



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*We are a welcoming Catholic parish of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ that fosters love, deepens faith and encourages respect and caring for fellow parishioners and neighbors through community conversations and action.*

Celebration of

## *Holy Mass*

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

### HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. or as announced

## *Sacraments*

### RECONCILIATION

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

### BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass and the second Saturday, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All first-time parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. For class times, contact Sr. Ruth Hamel in the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGE

Based on Diocesan guidelines, couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.

Available at any time.

### FUNERAL MINISTRY

Family of deceased should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00 p.m. Angeline Fimognari †

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Patrick McMahon †

11:30 a.m. Genevieve Durbin †

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Irene Daroe †

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Jim Grimm †

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Michael Kelsey †

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the IC Women's Club

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00 p.m. Robert & Geneva Smith †

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Adrienne McCann †

11:30 a.m. Michael Bruzzese †

† Deceased

## WELCOME DESK

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish. Welcome Desk volunteers are available each weekend to answer questions and assist with information as requested. Parish registration forms may be found at the Welcome Desk and in the Parish Office. Parishioners are asked to notify the office of any updates or changes in your family information.

## PASTORAL STAFF

*Pastor* Fr. Matthew Hoover ..... icoffice@iccols.org  
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## ADVISORY COUNCILS

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2019

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Nancy Moushey Tim Moushey John Groeber Karen Groeber Christine Sapp	Paul Duffy Kathy Copeland Don Harbaugh Chris Mahler Marilynne Poirier Lynne Owens	Jennifer Gardner Mary Leathley Herbert Poling Cathy Poling Chris Atzberger Matt Finnegan John Jackson Dee Dee Dodane	Rosemary Velasquez Joe Urquhart Kathy Urquhart Sue Beman Bob Poirier
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<b>WELCOME DESK</b>	Pat Conway	Diana Marie Winkler Suzanne Smith Ronnie Hiss	Lynn Boardwine	Janine Oman Anne Campbell Carolyn Smith



**OCTOBER CONTRIBUTORS  
TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of October, the Sanctuary candle in the Adoration Chapel was donated by an **anonymous donor**. The Sanctuary candles in the church were donated by **Francis and Estelle Sullivan**, the **Dennis Mong Family** and the **Zych Family**. Our thanks go to these families for their generosity.



**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AT MASS – OPEN MASSES IN OCTOBER**

Please check the schedule to see if there is a Sunday Mass in October that you/your family are able to carry up the offertory gifts. In the offertory

procession, the bread and wine are presented (offered) by the faithful to God before they are consecrated. Members of the parish are invited to bring up the gifts at the Mass(es) of their choosing, throughout the year. **To participate in this ministry, go to** [www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts](http://www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts) and sign up for the Mass or Masses at which you and your family wish to carry up the gifts.

**IN OUR PARISH**

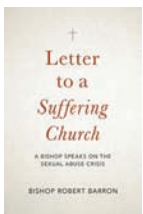
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome these new parishioners to the parish: **Thomas, Emma, Grace and Peter King; Bill Abdella**. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.



**BUONGIORNO!  
WE'RE GOING TO ITALY!**

Next June, Fr. Matt will lead a 14-day pilgrimage to Italy to include visits to sights in Rome, Montecassino, Naples, Pompeii, Amalfi, Catania, Taormina,

Agrigento, Palermo and more! Additional information on this once-in-a-lifetime experience is forthcoming but, in the meantime, mark your calendar now for June 5-18, 2020 and dust off those passports! We hope many parishioners can join us for two weeks of prayer and a taste of Italy!



**LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRON**

Feeling hurt, angry or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Immaculate Conception wants to help so we've ordered copies of *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* by Bishop Robert Barron for our parish. In this powerful read, Bishop Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of

the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, provides encouragement and hope for each of us, explaining why this is not the time to leave the Church, but the time to stay and fight for the Body of Christ. **We invite you to pick up your free copy after any of the Masses this weekend. Extra copies will be available in the Parish Office.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND MEETINGS**

Minutes from the September Parish Council meeting are available in the display boards in the Gathering Space and at the east door of the church. The next Parish Commissions and Council meetings are this Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Commission meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room A and Parish Council convenes at 7:30 p.m.



*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR CHILDREN'S  
RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS!**

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Anyone interested in the opportunity to deepen their faith by teaching or assisting a teacher for 1st-8th grade Parish School of Religion (PSR) students, please contact Paulette Mudrey at [icpsr@iccols.org](mailto:icpsr@iccols.org) or (614) 668-1292.

**SUNDAY PRESCHOOL**

Volunteers are needed to lead and help with this year's Sunday Preschool. To find out more about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Sr. Ruth at [srhamel@iccols.org](mailto:srhamel@iccols.org) or (614) 267-9241.

**SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will not begin until we have sufficient volunteers to lead the program!**

Consider this opportunity to deepen children's understanding of the Mass readings by helping to lead the Children's Liturgy Program on Sunday mornings. Children's Liturgy is held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass from September until May. Children in grades K to 3 are escorted to Room A of the Rectory for child-friendly readings and Gospel reflection, before rejoining their families for Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To find out more about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Sr. Ruth at [srhamel@iccols.org](mailto:srhamel@iccols.org) or (614) 267-9241.

**WOMEN'S CLUB POTLUCK – COME JOIN US!**

All the women of the parish are invited to the annual Immaculate Conception Women's Club Potluck. Please join us this Tuesday evening, October 8, in Marian Hall. The doors will open at 6 p.m. In order to help support our ministries, we ask an annual suggested donation of \$10.00 dues if you are able to do so. We always enjoy this evening... being together and enjoying your tasty dishes and desserts! Dinner will begin around 6:30 p.m. and beverages will be provided. Following dinner, we will have a presentation from Colleen Kent, principal of IC school. Come join us.



**IC FALL FAMILY CLEAN-UP DAY**

On Saturday, October 19, the fun begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon with a cookout! Parishioners of all ages are invited to help make IC beautiful! This is a great family event to meet new parishioners, work side-by-side with friends and provide a fantastic opportunity for our kids to volunteer (and earn volunteer hours!) and show our faith through works. Fun activities include leaf pick-up, weeding, pruning, cleaning beds and general yard maintenance. Please bring appropriate tools for this type of work (gloves, rakes, shovels, garden tools). Lunch will be served following the event! Many hands make light work. For additional information, please contact John Bruzzese (614) 284-9226. See you on October 19! Meet at the grotto to get your work assignment.

**COLUMBUS CATHOLIC  
YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury is hosting a Young Adult Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Register online at [www.colscatholicyoungadultconf.weebly.com](http://www.colscatholicyoungadultconf.weebly.com) or email [colscatholicyoungadultconf@gmail.com](mailto:colscatholicyoungadultconf@gmail.com) with questions.

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life*

### Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 • Offertory Report 9/29/2019

	9/29/2019	YTD 2019/2020
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 24,197.00	\$ 280,147.26
Loose Cash	\$ 546.00	\$ 7,349.63
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 24,743.00</b>	<b>\$287,496.89</b>
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$325,000.00
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	(\$ 257.00)	(\$ 37,503.11)

Families Receiving Envelopes	1,059
Envelopes Received	178
Families on EFT	330

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit [www.iccols.org](http://www.iccols.org) and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*  
- Philippians 4:19

## NIGHT OUT, SEVENTH SON BREWERY

**OCTOBER 12, 7-10 P.M.**

You don't have to have a child attending IC to enjoy a night out with friends! It's also an OSU bye week, so why not join members of the IC community for a fun night out? Tickets are \$30 per person and include your first drink. Join us at Seventh Sons Brewery, 1101 N. 4th Street, Columbus, OH 43210. Purchase tickets in advance by dropping off a check at the school, payable to IC HASA, with the names of those attending by Friday, October 11. You can also pay at the door on the day of the event using cash, credit card, or check. Proceeds benefit IC HASA, funding initiatives such as field trips, service scholarships, and tuition assistance.



### LIFE...

#### WORDS + ACTIONS SAVE LIVES

The Pregnancy Decision Health Center helps pregnant women in need of support. Our Faith calls us to Worship God, Evangelize, and Help the Poor. Ultimately, as a Catholic community, we do all three. The Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC) organization practices Catholic life beliefs and puts them into profound action by offering parenting classes, diapers, maternity and baby clothes, cribs etc. Last year, PDHC helped women through nearly 5,000 appointments at its four center. For more information, call its hotline at (614) 444-4411 or visit [www.pdhc.org](http://www.pdhc.org).

## FAMILY ROSARY DAY, OCTOBER 13

Family Rosary Day is a time for devotion to our Blessed Mother. The Diocese's annual Family Rosary Day is Sunday, October 13 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Presider and homilist is the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy community, worship God, and ask our Blessed Mother's intercession for the needs of God's people. All are welcome.



### NEWS FROM THE IC KNIGHTS

Knights donated to the 820 AM Catholic Radio fund raiser. Knights have made donations to Seminarians and Deacon's here at IC. Christians are at risk in areas all around the globe. The Knights of Columbus has responded with the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which provides humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding regions. Help us help others. Get involved. <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>. K of C offers men a place to lead their families by putting their Faith into action and service. Our activities are local and global in supporting Faith, Community, Family and Life.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### OPEN SHELTER MINISTRY

The Open Shelter is a ministry that serves the homeless and marginally housed persons in Columbus. Our parish assists in this ministry by serving dinner one evening a month. **The next date is this Monday, October 7, 2019. We need volunteers to make sloppy joes, macaroni & cheese or cookies.** If you are interested, please call Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879. Food must be hot and will be picked up behind the rectory at 5 p.m. on that Monday. **Please do not drop off donated items prior to this Monday.** Arrangements can be made for pick-up if this time is inconvenient. Donations for buns, bananas and drinks are welcome.

### BREAD DOES JUSTICE!

BREAD is the Justice Ministry of Immaculate Conception Parish. To see what we are all about, come see us at the Parish Ministry Fair this weekend and **SAVE the DATE** for our 1st big parish event of the year. Contact Peter Coccia at (614) 268-4787 or Frank Copeland at (614) 446-1143 for more information.

### BREAD LISTENING PROCESS EVENT

Let us know what's on your mind and help us choose the next Community Problem Issue for BREAD to research and address. The Listening Meeting is on October 17, from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room A.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION "THANK YOU"

Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your generosity in our regular "Fifth Sunday" collection. Your contributions help in our efforts to aid those in need.

## CALLING YOUNG SINGERS OF THE PARISH!!

*Hear Ye, Hear Ye.....calling young singers of the parish!!!*

Any child in grades 3, 4 and 5 from the IC Parish is invited to join The IC Children's Choir for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 20. This is open to students who attend IC school, public schools or home schools. Please plan to attend the two rehearsals on Wednesday, October 9 from 3-3:45 p.m. and October 16 from 3-3:45 p.m. There is a need for one parent (must be compliant with Protecting God's Children) to volunteer and be present for both rehearsals and the Mass. Parents need to send a piece of paper with each participating child with the name and grade of child, parent signature, e-mail and phone. Please contact the Music Director, Deanna Oppenheimer, at [doppenheimer@iccols.org](mailto:doppenheimer@iccols.org) with any questions or to volunteer as a parent.

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

October 2019

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Hedwig of Silesia

Raised by a duke, Hedwig was married to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. They had seven children, two of whom caused them significant trouble with their rivalries. St. Hedwig convinced them to stop fighting and they reconciled. After her husband's death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun and lived simply, giving her wealth for charity.



### Ignore more

Ironically, it actually feels good to walk away from a fight. Jesus knew that when he said, "When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He wants us to make a point of ignoring slights or insults, even if they sting. Next time you feel annoyed or hurt, turn your cheek and walk peacefully away.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



## Our Father knows best

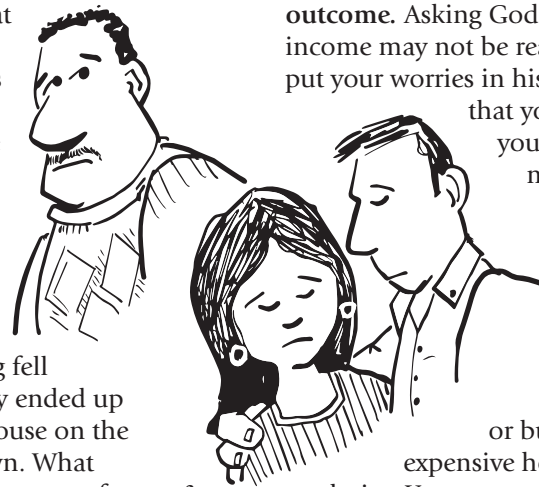
After months of unemployment, Mike was glad to find a job but disappointed that it paid considerably less and had poorer benefits than the old one. Jen and her husband prayed for a beautiful house in their favorite neighborhood but the financing fell through and they ended up with a smaller house on the other side of town. What happened to the power of prayer?

**Understand that our way isn't God's way.** God always listens to our prayers but he doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Yet we know no one is more qualified to lead us than the Creator of the universe. We must trust

him with all our concerns.

**Don't set your heart on an outcome.** Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that your Father has your best interest in mind and will find what is right for you. **Be open to alternatives.** Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice. You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

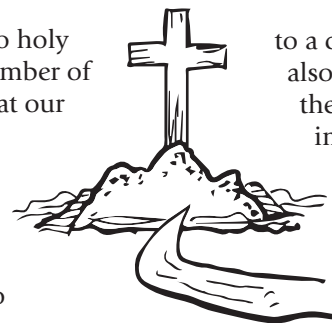
**Let scripture speak to you.** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics make pilgrimages?

Making pilgrimages to holy sites accomplishes a number of things: it reminds us that our faith is founded on miraculous events that really happened, in a specific place and time (e.g. Calvary Hill, c.A.D.33). Journeying to the site of an apparition or



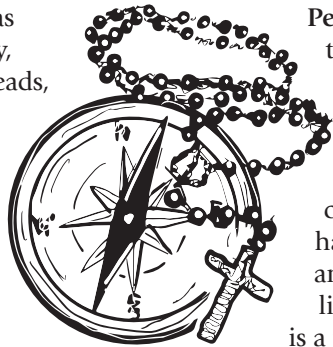
to a church holding saints' relics also encourages us to reflect on their example of virtue and imitate them in our own lives. Lastly, "Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2691).



# Follow the Rosary to treasure

The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless faithful to the treasures of peace, joy, clarity, and contentment. If you follow where it leads, you'll find that a devotion to praying the Rosary can transform your life.

**Shelter in a chaotic world.** Leading hectic lives can fog the mind, unsettle the soul, and turn us away from God. Yet, our souls are made for peace. Praying the Rosary settles our thoughts. It puts us at ease, creating a peace that is otherworldly.



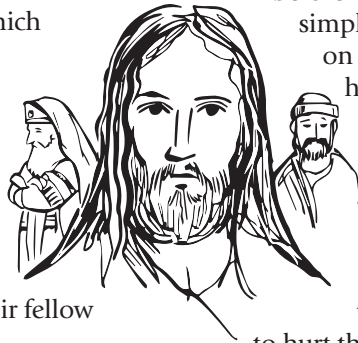
**Perspective.** Humans are constantly changing, thus our relationship with God changes. The Rosary provides the context, the format, and the process for God to speak to us about all these things.

**Mary's blessing.** Nobody sees the life of a child the way that child's mother does. Our Lady has a mother's perspective of Jesus' life. Learning and sharing that perspective helps us ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. This is a powerful experience if we enter into it fully.

## from Scripture

### Luke 18:9-14, God wants only love

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compared the prayers of a proud Pharisee and a humble tax collector—which probably scandalized his audience. Pharisees were considered the model for faithful Jews, while tax collectors, who worked for the Romans (and stole a little extra money on the side), were considered traitors by their fellow Jews.



the tax collector humbled himself before God and offered only a simple prayer casting himself on God's mercy. He went home justified.

Promoting oneself in prayer is unnecessary: God already knows and loves us, and he wants us to love him in return. When you love someone, you'd never do anything

to hurt them, and if you did, you'd apologize right away and try to fix it. With God, we have to call on his grace and mercy to make amends. In the end, our love counts for more than anything else we do.

The Pharisee marched up to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired. His prayer wasn't really a prayer of thanksgiving, but self-praise. By contrast,

## Q & A Why should I read the Bible?

The Bible is the world's longest love letter. As part of the deposit of faith, it's a treasure-trove of our inheritance as children of God. Here are three benefits of reading Scripture:



**We encounter God.** We not only learn about God from the Bible, but we actually encounter him in our hearts when we pray with Scripture. "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them" (CCC, #104).

**Packed with sound advice.** Books like Sirach, Proverbs, and Wisdom have practical advice on how to virtuously handle relationships, home life, business, and dealing with difficult people. If we want to know what this looks like in action, the Gospels give us Christ's teaching and example.

**It is a "roadmap" to heaven.** Like a map, Scripture outlines what we need to know about God and his saving plan. The Magisterium, who interprets the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, holds the "key" to reading the "map" (CCC, #100).

## Feasts & Celebrations

**Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571).** Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

**Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Ávila (1582).** Teresa joined the Carmelites, against her father's wishes. In 1563, she was inspired to reform her order. Despite serious opposition, she founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

**October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch**

(d.c. 107). Successor to St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch, Ignatius was sentenced to death for his faith. On route to Rome, he wrote letters, encouraging his fellow Christians to remain faithful.

**Oct. 28 – SS. Simon and Jude (1st Century).** St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.



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**LIFE... A BEAUTIFUL GIFT... A RIGHT**

All are invited to attend the "Building a Culture of Life Conference" featuring our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan on October 19, 2019, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Topics are inspirational, practical, and insightful, \$25.00/\$10.00 (Student) registration, lunch included, at St. John Neuman Church, Sunbury. Deadline is October 14, 2019. Please call (614) 241-2540; or visit <https://bcic2019.eventbrite.com>. Sponsored by the Greater Columbus Right to Life.

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE**

**Building a Culture of Life Conference** is Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Topics include pro-life public policy, our response to racism, advanced medical directives, pro-life youth, and a message from Bishop Brennan. This is sponsored by the Office for Social Concerns, Marriage and Family Life Office, and Greater Columbus Right to Life. The cost is \$25.00 and \$10.00 for students. **Register by October 14.** For a list of speakers and to register, visit <https://bclc2019.eventbrite.com> or call (614) 241-2540.

**JOURNEY OF HOPE...  
FROM VIOLENCE TO HEALING**

The Ohio Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing will visit St. James the Less Parish on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Avenue (use the back door). The Journey is led by murder victim family members who oppose the death penalty as a societal response. Come hear powerful voices of experience on the death penalty, and learn how Catholics are leading the effort to end executions in Ohio. The presentation is sponsored by the St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call Dave Frickey at (614) 268-3828 or Suzie Latham at (614) 267-4350.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MASS**

Bishop Brennan will be the celebrant for the World Mission Sunday Mass, October 20, 12:30 p.m. at St. James the Less Church. Members of the ethnic communities in the Diocese, international students at OSU and ODU, and exchange students in Diocesan high schools are invited. There will be an international food festival after the Mass.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT -****WALKING IN THE EXCELLENCE OF GOD**

The St. Therese Retreat Center is hosting "Walking in the Excellence of God," a three-day women's retreat which focuses on the Words of Prophecy spoken to us in Scripture. The retreat will feature renowned Catholic speaker, Lois Ann Mader. Mader comes from Florida and will speak about her experience as a member of Unbound Ministry, as a spiritual director, and as a Eucharistic Apostle of the Divine Mercy. The retreat will be held October 18 to 20. For more information, or to register, please contact the Columbus Catholic Renewal at [info@ccrcolumbus.org](mailto:info@ccrcolumbus.org).

**SCHOOL NEWS AND ACTIVITIES****IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS**

**THANK YOU to ALL our LOVED ONES** who joined us for lunch last week. It was a joy to have so many special guests in our school each and every day. Guests are always welcome as we strive to share all the great gifts a Catholic education has to offer our children and parish community.

**All-school Rosary - Monday, October 7 at 2 p.m.** Please join the schoolchildren in honoring Mary by saying the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday, October 7. We will gather at the grotto for this special event. We hope to see you there.

**NO SCHOOL - Friday, October 11** - Enjoy this fall bonus three-day weekend.

**TERRA NOVA Testing** - Our national standardized test for grades 3-8 will be given the week of October 14-18. Please avoid scheduling appointments for those in grades 3-8 during this week if possible.

**Interested in being an AIDE for Preschool?** The hours of this part-time position are from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you love working with preschool aged children and have part time availability, please consider applying for this position. Letters of interest, including work history, should be sent to Colleen Kent at [cokent@cducation.org](mailto:cokent@cducation.org).

**FALL TOUR DAY AT THE JOSEPHINUM**

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its Fall Tour Day on Saturday, October 19, from Noon-3 p.m. Explore the buildings, chapels and grounds of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy! Tours highlight extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork and sacred art. The 45-minute tours guided by seminarians begin every half-hour and are followed by refreshments. Registrations requested online at [pcj.edu/tours](http://pcj.edu/tours). Questions? Please contact Meghan Henschen, Director of Advancement, at (614) 985-2234 or [mhenschen@pcj.edu](mailto:mhenschen@pcj.edu).

**PREPARED FOR TRUE LOVE -  
EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS!**

Are you looking for more joy in your dating life? Regardless of your relationship status, join us for desserts to learn how you can build your relationships on solid ground. All are invited! Where: St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. When: October 29, 2019; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's never too early or too late to prepare for true love! Questions? Contact Catherine Suprenant at [csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org).

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# ADULT FAITH FORMATION PAGE

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, October 6, 2019

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catechism Corner

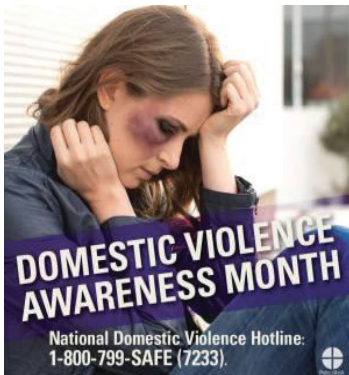
“Since the initiative belongs to God in the order of grace, *no one can merit the initial grace* of forgiveness and justification, at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, *we can then merit* for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life. Even temporal goods like health and friendship can be merited in accordance with God’s wisdom. These graces and goods are the object of Christian prayer. Prayer attends to the grace we need for meritorious actions.” (CCC, 2010)  
The Catechism of the Catholic Church



## Holy Father, Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for OCTOBER 2019

### A Missionary “Spring” in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.



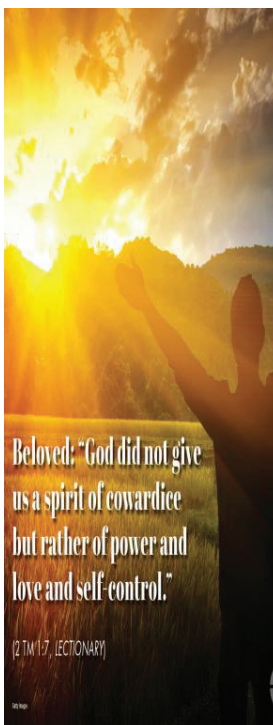
## Respect Life

### October is Domestic Violence Month

“Violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime.” —

When I Call for Help (USCCB, 2002)

Read more about this important issue facing society, including Christian communities: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/when-i-call-for-help.cfm>



Our Lady of the Rosary This feast celebrates the victory of God through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary.

This feast was formalized in the 16th century. The feast commemorates the day that the naval forces of several Christian nations defeated invading Turkish naval forces in the Lepanto, off the west coast of Greece. The Rosary was already an established pious practice at this time. Leading up to this battle, the Pope Pius V asked Christians throughout Europe to pray the Rosary for a successful defense, and Christians throughout Europe and naval crew members on over 200 naval ships prayed. Members of the Confraternity of the Rosary were also gathered in Rome that day, praying for the victory of the naval forces. On Sunday, October 7, 1571, a naval victory was

won against the invading Ottoman Turkish fleet. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayers of the Rosary. In 1572 the pope established a commemoration in honor of Our Lady of Victory, and in 1573 the feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on the first Sunday of October. The pope extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716, and in 1913 the feast day was fixed to October 7. The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

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# exploring THE SUNDAY READINGS

THE RIGHT KIND OF PASSION : TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

### HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen!

Outrage happens. Those of us with short fuses can be set off by sluggish restaurant service or the frustrating ways our technology fails to provide on demand. For the more placid personality, it may take a magnitude of social injustice or a personal betrayal to really get our blood boiling. But sooner or later, we all find ourselves raging against the system, the opposition, or the tragic limitations of our humanity. We all sit in Habakkuk's chair, wondering how God could allow things to come to this.

Habakkuk is the only biblical prophet to initiate his dialogue with God. Every other seer on record is drafted into the role of divine ambassador, commissioned to tell the nation what's what and what's coming if the people don't get their acts together. Habakkuk is driven by his outrage to deliver to God his dissatisfaction with what's what. He also has the stamina to stay for the reply – which might blow the average complainer out of the room. Bring your most honest self to the divine encounter. And don't leave early.

» *Are you holding anything back in your relationship with God? Have you ever had a Habakkuk moment?*

## SECOND READING

### 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and love and self-control.

We admire the bravery of superheroes, soldiers, firefighters, and law enforcers. These folks put it all on the line, gambling their earth's acre for a prize that is by no means a sure thing. What drives people of courage to risk so much? What compels most of us to risk so little?

Perhaps we're a little braver than we think. Consider the courage of parents who bring a child into the world. They take on a lifetime of love and responsibility for a virtual stranger. Think of the new teacher, entering that first classroom, or the small business owner, hiring that first employee. Community organizers and missionaries hold fast to hope in situations no one's yet been able to fix. Journalists in the field press past fear to get to the truth. Medical workers and chaplains sit with the sick, the suffering, and the dying, helping them to face the unknown. The territory of courage is a lot wider than we normally imagine.

» *Take stock of your relationships and responsibilities. How are you being called to be a hero today?*

## GOSPEL

### LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

How much faith does it take to become the saint we're each summoned to be? As it turns out, not a whole lot. Faith, remember, doesn't mean checking off a list of things about God and religion we're willing to accept: divinity, Trinity, eternity, papacy .... Faith is not "about" anything; it's "in" a relationship of trust. If we trust God even a little, Jesus says, God can do a lot with that.

Yet even the apostles make the mistake of believing that more faith will make them lions in God's service. The truth is often sadder than they perceive: many of us operate day to day with no display of faith at all. We say our prayers and make our Sunday obligations – and then decide all the really important things in life as if God were out of the room. What would happen if we take our mustard seed of trust in God and plant it down deep in our families, our work, our financial and moral choices, and our goals for the future? Miracles begin at the point we take that seed of faith seriously.

» *Do you trust God: with your loved ones, your vocation, your resources, your time? How do you demonstrate this?*

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