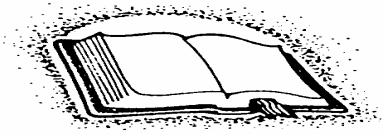


Scripture Readings

**Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

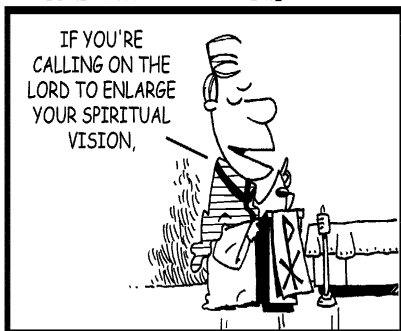
Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Romans 8:12-17
- 10/26** Ps. 68:2,4,6-7,20-21  
Luke 13:10-17
- Tue.:** Romans 8:18-25
- 10/27** Ps. 126:1-6  
Luke 13:18-21
- Wed.:** Ephesians 2:19-22
- 10/28** Ps. 19:2-5  
Luke 6:12-16
- Thu.** Romans 8:31b-39
- 10/29** Ps. 109:21-22,26-27,30-31  
Luke 13:31-35
- Fri.:** Romans 9:1-5
- 10/30** Ps. 147:12-15,19-20  
Luke 14:1-6
- Sat.:** Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,  
25-29
- 10/31** Ps. 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18  
Luke 14:1,7-11
- Sun.:** Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
- 11/1** Ps. 24:1-4ab,5-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a

Insights from Fr. Flood

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**A Family Perspective**

We may not be blind like Bartemaueus in today's gospel, but often our vision is clouded by the cataracts of routine and we lose sight of the needs of those closest to us. For the sake of your family, stop at least once a day and say the Bartemaueus prayer: "Lord that I might see."

**Wedding Banns**

Banns I - Matthew Maloney & Kalee Basting

**Congratulations**

Best Wishes go to **Fr. Paul Fahrback** who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood at the 4:00 Mass here next Saturday, Oct. 31. Fr. Paul's first assignment as a priest was here at St. Mary's. Welcome back Fr. Paul! There will be a reception in the Commons after Mass so you can greet and congratulate Fr. Paul.

**Christmas Tree at the State Theatre:** Again this year we have been asked to decorate a Christmas tree for auction at the State Theatre. Our theme this year will be angels. If you have any angel ornaments you would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish office. Last year we collected enough St. Nicholas's/Santa ornaments to decorate two trees! Thanks in advance for your donations!

**St. Mary's Outreach Program** helps parishioners who find themselves in need of some financial assistance during difficult times. If this is you or a family member, contact us at 419-625-7465 or [bburch@stmarysandusky.org](mailto:bburch@stmarysandusky.org).

**Weekend Discernment Retreat:** For women ages 19-35, Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial Center, 3837 Secor Rd., Toledo. Nov. 6-8, 2009. Are you or someone you know seeking to discern your life's call? Join us for a weekend of prayer, input and discussion as you open yourself to God's grace. For more information or to register, call Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock at [mellerbrock@toledosnd.org](mailto:mellerbrock@toledosnd.org) or 419-474-5485 x 2204.

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Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

**RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:24)***Lord, I Want To See!*

Today's Gospel story is dominated by a single theme: *to be able to see* (Mark 10:46-52).

Let's set the scene: Jesus is leaving Jericho with His disciples while a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus (bar-tea-MAY-us) sits on the side of the road. His position by the roadside says two things. *First*, Bartimaeus is stationary; that is, he is not a part of Jesus' journey, he is not a part of the action. *Second*, as blind and poor, Bartimaeus is nobody of importance and has nothing.

In contrast to those crowding and pushing around Jesus, Bartimaeus is alone, apart and sunken in his own disappointment. No one know more than he does how needy and helpless he is. And here we have the first condition to becoming a mature disciple of Jesus: not to deceive ourselves, to see ourselves as we truly are. When honest, every human person can recognize a part of themselves in the person of Bartimaeus. After all, we all are dependent on God.

From his disappointment, Bartimaeus recognizes who Jesus truly is. Ironically, it is blind Bartimaeus who sees Jesus more clearly than anyone else present, including the disciples! Shouting, Bartimaeus makes up for what his eyes cannot see and for the road his feet cannot find. He pours his heart and soul into Jesus' ears. Bartimaeus sees with the eyes of his heart, eyes of faith in God. He sees more deeply than those milling around Jesus who rebuke him. He does not ask for money, food, lodging or clothing – all of which would be sources of momentary relief in his suffering. No! His disappointment makes him bolder not weaker: what he demands through his shouting is no less than the compassion of God. He demands that all of God's goodness may pour out upon him.

The best version of ourselves is seen when we recognize our need for God, when we acknowledge the disappointments marking our place and turn to Christ Jesus.

The blind beggar Bartimaeus teaches us three essential steps toward becoming more mature followers of Jesus: **first**, to recognize honestly our human disappointments and our deepest need for God; **second**, to cry out for the divine mercy to pour upon us like an overflowing torrent; and **third**, to persevere in the face of opposition.

When Bartimaeus hears Jesus calling him, the blind man throws off his mantle, springs up, and makes his way to the Lord. See the energy true faith in God unleashes! Bartimaeus is not going to waste a single moment in responding to Jesus' call. We can feel his joy and enthusiasm. After having waited so long, finally his moment arrives to be summoned before the Lord. The gesture of throwing aside his cloak is no trivial detail.

- He wants to go as lightly as possible, without any more baggage, as if exclaiming, "enough already with my disappointment and misery."
- He wants to leave behind his old life and former ways.
- He wants to hide nothing any longer before God.

His jubilation in hearing the call of Christ makes him spring up like a rocket. He does not lose a single instant worrying about cosmetic touches and the like to make for a more "favorable" presentation before God. No! Bartimaeus wants only to come before Jesus as he truly is, free of illusions and self-constructed images. *Lord, I want only to see!*

**Mass Intentions****Sun., October 25**

- 7:30 a.m. Chester & Kathryn Wade  
Elizabeth Ferber  
Virginia Fleming
- 9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph  
Mary Ellen Link  
Jim, Julia & Wallace Feltman
- 11:30 a.m. Mary G. Cheetham (Ann.)  
Doug Wieber & Class 1955
- 8th Grade Enrollment**
- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish

**Mon., October 26**

- 8:15 a.m. Jeff Nesbit

**Tues., October 27**

- 8:15 a.m. Jim Smith  
Joseph E. Thompson (Ann.)

**Wed., October 28 - Sts. Jude & Simon**

- 8:15 a.m. Kay Brengartner

**Thurs., October 29**

- 8:15 a.m. Robert & Margaret Connell  
John Merner

**Fri., October 30**

- 8:15 a.m. Jim, Julia & Wallace (Ann.)  
Feltman  
Charles & Leona Zehringer

**Sat., October 31**

- 8:15 a.m. Norman Krebs  
4:00 p.m. Norman Koelsch  
Ed Roll, Sr.  
Milton Fox

**Sun., November 1 - All Saints**

- 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Nath  
Special Intention
- 9:30 a.m. Dorothy Wagner (Ann.)  
Joseph, Leola, Rita &  
Joey Arnold  
Gerald Clay
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Norbert Scherer - 30 days  
Troy Wechter  
Margaret & Tony Wechter

***Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.***

**Tips for a Better Life**

Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.

Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

**Oct. 27** - Junior Retreat  
**Oct. 28** - Mass Gr. 7-12, 2:00 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul  
**Oct. 28** - 8th Grade Diocesan ACRE Testing

**Oct. 29** - Mass Gr. K-6, 8:15 a.m. St. Mary's  
**Oct. 30** - First Quarter ends

### Sandusky Life Teen



**Quote of the Week:** "You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions."  
 -St. John Vianney

**October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Get ready for our Halloween Costume Party. Join us for 5:00pm Mass at Holy Angels and then teens stick around for a Halloween, fun-filled Party. Bring a costume of your favorite Saint or Personal Hero to change into after Mass. The individual with the best costume and brief description of their costume will win a prize. BRING A FRIEND TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!!!

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Ever feel like you are carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders? Ever wish you could physically hand it over to our Lord and Savior? Join us this Sunday as we do just that and receive the grace that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings.

**Sandusky Life Teen is having a holy hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Mary's Church every Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm.** All adults are welcome to come join us. If you have any prayer requests or intentions, please let Brittany know and we will pray for your intentions.

### Other Items of Interest

**Oct. 25 & Nov. 1** - SMCC Teen Leadership class has a box in the Commons for used, broken or scratched glasses for a program run by the Lions Club which donates glasses to Third World Countries. Please do not turn in the glass case with the pair of eyeglasses. Thank you!

**Nov. 1** - Donut Sunday after all morning Masses.

**Nov. 1** - "Catholics Returning Home" begins next Sunday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Commons with Deacon Jeff Claar. The series runs for six consecutive Sundays. "Catholics Returning Home" is a parish based program designed to reach-out and invite non-practicing/inactive Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith.

**Nov. 2** - All Souls Day Mass at 7 p.m. to remember those who have died, especially during this past year. All are welcome to pray for all deceased souls. A reception will follow in the Commons.

**Nov. 7** - Confirmation Retreat next Saturday, November 7th at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue. Confirmation will be returning to attend the 4:00 Mass.

**Nov. 8** - Mark your calendars! Organ & Brass Concert, 7:30 p.m. here with Tim Claubaugh, Organist, and the Terra State College Brass Choir

**Catholic Cemeteries of Sandusky:** A "clean sweep" clean up will take place at St. Joseph, St. Mary & Calvary grounds and mausoleum, both inside and outside on November 1, 2009. Please remove all items of value before this date. Decorations are welcome back on November 15, 2009. Christmas wreaths will be available at the cemetery office. Thank you for your cooperation. For more information, phone 419-625-2673.



Please pray for the safety and protection of our policemen and women, area firefighters and all our parishioners serving in the military.

**Book of Remembrance for November:** In keeping with the Church's tradition of remembering our beloved dead during the month of November, we invite everyone to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Parish Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed prominently in Church during November.

### Help Wanted – Parish Administrative Assistant

St. Mary's Catholic Church is seeking to fill a new position: Administrative Assistant. This part-time position will provide secretarial and administrative support to the Pastor and other parish clergy.

The successful candidate will be a motivated self-starter who works well independently and can collaborate and coordinate with others to execute projects from start to finish. Proficiency in Microsoft Office, the internet, and familiarity with all office equipment and procedures is required.

If you are a practicing Catholic living in the heart of the Catholic Faith, and the above describes you well, we would like to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and resume to Deacon Jeff Claar, Business Manager at [jclaar@stmarysandusky.org](mailto:jclaar@stmarysandusky.org). A complete Position Description is available at [stmarysandusky.org](http://stmarysandusky.org).

# WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Oct. 25	9:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word (Grades K-2)	Parish Commons	
	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Program	(Atrium) Parish Center	
	10:30 am	Parish School of Religion 7th Grade	Lower Room	
	10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice	Choir Room	
	11:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons	
	11:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (ages 3-6)	(Atrium) Parish Center	
	11:30 am	8th Grade Enrollment at Mass	Church	
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church	
	6:00 pm	Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School	
	6:00 pm	Teen Dinner and Life Night	Holy Angels Church	
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting	Commons	
	MON., Oct.26	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #2	Church
		5:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline	Office
7:00 pm		Confirmation-Advanced Parent/Sponsor	Commons	
TUE., Oct. 27	6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Life	Church	
	6:30 pm	Rosary	Church	
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Commons	
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Sts. Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center	
WED., Oct. 28	4:00 pm	Community Supper Team #7	First Congregational Church	
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School	
	5:45 pm	Fit-N-Faith	SCCS High School Cafeteria	
	7:00 pm	Comtemporary Choir Practice	Church	
THU., Oct. 29	2:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Holy Hour	Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7:30 pm	Parish Choir Practice	Church	
FRI., Oct. 30				
SAT., Oct. 31	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room	

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 31 & Nov.1

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	M. Dorski	M. Coulter	C. Gallagher	A. DeRiso	B. Bauman
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## Community News

**Oct. 28** - Serving Our Seniors is hosting a public forum "Understanding Health Care Reform", 4-6 p.m. at the State Theatre. Please RSVP by Tues., Oct. 27, 12 noon. Call 419-624-1856.

**Nov. 1** - Turkey & Roast Beef Dinner, St. Joseph Church, 117 Sandusky St. Plymouth, 11 to 2 p.m.

**Nov. 7** - St. Paul Norwalk Craft Show at the intersection of Monroe & Wooster Sts. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is .50 cent entry at the door.

**Nov. 7** - Las Vegas Night Clyde St. Mary's, 615 Vine St. Must be "21" to enter. Doors open 6 p.m. Soup/Salad Bar/ Sandwiches + 5 drink tickets/\$10.

**Nov. 9** - "Protecting Youth & Those Who Serve Them Workshop", 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Peter's Mansfield, 104 W. First St. Workshop is free. Please call Sheila Hershiser 419-524-2572 to register or email [hershiser.sheila@stpeters.tld.pvt.k12.oh.us](mailto:hershiser.sheila@stpeters.tld.pvt.k12.oh.us)

**Nov. 14** - Retreat for Lovers of Peace will be held at the Shrine Cafeteria in Carey from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please register before Nov. 6 by calling Sr. Yvonne Fischer, OSF at 567-230-0056 or email [yfischer@tiffinfranciscans.org](mailto:yfischer@tiffinfranciscans.org). Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch.

**Nov. 21** - St. Mary Church, Norwalk, will be presenting a Dinner Theater at 6 p.m. and on **Nov. 22** at 3 p.m. in the Reynolds Hall of the Early Childhood Center, 77 State St. Advanced tickets for the show, "THE SAGA OF THE PROSPECTOR'S DAUGHTER OR SHE WAS ONLY A MINER'S MINOR", can be purchased by calling Lynn at their parish office 419-668-2005. \$20/person includes dinner and the show. No tickets will be sold at the door.