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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 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.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email 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.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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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


A Message from Deacon Jorge

Today, the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we reflect on the profound message in the Gospel of Mark (8:27-35), where Jesus asks His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter’s response, “You are the Christ,” invites us to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah in our own lives. Jesus also reveals the cost of discipleship, urging us to take up our cross and follow Him.

In today’s world, carrying our cross may involve defending our faith, confronting health problems or addictions, serving others selflessly, or enduring challenges with grace and trust in God. Jesus calls us not only to acknowledge Him but also to walk the path He has shown us, even when it is difficult. This is the true essence of being His disciple.

As we gather today for Mass, let us renew our commitment to follow Christ more closely, seeking His strength in our daily lives. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we strive to live out our faith with courage and compassion.

Today, let us ask Jesus, to help us to recognize Him as the Christ and to follow Him with solid faith; and grant us the courage to carry our crosses and to live out His teachings in our daily lives. Amen.

 *Please pray for the soul of
Eduardo Meza,
who recently passed*

CARING CUPBOARD

Please return your filled canvas bag for this week.
Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 9/1/2024 \$ 10,836
Focused Giving Enhancements \$ 768
Mission Co-Op \$ 210



Last week’s offerings will be reported in the next week’s bulletin due to an early deadline.

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn for the living intentions of MC (From Janet)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

9:00am Mass

† Buzz Coomer

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17

3:30pm Cenacle

4:00pm Shine Fitness

7:00pm Folk Group; Knight of Columbus Assembly

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35

4:30pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

For the Living Intentions of JP

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

9:00am Mass

† Frank Corcoran

10:30am Londonderry Village Mass

† Buzz Coomer

7:00pm Sunday Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

7:00am Mass

† Diane M. Teepe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

8:00am Men’s Ministry

9:00am Women’s Ministry Retreat

4:00pm Mass

† Richard Dobson, Sr.

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

8:30am Mass (Care for Creation)

For the

People of the Parish

9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP; Donut Social after Mass

11:00am Mass

† Americo & Lillian Vigliotta



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Catechetical Sunday.
Fr. Dijo will be blessing and commissioning
catechists during Masses.

Job Opening —Coordinator of PREP 1st-6th

We are looking for someone with good communication and organizational skills to head our Religious Education program for grades 1st—6th. The coordinator will be responsible for grades 1st—6th, sacramental formation for First Holy Communion, and other catechetical programs. This is a paid position and works closely with the coordinators of CGS and Confirmation, PREP teachers, and various volunteers. If interested, please email Becky Messimer at church@hspalmyra.com.

Respect Life Baby Bottles

The Respect Life Ministry will be holding its annual Baby Bottle Handout after all Masses this weekend, September 14 & 15. This year's collected donations will benefit the Morning Star Pregnancy Center. Please return the baby bottles by Sunday, September 29. Your consideration in donating to support this important cause is greatly appreciated.

Small Group Book Study

Please join us as we read through and discuss *"Forget Not Love" The Passion of Maximilian Koble*, by Andre Frossard. It's a story of Saint Maximilian, who becomes a martyr of charity after his heroic action in Auschwitz. This group will meet Wednesday mornings from September 25— November 13 (no meeting on October 9) in the 3rd grade classroom from 9:30am—10:30am. You can purchase the book on Amazon for \$16.16. For more information, contact Kathryn Gentry at kgentry920@verizon.net, or call at 717-838-652.

March for Life

Join the Respect Life Ministry at the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, September 23, and have your voice heard supporting Pro-Life. The rally starts at 11am and the March begins at 12noon. The March is only 1 mile around the State Capitol and participants will meet at the corner of South Street & North 3rd Street. We will not be providing bus transportation, there is a parking garage at 220 South Street, or North Parking Lot on City Island, or visit www.parkharrisburg.org for more parking options. For additional questions, please contact Art Bond at 717-383-8583 or abond702@comcast.net.

Grief Support Group Fall Series

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult experiences we face in life. Holy Spirit Parish is starting their fifth grief support group for individuals suffering from the loss of a spouse, an adult child, or a parent. It will start the week of October 7 and run for 10 weeks. The group will not exceed 10 people and will meet at Holy Spirit Church. Time and day are to be determined by attendees. To join or for more information, please email griefsupport@hspalmyra.com.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage

Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus have scheduled a pilgrimage to Padre Pio National Center in Barto, PA on Monday, October 21. There will be a bus available backed by the Knights for \$35, and a box lunch for \$10 available for those who would like to attend. The bus leaves Holy Spirit at 7:30am and returns by 5:30pm. For those who want to participate but not travel by bus, they can meet us there.

Unthinkable Movie at Bishop McDevitt

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation has arranged for a special screening of the film *Unthinkable* on Saturday, September 21, at 7pm at Bishop McDevitt High School. The film is a "shocking expose of the abortion industry and its darkest secrets."

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

The Diocese of Harrisburg is having a pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 16. All are invited to participate. For questions and more information, please contact Vanessa Valovage at vvalovage@hbgdiocese.org. If interested in registering, contact our parish office at church@hspalmyra.com.



The Catholic Church's "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, September 1 — October 4, culminating on the feast day of St.

Francis of Assisi. The Diocesan Office for Life & Dignity will host its annual Care for Creation Mass on Sunday, September 22, at our parish's outdoor 8:30am Mass with Fr. Dijo Thomas as the celebrant and homilist. "Hope and Act with Creation" is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. **Pope Francis' prayer intention for September is:** "We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>).

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