



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 5

8:00 Sally Sullivan - Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, October 6 - St. Bruno

8:00 Faithful Departed

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

5:30 Tom Patterson by Mary Mecca

Thursday, October 8

8:00 Floyd Stoeckl by Richard Charles and family

Friday, October 9 - St. Denis and his companions/St. John Leonardi

8:00 Michael Kelly by John and Jackie Sedlacek

Saturday, October 10

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Edwin Schneider by family

Sunday, October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 James Holtz, Sr. by Murty Family

10:15 Helen Konieczny by family



### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday** - Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11;

Good News Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday** - Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday** - Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday** - Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

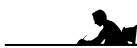
**Friday** - Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday** - Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

**Next Sunday** - Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

THREE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SALVATION OF MAN: TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO BELIEVE; TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DESIRE; AND TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DO.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

- Today life is being attacked from every angle: abortion robs children of their fundamental right to life; embryonic stem cell research involves destroying living human beings for speculative medical research; legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia arise out of the false view that some lives are not worth living, that some people are not worth protecting; and the attempt to redefine marriage is undermining the sacred institution that God established at the very beginning of creation. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mark 10:9) No human being has the authority to separate husband from wife, nor procreation from marriage.

- In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul writes that "he who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them 'brothers'" (Hebrews 2:11). Christ Himself was conceived in the womb and born of a woman, following God's original design. God's plan, made manifest through revelation and tradition, is always simple and straight-forward, but it often requires self-discipline and sacrifice. Modern culture seeks to control and manipulate God's design, introducing in vitro fertilization, embryo transfer, and surrogate motherhood, while God's plan remains firm and constant. Authentic happiness is found only in those who follow God's design, in those who accept the kingdom of God like children. Christ asks us to trust in the Father as children trust their parents, gently being guided by His loving hand.

- "Let them come to me." In today's Gospel, the disciples who rebuked the children who wanted to approach Jesus display the attitude of many today. In her famous speech at the National Prayer Breakfast on February 3, 1994, Mother Teresa of Calcutta quoted Jesus: "'Anyone who receives a child in my name, receives me.' By adopting a child, these couples receive Jesus but, by aborting a child, a couple refuses to receive Jesus." She continued: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

- Every child is a precious gem of incalculable worth. Accepting a new life into one's family is an opportunity to embrace Christ, the Author of every soul. With their simplicity, openness, and love, children show us the path to salvation, bringing Christ into the world and leading us back to Him.



**Altar Server Training:** St. Teresa's will be having a training session for all interested new altar servers on Saturday morning, October 24, from 10am - 12 pm. Any boy or girl who is at least in grade 4 is invited to come. We also encourage all current altar servers to come too! It will serve as a refresher course and review the procedures for you. Sign up sheets will be available from Religious Education instructors. Any questions, please call Melissa at the rectory office at 542-9103.

**Our Special Prayer Request for the Week:** For all married couples: that they may express even more fully the generous love of God especially by joyfully accepting the great blessing of children; we pray to the Lord...



- \* Sunday, October 4 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- \* Tuesday, October 6 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- \* Wednesday, October 7 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- \* Saturday, October 10 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm—cookies are needed!
- \* Sunday, October 11 - No Religious Education Classes - Columbus Day Holiday!



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Jason Krear, Julie Conschafter, Helen Ryniec, Jim Maier, Sara Milani and Loretta Varo, William Suszka, Jr. and for the happy repose of the soul of Joanne Malark and Father Raymond McNicholas, SSC. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



Confirmation candidates and their sponsor will meet in the church following the 10:15 am Mass next Sunday, October 11th. Places will be assigned for the entrance procession and seating. We will rehearse for the ritual of the sacrament, that is, approaching the Bishop to be anointed and receive the confirmation name. This rehearsal will begin at approximately 11:15 am.

## PRO-LIFE

**Stand up for life!** For the 19th year in a row people of faith from across Western New York will take part in the National Life chain. Come and take part in this prayerful presence proclaiming the simple truth that abortion only succeeds in hurting women and ending human lives. On Sunday, October 4 from 2-3 pm the Life Chain in Western New York will run along Niagara Falls Blvd from Buffalo all the way to Niagara Falls. Members of St. Teresa's parish will stand on the east side of the Blvd, 1/4 mile south of Eggert Road between Ruth Avenue and Betina Avenue. Signs will be provided. Further information (including a map) is available on the tables in the back of Church.



During the month of October, we will be saying the rosary before all weekday Masses.

When you feel lost in the array of human struggles, confusion and conflict, you can turn to Catholic Charities. Programs include substance abuse counseling and prevention, money management training, parenting skill development and teen-focused programs. For more information, call 856-4494 or go to [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org).



**The Power of Prayer**—When construction began on a bar in a small town, the local church started a campaign of prayers and petitions to stop it. One week before the bar was to open, lightning struck the building and burned it to the ground. The bar owner sued the church, saying that its prayers were responsible for the loss of his building. The church, through its lawyer, denied any responsibility. When the case got to its first court hearing, the judge looked over the paperwork and said, “I don’t know how I’m going to decide this. We have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer and a church that doesn’t!”



## Prayer for Vocations

God of love, You call us to live in your love through the grace of our baptism. Bless us with the courage to carry out the mission of Jesus. Grant us open and generous hearts to see the needs of others and to respond with compassion. May the Church be blest with women and men who are dedicated to you through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and the consecrated life. It is in Christ and through Christ that we offer ourselves to you now and forever. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

God's gift to you is  
your life—  
Make the Most of It!