

# THE STEWARD

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
OCTOBER 1, 2023

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## Beer Making and the Early Days of Christianity



FR. TOM REFERMAT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I originally picked this date knowing there are so many great saints to write about this week! Last week we celebrated the feast of the Archangels (September 29th); today is the feast of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, also known as the Little Flower. Many have offered a novena of prayers to her to receive a rose after the novena indicating that the prayer was offered. Then we remember the Guardian Angels tomorrow (October 2nd) and the tradition of Catholic school kids making room for them when they sat at

their desks for their guardian angel next to them. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast is on October 4th. There's so much here, with some of the greatest saints being remembered this week! It would have been exciting to write about the angels, and the 9 choirs and their mission as messengers to us.

With all these great saints to pick from, I am also aware that it is Oktoberfest this week, and my thoughts got sidelined to the topic at hand: beer. It was many years ago when I first was introduced to the

connection of Catholicism to beer. In taking a class on how Catholicism influenced the culture of the time, I came across the importance of beer, particularly in the Middle Ages.

A long time ago in Europe, it was a time of plagues and sickness. Many times sickness spread through infected water supplies making the water undrinkable. Monks learned that if you distilled the water, the water became drinkable. If you've ever taken a trip to Europe, you used to be told not to drink the water, else you may get sick. Whenever I took a trip to Italy (or even Mexico), I never drank the water, but drank the house wine or even the beer. The monks had a point; the distilling of the water made drinking it safe. No, they didn't invent beer, but certainly they brewed the tasty drink in many cases. There is a legend that says Saint Arnold of Metz blessed a kettle which brewed the beer and required everyone in the town to drink beer, not the water, thus saving the town from spreading the plague. People learned that if they drank the water, they would die; but the monk's brew kept them healthy. Saint Arnold is credited with saying, *"From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world."* In addition, beer was stronger than the *"light"* beers we have today, making them hearty and filling. Hence, beer was considered a cheap meal for the monks that was healthier than the contaminated water. It was traditionally brewed in the fall in preparation for long winters, when food was scarce.

Monks began experimenting with beer and also learned that adding hops acted as a preservative, which allowed them to keep the beer in kegs or barrels over the long winters at that time. Eventually, recipes spread to visitors who came to the monastery, and some monasteries become famous for brewing. On another side- side note, it was the Carthusians in the monastery at Chartreuse that made a liquor by the same name that was used by the monks for medicinal purposes. This special recipe continued to be used to the present day! It tastes like licorice. It is only about a year ago when the monks decided not to sell the elixir anymore, which was used in certain drinks, due to a decrease in monks to make it. I'm sure it will become a rare commodity. But I digress...

Last week we also celebrated Saint Wenceslaus' feast day. As King of Bohemia, he noticed that the hops from Bohemia made the best tasting beer. So special did he consider these hops, that he executed the death penalty to anyone who tried to export them! Some say he is patron saint of brewers. I hope you had a beer in his honor last Thursday (September 28th).

Now when you think of beer, sometimes you think of Saint Patrick and the Irish. Actually, Saint Brigid is

more known for beer than Saint Patrick. Saint Brigid is said to have turned her bath water into beer in order to feed the lepers she was ministering to. Sounds like an interesting recipe for beer I wouldn't want to duplicate. St. Brigid is also known to have miraculously provided beer to eighteen churches for the entire Easter season from a single barrel of beer in her convent! God is good! So maybe instead of celebrating Saint Patrick's day with a beer, we should be celebrating Saint Brigid's feast day on February 1st.

So what is Santa Claus' favorite drink? I would guess it's Samichlaus. Yes, Saint Nicholas of Myra, whose feast is December 6th is also considered a patron saint of brewers as well. Samichlaus (where we actually get the name, Santa Claus), is one of the strongest beers, brewed only once a year. Samichalus is 14% ABV Doppelbock and is aged twelve months to be released in time for the Feast of Saint Nicholas. It was first brewed in 1980 in Switzerland but later brewed in a brewery in Austria.

Although many Trappist monasteries are known for their brewing skills, I was blessed to spend a week with Benedictines in Christ of the Desert monastery, about ten years ago. They actually have about five different brews, each highlighting a different brother from the monastery. Unfortunately, they brew small batches that can only be found in local stores around the monastery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

So the Church has had a great influence on beer over the years. I might also add that there was a prayer to bless beer that was eliminated in the current Book of Blessings. It went like this: Lord, bless this creature, beer, which by your kindness and power has been produced from kernels of grain, and let it be a healthful drink for mankind. Grant that whoever drinks it with thanksgiving to your holy name may find it a help in body and in soul; through Christ our Lord.

With that said, as we pour another glass of beer, let us remember to drink in moderation! Although we can see beer as a good thing, drinking too much can turn a good thing into an occasion for sin. Saint Thomas Aquinas said that getting drunk is a mortal sin! So drink responsibly! One article I read suggested that we should drink with moderation and drink with others, enjoying their good company and fraternity. Above all, we are grateful to God for this tasty brew! It was G.K. Chesterton who said, *"We should thank God for beer and burgundy by not drinking too much of them."* That's good wisdom to live by.

So I think I touched a few saints while also bringing in the flavor of Oktoberfest. Hope to see you there!



**Wednesday, October 4**

AT THE SCHOOL AT 7:50AM  
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**Saturday, October 7**

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## LINE UP FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST:

### MAIN TENT

- 1-3 pm Andrew Blomquist  
(Acoustic Pop, Rock, Country)
- 3:00 pm Hula Hoop Contest
- 3:30 - 6:30 pm Phenix
- 4:30 pm Egerländer Dancegroup  
Performance
- 6:30 pm Closing Prayer by Fr. Steve

### KIDS AND FAMILY

- 2-5 pm Face Painting - Gym
- 2-6 pm Hooligan Dice Game - Gym
- 2-6 pm Video Gaming Truck  
- Bell Ave. Gate
- 2-6 pm Sizzle Photo Booth - Gym
- 2-6 pm Pumpkin Painting Patch  
- Between the Ackerman Center  
and the Rectory
- 4-5 pm Dads and Their Kids Dodgeball  
- Ackerman Center

### WHAT'S BACK FOR 2023!

- Fantasy Amusement Carnival  
Rides & Games
- Himmel's German American Food
- Tortorice's Pizza
- Our "Sweet Shoppe"
- Laser Tag & Bubble Soccer
- Our "Hooligan Dice Game"
- Face Painting, DJ Mike, and  
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- Pumpkin Painting Patch

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October 1, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
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# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 | Mt 21:28-32

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I used to be something of a sugar fiend. So much so that one birthday, my then boyfriend (now husband) decided to forego flowers and bought me a jumbo-sized bag of Smarties candies instead. While I loved sugar, I eventually decided I didn't love how it made me feel. Now older and wiser, I reach for vegetables more often. It's not that I crave carrots, but I feel better eating healthy foods. It's what God intends for my body. Similarly, God intends for our souls to follow the laws he has ordained. But sometimes life gets tough and we suffer terrible wrongs or are grieving, and we feel like the Israelites in today's first reading, calling out, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Well, thank God for that! How lost would we be, if God treated us "fairly." Instead, he treats us with love and mercy; with justice. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," *for us*. If there is any encouragement in Christ, as Paul says, and we know there is, then being of the same mind and heart - attitude - of Christ, gets us through those moments of "unfair!" And we can follow Christ's commands, knowing he loves us more than anyone else could love us, and more than we can ever love him.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to talk a good game as Christians. We can all agree that it is right to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead, as the Corporal Works of Mercy instruct us. But when it comes to actually doing those things - "**humbly regard[ing] others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others**" - we can find all sorts of reasons not to. Maybe our days are too busy or maybe we feel just the tiniest bit resentful at the idea of sharing something we've worked hard to earn. However, our words don't mean much without action. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel. If we are like the son who says yes but then does not go to work in the vineyard, we are not doing our Father's will. We are like the chief priests who are being bypassed on the way to heaven by "tax collectors and prostitutes" who heard the word of God and believed.

**PRAY** This week, let us look for ways to live out our faith. Rather than pray only with our words, let us pray with our actions. If you aren't sure where to start, pay special consideration to the verses from the second reading, highlighted above: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain-glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."



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Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

### Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."*

Monday, Oct 02, 2023

### Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

### The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

### Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."*

Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

### Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

Friday, Oct 06, 2023

### Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

### By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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## 7th/8th through-High School Age

### Sunday, October 8

#### GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

11:15-1:15pm

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#### S'MORE NIGHT

4:00pm

Courtyard/Youth Ministry room  
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### Saturday, October 14

#### CRADLES TO CRAYONS

12:30-2:00pm

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## Cradles to Crayons

### Saturday, October 28

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

3-4:30pm

Courtyard  
(High School Age)



### Sunday, November 5

#### S'MORE NIGHT/ CREATE VETERAN'S GIFT BAGS

4:00pm

Courtyard/Youth Ministry room  
(8th through High School age)



### Monday, November 6

#### COMMON PANTRY

3:30pm

(7th/8th graders)



### Saturday, December 9

#### HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

9:30-12:00pm

(8th through High School age)

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**QUESTIONS?** Email or call Kim McMillan Director of Youth Ministry at [kmcmilan@stbenedict.com](mailto:kmcmilan@stbenedict.com) or 773-588-6484

# Education

## FUN RUN A GREAT SUCCESS!

This year's Home & School Association Boosterthon Fun Run was an amazing success. Parents and friends were out in full force to cheer our runners on. Our middle school students had the added treat of participating in the "color run". Thank you to our Home & School Association and our Fun Run sponsors: Yvonne's Dance Academy, Greeby, Lowe Group, Compass, Lincoln Foot & Ankle, Altair, Sinya Mediterranean Restaurant Norcon, Iron Range Capital Partners Inc., and City Kids Dental. A big thank you also goes to all who pledged to support St. Benedict Preparatory School.



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## From Bullying to Domestic Violence

Whether it's intergenerational violence or schoolyard bullying, if kids don't learn healthy conflict resolution, they can turn into adult abusers

- From The Domestic Violence Outreach Team of St. Benedict Parish

**The start of the school year should not be a time of dread but rather a time of hope as a child contemplates a new beginning. For children who are bullied, hope is hard to find.** Bullying should never be a rite of passage in anyone's childhood. Once looked at as just "kids being kids," today we know better. The youth who we're quick to label as "bullies" are many times imitating what they see at home, acting out the power and control dynamic that may be on display by an abusive caregiver or family member. Of course, there are different reasons why kids bully others, but regardless of its roots, experts agree it should never be ignored. Being bullied is a type of childhood trauma, and its effects can lead to lifelong negative issues. The effects of bullying in childhood can carry over into adulthood, increasing the risk of being abused or being an abusive partner.

### Why Do Kids Bully Others?

There can be more than one factor at play when bullies feel the need to tease, harass or torment other kids. According to StopBullying.gov, a site compiled by information gathered from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, kids who bully may do so for the following reasons:

- Low self-esteem
- A desire to fit in with a peer group
- To elevate social status among friends
- Individuals were bullied themselves
- Bullying, aggression or violence at home
- A lack of emotionally supportive parents at home
- Having parents who are authoritarian or overly reactive
- Low parent involvement at home
- A lack of understanding of or control over one's emotions
- Being excluded or stigmatized at school
- Attending a school that doesn't address behavioral issues

### Who Do Bullies Most Often Target?

Kids in the queer community and those who live with disabilities are at an increased risk of being bullied. Additional risk factors include:

- Being perceived as "different" from one's peers, such as how they look, being new to the school or coming from a different income level
- Being perceived as weak or unable to stand up for themselves. Many children growing up with trauma are withdrawn, making them more vulnerable to bullying
- Being depressed, anxious or having low self-esteem
- Having a skillset or traits bullies are jealous of
- Not getting along well with others or antagonizing others for attention.

**Bullies Don't Just Outgrow Their Aggression** Bullying can take several forms—in-person teasing and name-calling, ostracizing other kids and cyberbullying peers online are a few. But all of these have the potential to escalate into more violent forms of bullying that include intimidating, threatening, stalking or fighting. And no, bullying behaviors won't necessarily just go away as a bully grows up. A bully's future partner may be their next victim. "There's definitely a correlation between children who bully and adults who batter, however that is not to say that all children who bully will become batterers or that every adult batterer was a bully," says Yelitza Zamora, former community engagement manager with Harbor House of Central Florida, a domestic violence organization that offers anti-bullying prevention programs to schools in the area. Zamora says childhood bullying, like any other aggressive behavior, boils down to having power and control, the exact same factors in which adult domestic violence is rooted. This can lead to not just physical violence as an adult, but emotional, verbal, financial or other types of abuse. A study from the Harvard School of Public Health showed a possible link between bullying and domestic violence in adulthood. Researchers surveyed 1,400 men aged 18 to 35 who visited community health centers in Boston and found that 38 percent who admitted to recently abusing women also disclosed they had bullied other children in their youth.

**Responding to Bullying with Hope, Not Hate** Ken Shetter is the National Director of the Family Justice Center Alliance and President of One Safe Place in Fort Worth, Texas. He's also developed and implemented the child witness and Camp HOPE Texas programs, part of Camp HOPE America, the leading camping and mentoring program in the U.S. for children and teens impacted by domestic violence. For the last 10 years, Shetter has seen hundreds of kids come through Camp HOPE America dealing with the trauma of abuse and violence at home, also known as childhood domestic violence. Sometimes, it comes out in the form of aggression toward other kids. Sometimes, it looks like attention-seeking behavior that involves teasing their peers. But at its core, Shetter knows it's a cry for help. - With thanks to Domesticshelters.org

**Next week:** From Bullying to Domestic Violence Part II: 1. How to Stop Bullying 2. Four Steps to Follow if Your Kid is Bullying


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# Coming Up at St. Ben's | OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church  <b>OKTOBERFEST 1 - 7PM COURTYARD</b> Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am <b>GERMAN AMERICAN DAY COMMEMORATION 2:30PM CHURCH</b>	<b>2</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church HSA Meeting 6pm Rm 241 - HSA Meeting Room Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra REHEARSAL 7:30pm SS Library	<b>3</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	<b>4</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Pet Blessing at the School at 7:50am in the courtyard Spirit Shop 2pm Gym Lobby Baptismal Preparation 6:45pm Pine Room - Rectory Gallery Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Area, Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>5</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Preschool Tours 8:30am SS Library Cub Scout Pack 3865 5th Grade Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	<b>6</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION 9AM-12PM CHURCH</b>	<b>7</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Pet Blessing after 8:30am Mass in front of Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
<b>8</b> <b>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church <b>BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 7AM BEAVEN HALL</b> Sunday RE Classes 8:15 - 9:45am Knights of Columbus Meeting 11am Sewing Room Baptismal Preparation 11:15am Pine Room - Rectory	<b>9</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>10</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 1st Grade Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	<b>11</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 4th Grade St. Ben's Girl Scouts Junior 3pm Beaven Hall HOLIDAY POPS REHEARSAL 7pm Church, Choir Area AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	<b>12</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 3rd Grade Meeting 6pm Beaven Hall	<b>13</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	<b>14</b> Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Welcoming Mass at 5pm Church

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**QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.**

Fiscal YTD: \$148,924 (91% of goal)  
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$164,077  
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$15,153)



# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, September 30 - Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Wilfrido M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
5PM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Ann McDonagh - *Family*  
Diane Volante Jensen (Class of '62) -  
*The St. Benedict Alumni Office*  
Special Intention for Rheytt Kerley - *Dick and Linda*

## Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*  
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*  
Judy Jones - *Caroline Padmanabhan*  
Special Intention for Esther Robleza -  
*Siao/ Schmookler Family*  
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Jack Kelly - *B. Kelly*  
Ilona Weber - *Family*  
Paulette DeRock - *Sue Breunig*  
12PM Ron Zivkovic and Aunt Josephine Judecka -  
*The Behzad Family*  
Miller Violet Pocsidio - *Howard and Juliet Panambo*  
*Kantoff and Family*  
Rudy Alvarado (Class of '86) - *The St. Benedict*  
*Alumni Office*

## Monday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*

## Tuesday, October 3 - Weekday

8:30AM Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*  
Susano Paez - *Ceferina Paez*

## Wednesday, October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi

8:30AM James J. Dinchak - *Friends*  
Charles, Bertha, and Carl Dominik - *Family*

## Thursday, October 5 - Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*  
Shelley Ann Felipe - *Grene Hofilena*  
Crisanto B. Masecampo, Jr. - *Lazar and Wilma Bityou*

## First Friday, October 6 - Saint Bruno, Priest, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:30AM Polly Gazo Pierce - *The Estandarte Family*

## First Saturday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30AM Danilo Belicena - *Dorenda Sumatra*  
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*  
5PM John Patrick Lawlor - *Marge Lawlor*  
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena-Belicena Family*  
Rodolfo Zamora - *Normita Zamora and Family*  
Gayle Marko - *Linda Peek*

## Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Alex Gumler - *The Gumler Family*  
Ilona Weber - *Family*  
Danilo Belicena - *Sally Sobrepena*  
Special Intention for Maggie and Chuck Rizzio -  
*Friends*  
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*  
Frances and Jim Cushing - *B. Kelly*  
Danilo Belicena - *The Sobrepena - Belicena Family*  
Celerina and Magno Paez - *Ceferina S. Paez*  
12PM Gladys M/ Jozaitis - *The St. Benedict*  
*Parish Community*  
Gloria Llanora Arsenia - *Sally Sobrepena*  
Jay C. Clarin - *Connie Clarin Golloso and Family*

## Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia	Giorgio Marconi
Judy Bartley	Ken McFadden
Suzanne Brewer	Marie Morelos
Isabella Sofia Casillas	Jose Orellana
Vincent Castellano	Corazon Pizarro
Carmen M. Clarin	Julie Raheja-Perera
Mayden H. Eichendorf	Kevin Risten
Peter Fischer	Marla Rizzuti
Michelle Frank	Pietro Rizzuti
Amy Joy Goldie	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
Tim Gollehon	Alex Sandoval
Elain Hijazin	Cecilia Fell Schott
Insaf Hijazin	(Class of 72)
Nashat Hijazin	Bill Shaver
Raed Hijazin	Abraham Sobrepena
Anne Hoellich	Eden Sobrepena
Art Hundrieser	Jim Strzalka
Marilyn Jerger	Theresa Suleiman
Charlene Johnson	Arthur Varilla
Patricia Keating	Audrey Venkatesh
Sidney Kennedy	Leda Wildner
Pepito Lim	
Jackson James Limburg	

## Wedding Banns



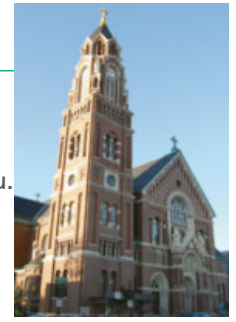
III - Elizabeth Sara Regalado and Sean Michael Morrissey  
II - Aine Elizabeth-Finn Klopocic and Joshua Steven Karafa  
I - Kathryn Sugrue and Benjamin Schwertz

## Baptisms

Audrey Marie, daughter of Robert and Alexandra Nelson  
James Benjamin Smith, son of Thomas Smith, Jr.  
and Ashley Budd



# Parish Information



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: [parish.stbenedict.com](http://parish.stbenedict.com). One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at [jaccardi@stbenedict.com](mailto:jaccardi@stbenedict.com). Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to [bulletin@stbenedict.com](mailto:bulletin@stbenedict.com). Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### MASSES AND SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist:** Saturday 5PM,  
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**Weekday Eucharist:** 8:30AM Mon-Sat

**Holy Day Eucharist:** 6:30AM, 8:30AM  
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**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**  
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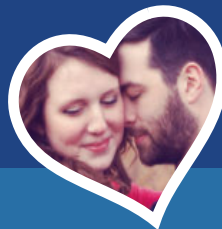


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