



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 26, 2025



O God,
be merciful to me,
a sinner.

Pope Saint John Paul II - Hill of Crosses, Lithuania, 1993

**When JP II prayed for peace he sought God's Mercy.
First for his own sins, then for those of the world.
With this humble foundation laid in prayer
he was prepared
to ask for God's greatest blessings!**

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor. These words of St. Bonaventure speak beautifully of the spiritual hunger and thirst that every human person has at their core. It is a beautiful catalyst for our gratitude as we pray at every Mass!

Our bulletin cover draws us toward another great saint, Pope Saint John Paul II. He had a ravenous hunger for God. As a faithful shepherd, much of his hunger was for our sake. In this 1993 image our late-holy father praying deeply for the gift of peace to be upon the world and in a special way in Lithuania, where he is praying here.

Every humble prayer begins with the reality of our own sin, not in a negative manner, but in honesty. We have fallen short in this way or that in our relationship with God and against our neighbor. This is where our photo of JP II blends with our gospel and the *prayer that was heard that day*: O God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

It is good for us to persevere in prayer, never forgetting to seek God's mercy. This is, after all, our pattern of prayer at every Mass. The penitential rite draws us to call to mind our sins that we may pray with humble gratitude and deep love for God.

In this final Sunday of Respect Life we look back on the great lesson of love for life *from conception to natural death*. These past few weeks we have addressed the beginning of life and the end of life, now I reflect on how we *respect life every moment in between!* To be brief we must have reverence for the gift and dignity of life that we may always remain in charity: loving our neighbor for their good, their eternal good, even in a sacrificial manner.

Big prayers get big answers, for many years I have led a three-hour halloween night, all saints day prayer called the St. Michael Holy Hour where I lead prayers asking for spiritual protection on a night when people are very excited to indulge evil and even seek nefarious antics with ouijia boards or cemeteries. We appeal to St. Michael, guardian angel of the Catholic Church to protect all our families and communities from evil this night. Join us a midnight for a series of beautiful and powerful prayers that our neighborhoods and families may be covered in grace!

In the month of November we honor and respect life in a very special way, *after death*. We would like to begin gathering names of loved ones early so that we may produce a special publication for our memory and our prayer. We were blessed last year to have recorded over 700 names of loved ones in our book of the dead. We will put out our book of the dead again in November but we would also like to gather names electronically through our website also. Please see our parish page for our November Prayers for the Repose of the Dead and fill in as many names of loved ones who have passed as you would like.

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend October 25 & 26

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. †Earl Amidon

7:00 p. †Victor Parra Ramirez (Parra/Avila Families)

8:00 a. m. Parishioners of St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. †Victor Derra (Family)

Monday, October 27

8:30 a.m. †Darlene Santore

Tuesday, October 28 *Sts. Simon and Jude*

8:30 a.m. For Janice Jastrowski

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 a. m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 30

8:30 a. m. †Rita Schell (Richard and Shirley Nelson)

Friday, October 31

8:30 a.m. †William Silvius (Bev West)

Next Weekend November 1 & 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

5:00 p. m. †Cecelia Menconi (Mary Jean Lane)

7:00 p. †Jose Gabriel Avila (Parra/Avila Families)

8:00 a. m. Parishioners of St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. †Liz Cline (Darla and Dennis Tritt)

St. Michael Holy Hour

November 1st: 12 a.m.- 3 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayers of spiritual protection for our community.

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for October:

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Jenny Eide, Mercedes G., Jerry Grenier,
Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak,
Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris,
Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault
Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Eric Ortman
Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: En el Evangelio de Mateo, ¿las Bienaventuranzas son el comienzo de qué sermón de Jesús?

Calendar



Announcements

October 26

7:30 am & 9:30 am - Rosary | Church
9:30 am - Confirmation Class 1 & 2 | DMH
11:45 am - Parent Confirmation II Meeting | DMH
12:00 pm - Youth Group | DMH

October 27

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | Guadalupe Classroom
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico - Guadalupe Classroom
6:00 pm - OCIA Class | Divine Mercy Hall
7:00 pm - K of C Officers Meeting | K of C Room

October 28

8:00 am & 7:00 pm - Confessions
9:00 am - Rosary | Church
6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

October 29

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

October 30

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

November 1 *All Saints Day*

Fall Cemetery Clean-Up Begins
9:00 am - Confessions | Church
4:30pm - Rosary | Church

November 2 *All Souls Day*

End of Daylight Saving Time
7:30am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:30am - Confirmation Class 1 & 2 | DMH
9:30am - First Communion Grades 2 & 3 | DMH

Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Capri Annamarie Miller

October 19, 2025

Child of

Zachary and Gina Miller

Book of the Dead

On display in the narthex for parishioners to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer during the month of November. Names may also be submitted through our parish website.

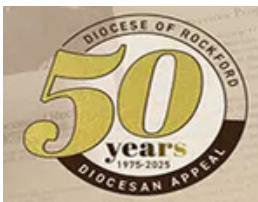
Masses for All Souls

To offer a Mass for the souls in purgatory, please use an envelope provided at the church entrance or in your personal set of contribution envelopes.

Religious Education

Confirmation I & II Retreat will be held on November 8th. All confirmation II students are required to attend and confirmation I students are invited to attend if they would like. We will be welcoming Net Ministries team to facilitate this retreat day for our students.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835
Pledged: \$12,906
Given: \$16,300.00
Shortfall: \$15,535

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations made to our poor box, located at the front entrance will be forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul - they support our Genoa residents who seek support in their need.



Weekend Collection: October 18 & 19

Parish: \$4,135 Building: \$15
Utilities: \$20 Given Online: \$1,15

Copies of our annual budget are available by contacting parish office.



Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the "GIVE" button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



When I put together my homily for a couple of weekends ago, I focused on the subject of Faith. As we move further into the final weeks of Ordinary Time, we will begin to see that the readings will take on a more apocalyptic tone and lead us into thinking of end times, the second coming of Jesus Christ, and inevitably our own final judgment.

Including today, October 19th, there are six Sundays until the beginning of Advent. In the current liturgical cycle we are hearing the gospel message of Luke. Luke's audience are Gentiles, like us. Instead of six weekly messages, which indeed do carry important inspirational messages, I encourage you to try to read the gospel messages

of each day. The daily readings are available on-line at the USCCB web site. Those daily readings will expand on the weekly messages and give greater depth to the messages of the final days of Ordinary Time.

The messages we find are focused on keeping the Faith, strengthening our Faith, how we need to encourage one another to persevere in that faith and see how it points us towards justice and charity as we prepare spiritually for the prophesied end times. It also directs us to our own inevitable end times and how each of us needs to be prepared.

It's no coincidence that November focuses on the Saints and Souls in Purgatory. As Catholics, we believe anyone who achieves heaven is a Saint, whether formally recognized or not. Saints and souls in purgatory can join our prayers when we ask God to strengthen our faith and prepare us for His justice and charity.

Let's prepare for the end of Ordinary Time and look into our hearts to see how we have progressed this liturgical year.

Liturgical Roles - November 1 & 2

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	J. Kush	J. Kush	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana 5</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Angie Garcia Cleme Camarena	Ilda Villagomez	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Lucia Serrano
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	L. Younker J. Strohmaier M. Riedy	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	open	3 open	C. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel C. Davekos



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

Nuestra hambre es por el cielo y no por las pequeñas ganancias de este mundo. Este es el sentimiento de San Pablo en nuestra segunda lectura cuando comienza a aceptar el hecho de que está a punto de ser martirizado. Si bien no estamos anticipando el martirio, estamos viviendo una vida de sacrificio y oración esforzándonos por acercarnos mucho a Dios todos los días. Nuestra vida diaria está marcada por la oración. Jesús nos ha invitado a orar. Él no quiere que oremos como el fariseo en el evangelio que habla de lo grande que es, porque "su oración no fue escuchada ese día". Más bien, oramos buscando la misericordia de Dios. Sabemos que Dios nos ama. Nos esforzamos por vivir de una manera santa y nos distraemos fácilmente. En la misericordia de Jesús buscamos su amor y su gracia para que podamos perseverar en el bien.
¡Oren bien, estoy orando por ustedes!

**+Bendiciones,
Pr. Trowbridge**

Anuncios

Hora Santa de San Miguel

1 de noviembre: 12 a.m.- 3 a.m.

Adoración Eucarística, Rosario, Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y oraciones de protección espiritual para nuestra comunidad.

Misas por Todas las Almas

Para ofrecer una Misa por las almas del purgatorio, utilice un sobre provisto en la entrada de la iglesia o en su juego personal de sobres de contribución.

Libro de los muertos

En exhibición en el nártex para que los feligreses inscriban los nombres de los seres queridos fallecidos para ser recordados en oración durante el mes de noviembre. Los nombres también se pueden enviar a través de la web de nuestra parroquia.

Lunes, 27 de octubre

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico

6 pm – Clase OCIA

7 pm – Reunión de Oficiales de C de C

Martes 28 de octubre

San Simón y San Judas, apóstoles

4 pm– OCIA

Miércoles 29 de octubre

6 pm – Legión de María



Viernes, 31 de octubre

Vispera de Todos los Santos (EEUU)

Sábado, 1 de noviembre

Día de Todos los Santos

Limpieza del cementerio de otoño durante todo el día (día 1/15)

Domingo, 2 de noviembre

Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos; Día de los Muertos;

Fin del horario de verano

Limpieza del cementerio de otoño durante todo el día

9:30am – 12pm Confirmación Clase 1 y 2

9:30am – 12pm Primera Comunión Grados 2 y 3

Caballeros de Colón

Abrigos para niños de invierno

Los caballeros están recolectando abrigos para niños en el área. Las donaciones se pueden llevar a la entrada sur de la iglesia antes del **15 de noviembre.**

Rifa de vocaciones

Por favor, apoye a nuestros seminaristas diocesanos. ☑Recoja un folleto de boletos y devuelva los boletos y los fondos a un miembro de los caballeros o a la oficina parroquial antes del **16 de noviembre.** El sorteo de la rifa se llevará a cabo en **diciembre.**

Cheques pagaderos a Caballeros de Colón. ¡Su apoyo es muy apreciado!

Póngase en contacto con Bob Hewlett si tiene preguntas.

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rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



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