

HOLY MOTHER OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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Welcome to Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral!
Whether you are a member, seeking a new spiritual home,
or just stopping in to visit, you are welcome here.

Mass is at 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM Sunday

Sunday, August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Cycle C

9:30 AM Choir warm up 10:00 AM Holy Mass

Lector: Mike Pokriki

Monday, August 25, 2025

Feast – Bartholomew, Ap

9:00 AM +Lottie Kowalow (Annv.), by Family

11:30 AM Bingo

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Poeman, Ab

8:00 AM +Philip Otminski (Annv.), by

Grandchildren

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Augustine, Bp, D

8:00 AM +Emelia McAlister, by Linda Wilk 10:00 AM Seniors Gathering – Chase the Ace

Friday, August 29, 2025 Solemnity – Beheading of John the Baptist

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Rose of Lima, V

8:00 AM Mass of the Day 4:30 PM Choir warm up 5:00 PM Holy Mass

Lector: Christine Rupert

Sunday, August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C

9:30 AM Choir warm up 10:00 AM Holy Mass

Lector: Nancy Pokriki

PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS

AUGUST: Robert Giczkowski, Janice Jones, Sherry Mack, Arlene Madigan

Dear Parish Family,

Please be aware that I am available for: spiritual direction, private confession, blessing of homes, visitation of the sick, visitation of the homebound, and other pastoral ministrations. Please call the office at 716-685-5766 for an appointment.

Love and blessing,

Fr. Joseph Pasquella

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Feast – Bartholomew, Apostle

Sir 4:22-23, 45:2-7 Rev 21:9-14

John 1: 45-51

Tuesday: Solemnity – Our Lady of Czestochowa

Sirach 24:1-4, 8-12, 19-21

Galatians 4:4-7 John 19:25-27

Wednesday: 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thess 3:7-13 Matt 24:42-51

Friday: Solemnity – Beheading of John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1:17-19 Acts 10:34-43

Mark 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thess 4:9-12 Matt 25:14-30

HMRC BINGO

Every Monday at 11:30AM Door opens at 10:00 AM

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This Week's Team:

Team 2

Invitation to learn more about our parish

For those interested in joining our parish or learning more about us: please contact our administrative assistant Cheryl at our parish office so as to set up an appointment to meet with Bishop John or Father Joe.



Our Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R) and golf committee would like to say a heartfelt *Thank You* to our parishioners, local businesses, and vendors we deal with for your support at our church golf outing on August 16. Our organization appreciates you generous donations of \$100 each to become a Hole Sponsor. Profits from this event will be used to continue supporting our united youth activities. We appreciate all your help in making our golf outing a success.

God Bless,

YMS of R Golf Committee



Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father of mercy and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May they find consolation, lasting health, and deliverance in Your healing presence, and we thank You for all Your gifts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Raul & Debbie, Ken Brzezinski, Cheryl Eckert, Bob Giczkowski, Tom Heftka, Dave Lasek, John LoDeco, Fr. Joe Pasquella, Autumn Peterson, Vicki Rencewicz, Yvonne Seekins, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Denise Swantek, and Louise Szpila.

Fish Fry News

The parish is looking for one or more individuals to oversee our popular monthly fish fry. Norm Glowka is retiring from that capacity at the end of 2025. In interested, contact the parish office for additional information.



Social Media Volunteer Wanted!

The Mission & Evangelism team is looking for volunteers to help with our social media presence. It would be approximately 4-5 hours per month to assist other M&E team members. If you are interested in helping, see Sherry, Anne Marie, or Terry.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Spaghetti Dinner

Holy Trinity Parish in Woodlawn has their 7th annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner coming up! The eat-in/take-out dinner will be on Saturday, September 27 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM (or till sold out).

Dinner tickets are \$15 per person (\$10 for children no older than 10) and can be purchased at the cathedral parish office or reserved by calling 716-931-9693.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors Gathering: September 4, 10:00 AM, DVD

Day

Healing Mass: September 4, 7:00 PM

General Confession & Absolution: September 6 at

4:50 PM, September 7 at 9:50 AM

Fish Fry: September 12, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM or sold

out

Prayer Shawl Ministry: September 16, 10:00 AM

Reflection for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus does not answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6). In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25-26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5-6; Psalm 107:2-3). Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15-16).

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Dr. Scott Hahn

MASS SCHEDULE - DAILY 8 AM WEEKEND: SATURDAY 5 PM & SUNDAY 10 AM

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