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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 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

The month of October is traditionally known as the “Month of the Rosary” in the Catholic Church. This designation is tied to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is celebrated on October 7. The Rosary is considered a powerful form of prayer that focuses on the life of Jesus Christ through the intercession of His mother, the Virgin Mary. It enables us to meditate on various “mysteries,” from the lives of Jesus and Mary, while reciting specific prayers, including the Hail Mary, the Our Father, and the Glory Be. The Rosary is important for these 4 reasons:

- 1. Spiritual Meditation:** The Rosary allows the faithful to meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Each decade of the Rosary focuses on a different mystery, deepening the understanding of key aspects of faith.
 - 2. Intercession of Mary:** Catholics believe that by praying the Rosary, we ask for the intercession of Mary, who is seen as an advocate before God. She is considered to be a powerful intercessor who helps bring grace and guidance.
 - 3. Pathway to Peace:** Pope John Paul II and other Church leaders have often highlighted the Rosary as a prayer for peace, both inner peace and peace in the world. It is seen as a way to find solace in times of trouble.
 - 4. Spiritual Protection:** The Rosary is considered a spiritual weapon against evil and temptation. We believe that consistent prayer of the Rosary offers protection and strength against sin and adversity.
- October is a special time for Catholics to honor Mary and grow closer to God through the Rosary, enriching both personal faith and the broader Church community.

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING



Sunday Offering 9/22/2024 \$ 12,703

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Donald Cramer (From Donna & Greg Eckert)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Donald Cramer (From Donna & Greg Eckert)

The **Altar Flowers** are offered in loving memory of Donald Cramer (From Donna & Greg Eckert)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

No 9:00am Mass

4:00pm Shine Fitness

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

3:30pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10

9:30am Awaken Small Group Book Study

4:30pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

No 6:00pm Mass

No 6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

7:00pm Men’s Ministry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

No 9:00am Mass

6:00pm Respect Life

7:00pm Sunday Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

No 7:00am Mass

7:00pm Hour of Reparation

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

10:00am Blessing of the Animals

12noon Sandoval/ Rhoads Wedding

2:30pm Burk’s Baptism

4:00pm Mass

† Rory Piermattei Anniversary Mass

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

8:30am Mass

† Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Perez

9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP

11:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Festival Mystery Box

Curious as to what was in the mystery box at our summer Festival this year? This wonderful mystery box included: a Hershey candy basket, 4 mini golf passes to Adventure Sports, 4 laser tag passes to Lazer Factory, 1 hour of bowling, and a \$20 gift card to the Sinkhole. This box also included: 2 large cheese pizzas from Bartolo's, a Hershey themed puzzle, games, 4 Jersey Mike's sub certificates, movie popcorn buckets and 2 boxes of popcorn, soda, \$50 worth of movie theater style candy, and lastly 1 gift certificate to stream movies.

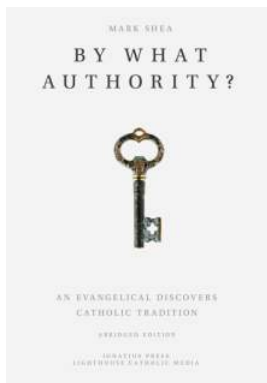
Lourdeshouse Maternity Home Baby Shower

Babies are on the way, and we want to give them and their moms-to-be a happy and healthy start. WMN has been working with Catholic Charities' Lourdeshouse Maternity Services to organize and have a baby shower for expectant mothers currently under their care. We will have tags with the needed items written on them available from September 28—October 6 in the narthex. Simply pick up a tag, purchase the item, and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by Wednesday, October 9. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Donnelly at WMN@hspalmyra.com.

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, sausage, 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.

Parish Library: Book of the Month



Tracing his own journey, Mark Shea details how Sacred Tradition in the Catholic faith is the only sure guarantee of the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Find this book and many more in our Parish Library!

Be sure to sign-up for our FREE online library system in order to access this and hundreds of other great books!

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.

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend

Beginning Experience Weekend will be held November 8—10 at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. This event is an approved diocesan ecumenical program for those experiencing the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Visit <http://www.beginningexperience.org/> to register, or contact the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-379-0800.

FROM OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

October is a month of observances reminding us to practice and encourage peace and civility. One is Bullying Prevention Month: "Nearly 20% of United States students report being bullied... October reminds us that we all play a role in both supporting people being bullied and stopping the action from happening before it starts." Specific days include International Day of Nonviolence and National Indigenous Peoples Day "With the renaming of Columbus Day, we are moving away from the focus of hurtful stories and focusing instead on the beauty and strengths of Indigenous traditions," <https://www.culturerefinery.com/october-2024-culture-calendar/>. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, credited with writing the Peace Prayer. **PRAYER:** "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is error, the truth; Where there is doubt, the faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy..." <http://www.shrinesf.org/franciscan-prayer.html>.

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