be. Bishop calls Catholics to a conversion of mind and heart towards all people including the immigrants, migrants, and refugees. Spend some time in quiet contemplation about these teachings and help during these hours of adoration.

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### Wine and Cheese

The Wine & Cheese Event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Friday, October 19, from 6pm—10pm in Agape Hall. There will be six tastings during the event. The meal includes a salad, two entrees, and dessert. Small plate portions. Winemaker and cheesemaker presentations, raffles, baskets, and more! Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$45 per person. Register at <https://www.hskofc10502.org/winecheese>. Sponsored by Nissley Vineyards and Lisa’s Café. For questions, contact Art Bond at [abond702@comcast.net](mailto:abond702@comcast.net), or visit our parish’s website.

### Holy Family Radio

Holy Family Radio, WHYF AM720 is holding their Fall Pledge Drive in October. The theme of the drive is “Be a Saint.” You may make a pledge to support Holy Family Radio by going to their website at <https://www.720whyf.com/>, or by calling 717-525-8110. Donations may also be mailed to Holy Family Radio, POB 6028, Lancaster, PA 17607. Support Catholic radio in our area!

### Holy Spirit Golden Hearts Luncheon

The Respect Life Ministry would like to invite senior parishioners over 50 years of age to a hot luncheon in our Church social hall on Friday, October 25, at 12noon. There is no charge for the meal. We hope you will join our ministry for a home cooked meal, an afternoon of fun, and an afternoon of great fellowship. Please fill out the form and return it to the office, or place it in an envelope marked “Respect Life” and drop in the collection basket by Tuesday, October 15.

### FROM OUR SECOND SYNODAL SURVEY

Questions # 10: I believe in the Catholic doctrine that through the ritual of the Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ while keeping the appearance, taste, touch, etc., of bread and wine.

202 Responses:

True = 197

False = 5

Some written Responses:

- ✘ I answered true, but admit that the logical part of my mind struggles with this if I think on it too long. At the same time, I feel spiritual value and connection through the Eucharist.
- ✘ I think so. Would love to have a discussion about this.



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